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Jim Woodrum, Central Division Director
CENTRAL DIVISION
DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

Each year the Central Division meetings keep getting better and better! This year was no exception thanks to our hosts, the North Central Region, led by David Dahl and the committee of Sarah Hull (committee chair), Tari Blank, Carolyn DeJongh, Mike Ek, Kathleen Grant, Julie Knapp, Joe Rohling, Jane Utnehmer and Tim Zimmerman. You folks did an outstanding job for the members of the Central Division. The CD Board of Directors and the CD patrollers thank you for a great job done by all.

As a part of the weekend we had the opportunity to listen to a moving presentation by banquet keynote speaker Dr. Ron Cortte. He spoke on the journey of the Iditarod and drew many analogies to that of our lives. He shared many values needed to complete the journey; leadership, perseverance, teamwork to mention just a few that are necessary for a successful venture into the Iditarod. Clearly this motivational speech was an inspiration to all that had the opportunity to listen and followed the theme of the meeting, "Spirit of Service".

In this issue you will see all the awards won within the CD and those that went on to national for judging and acknowledgment of our winning nominations. We came back with three National awards and three National Runners Up. Please see the individuals listed within the body of this newsletter. From all of us in the CD, CONGRATULATIONS! Additionally, we had many programs running at the same time as the Division Meetings. The OEC IT's, with Deb Endly, Hank Herlick, and Ed Humphrey leading the way, Jay Stubblefield led the PD/PR's in Patroller 101, Jay Zedak helped people with the use of video tools on error correction

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Special Voting Message from National Board

Special to the Rusty Parka News

The NSP Board of Directors met on September 12, 2006 via conference call to discuss various issues regarding the upcoming board election scheduled for Fall of 2006. Well over 100 members voiced opinions concerning the election. Specifically, input from these members indicated that they felt it was important to have at least two candidates for every open seat on the board.

Some also voiced concern over the nominating process and the qualifications of the candidates.

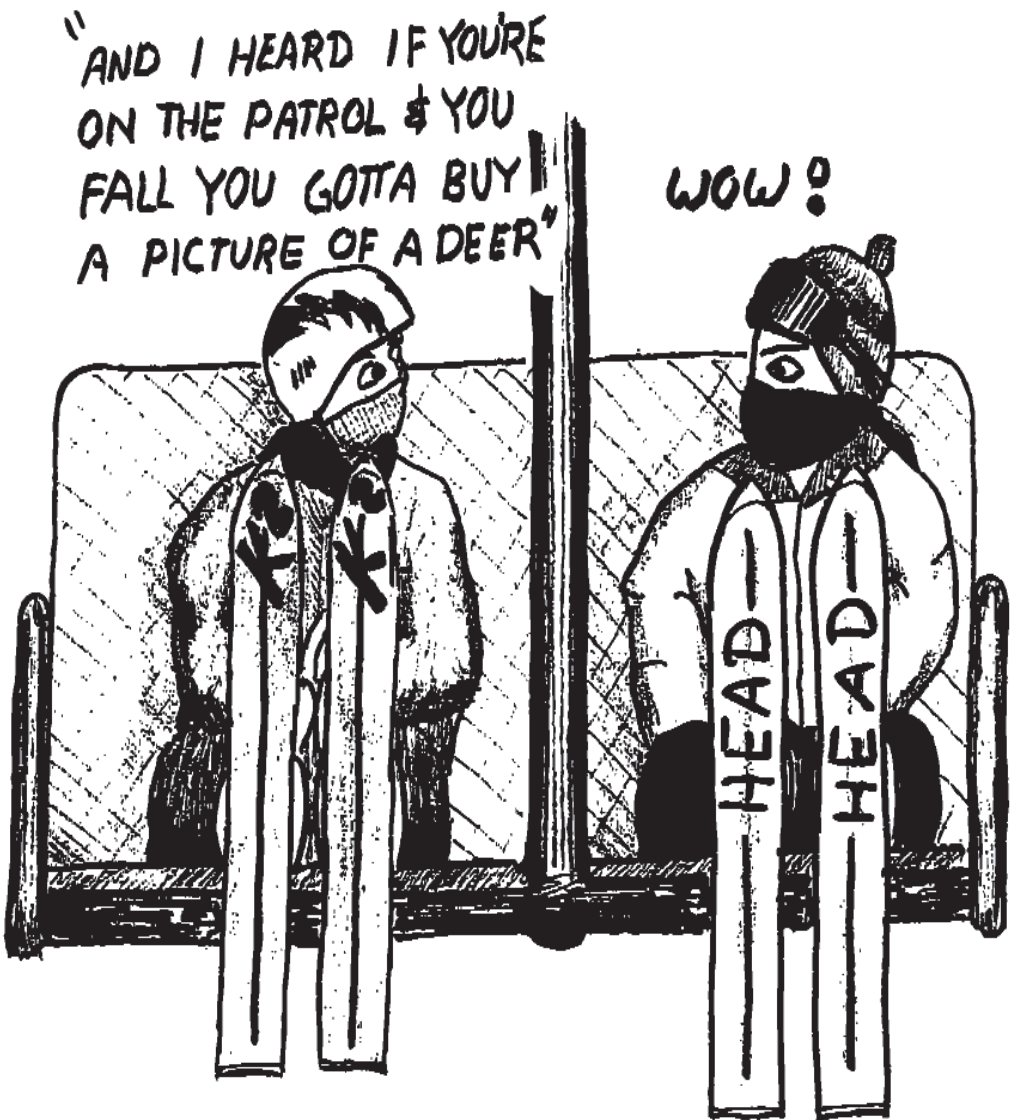
The root issue is whether the NSP board of directors should move to fill seven available vacancies, or fill four available vacancies and leave three unfilled. A number of division

directors expressed concerns over the proposed candidate to open seat ratio and the election procedures. They suggested that only four of the open seats be filled from the slate of eleven candidates. Several other division directors expressed the desire that all seven open seats should be filled from the slate of eleven candidates. The board also discussed the potential ambiguity with regard to certain sections of the bylaws directly affecting election procedures.

A few facts:

- There are three vacancies on the board as a result of early resignations by board members whose terms expire on December 31, 2007. Persons elected now to fill these seats would take office January 1, 2007 and serve for one year.
- There are four openings for current board members who terms expire on December 31, 2006. Persons elected now to fill these seats would take office January 1, 2007 and serve for three years.
- The Nomination Committee is composed of two members selected by the Division Directors, two board members selected by the board, and a fifth member selected by the four other committee members. The composition of this committee changes annually.
- The Nominating Committee selected a slate of 11 candidates to fill board seats during this election cycle.
- There are several sections in the bylaws that must be interpreted in order to resolve the issues that have been raised in these unusual circumstances.
- It's the Boards responsibility to interpret the current by-laws The NSP Bylaws are clear with respect to the Nominating Committee being solely responsible for selecting the slate of candidates and that the NSP Board of Directors has no right to modify, influence, or direct the Nominating Committee in performing this function. Board discussion centered on the number of directors to be selected during the coming election. The Bylaws relevant to this discussion are:
 - 3.12 Vacancies: In the event that a vacancy occurs on the board of directors, other than the position of chair of the board, such vacancies will be filled through the regularly scheduled election timeline.
 - 4.1 (b): The board of directors shall consist of 13 members, including the chair.
 - 4.1 (b): Each director shall be elected for a three (3) year term and the terms shall be set and the elections shall be conducted so that four or five board positions per year are elected.

Kasten's Korner



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and detection, and Dale Mihuta and Rick King heading up the Division Toboggan Advisor's meeting. Thanks to all our leaders for a great job in presenting these very important programs and tools to help our members this year.

Another significant milestone within the CD is the continued efforts of the four Strategic Task Force Groups that are focused on the input gathered from the patroller survey from this past spring. Task force leaders are writing up the particulars of their team within this newsletter. Please review the reports and if you wish to participate please let the leader know.

We are now moving into the refresher season and our skills will be updated. OEC, CPR, very soon ski and toboggan skills, and so on. It almost sounds like winter is coming. It won't be long now and I hope I get the opportunity to make a few turns with you this winter.

Message from National Board
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After substantive discussions, taking into account the Bylaws, members concerns, potential member lawsuits and other actions, the Board voted to elect four new Board members for three year terms in this election cycle.

The Board also discussed the need for the Bylaws/Oversight Committee to review the current by-laws and to clarify/resolve any conflicting sections. The Board Chair agreed to charge the by-laws oversight committee with this task and to have a proposed set of by-laws changes for the NSP Winter meeting. As some of the potential changes will require member approval, it is anticipated that a member vote will take place in the first quarter of 2007 prior to any actions required for the 2007 Board election cycle. The Bylaws/Oversight Committee will be augmented with additional members to help it perform this task.

The majority of the board felt that the election of four Board members during the current election cycle and charging the Bylaw/Oversight Committee with the task of proposing Bylaw revisions was the best solution for resolving the current issues. All sides of the issue were discussed openly and honestly and the concerns of all were heard. The Board anticipates that this decision allows us to move ahead in unison. Much work remains to clarify the language within the bylaws so this type of event doesn't happen again.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor must be submitted electronically to tzimmerman@mitchellmetals.com. The RPN reserves the right to publish and withhold letters based on content and length. Letters in excess of 250 words may be edited due to space limitations.

Dialogue in Process in Central

By: Sherman Vanklompberg, Division Public Relations Administrator

Central Division held it annual Fall Meeting on September 8-10, 2006 in Wausau, WI. We had the largest participation in the history of these meetings. We ask that North Central Region leadership, its Division Planning Committee, and their patrollers accept our sincere thanks for their genuine hospitality, many great events, educational opportunities, and their memorable Awards Banquet. At the Saturday morning general meeting, we heard from our National Chairperson, Dr. Jim DeWeerd, our National OEC Advisor, Ed McNamara, and our Division Director, Jim Woodrum. The Central Division Board also conducted the annual business meeting.

Significant time was allotted to the reports from four Task Force groups. These were the Task Force groups established at the

Central Division Spring Meeting 2006 based upon the identification of topics, issues, and concerns presented in the Patroller Survey which you had the opportunity to complete during the past ski season. Thank you to all who took the time to respond! The Task Force groups formed are the following:

- Patroller Involvement and Participation
- National "Identity and Mission"
- Area Managers/Owners as our Customers

Please carefully read the reports of these Task Forces that are found on pages six through eight within this edition of the Rusty Parka News. Read about the ways that your Board is responding to what you have stated and communicate your thoughts back to us. Dialogue is an on-going process.

Also, plan to join us next year for the Annual Central Division Fall Meeting, September 7 – 9, 2007 in Kalamazoo, MI.



Central Division patrollers and board members enjoy refreshments and camaraderie at the Gallery on Arts Block in Wausau, WI prior to the Friday evening dinner at the Central Division 2006 Fall Division meeting. Plan now to join the Central Division in Kalamazoo, MI September 7 - 9, 2007. Watch future issues of the Rusty Parka News for more details and registration details. We look forward to seeing you in Kalamazoo.

NSP Recognizes MSAA Chair

By- Chuck Martschinke, MSAA Liason

At the recent Midwest Ski Area Association Summer Meeting, Jim Woodrum, NSP Central Division Director and Jim DeWeerd, NSP National Chairman awarded Chris Stoddard, the MSAA Chairman with the National Ski Patrol's Distinguished Service Award. The award was in recognition of Chris's long time support and advocacy of the NSP and its' relationship with the Midwest ski areas.

Also at this years meeting, Jim Woodrum's Central Division Leadership Team and the Southern Region Director, attended an outstanding series of seminars on risk

management, incident management and the ski industry status sponsored by the MSAA. This was another excellent conference and one that many patrollers and patrol managers could have benefited from. In light of that, plans are in the works for a patrol director/representative track of conference sessions for next years meeting. It will be held on August 5-8, 2007 at Chestnut Mountain Resort in Galena, IL.

Please watch for future updates and plans for the meeting as they develop through the winter. It is an excellent opportunity for furthering your education in the ski area industry and the operation of the ski areas where we serve.

Get to the Top of Your Game With Avalanche II

By: Dale Mihuta, Division Avalanche Advisor

Probably one the most thrilling jobs you could get would be a mountain guide position doing backcountry or heli-skiing. The exhilaration and the “face shot” powder just brings on the adrenaline. If you just did it, like the Nike ad says, statistically you wouldn’t live more than three months. Obviously a little education is required. We’ll get you there. Here’s how!

You first must take the Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue Course offered in your Region or take it at the Divisional S&T clinics being held this fall on both sides of the lake. If you want more specific information contact Kristi Olson: (live2skimountains@hotmail.com). The AFR course is the prerequisite course for the Avalanche II course held in Utah this winter.

The Level II Avalanche course is designed for professionals that regularly recreate or work

in the avalanche environment. You will learn some of the following skills:

- Transceiver operation and use for single and multiple burials
- Terrain evaluation
- Weather and its affects on snow stability
- Snowpack analysis
- Crystallography
- Stability Analysis
- Forecasting
- Slope Mitigation
- Rescue Procedures
- Incident Command

At the end of this course you should feel more secure and confident in your decision making.

The course starts February 3rd through the 11th. Logistically we start with two days of classroom activities with professional patrollers from the Intermountain Division. On Monday and Tuesday we will probably be at

Brighton Mt. for transceiver work and some backcountry analysis. Wednesday is usually an off day that allows us to go Heli-Skiing with Diamond Peaks Heli Services. This is not part of the course but certainly is a memorable event for those that chose to participate. Thursday we will probably go to Snowbasin for weather forecasting and area mitigation on one of the bomb runs. Friday we will probably be at Alta for the analytical snow pit, hasty pit and stability evaluation tests. Saturday we do an all out rescue effort at Park City with the pro-patrollers.

I know this looks like a full schedule but there is plenty of time to get into the powder. To save your spot call, e-mail or just send the form below to Darcy Hanley with \$250 dollars. The total cost of the course is \$825 for students and \$750 for instructors. This cost covers the condominiums, transportation and ski area costs. It does not cover transportation to or from the Salt Lake area. We’ll see you there.

Central Division NSP
Level II Avalanche Enrollment Form
February 3 - 11, 2007: Somewhere, Utah

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

NSP # or PSIA # or SSN for Non-NSP Participants: _____

Name of Primary Patrol or Ski School: _____

Phone# _____

Cell Phone # _____

Fax# _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Preferred Snow Travel Method (ski, snowboard, other): _____

Are you enrolling to complete an Avalanche Instructor Internship? Y or N

Level I or II (circle one)

Date of Avalanche Fundamental and Rescue or Avalanche Level I Course.

Submit To: Darcy Hanley
6050 Winnetka Ct.
Cincinnati, OH 45236-4226
(C) (513) 545-6050
darcy@zoomtown.com



Region Reports



Western Region

By Tom Gray, Western Region RD

Do you enjoy patrolling, or is your tank near empty?

In our patrol careers, we run from full to, hopefully, near empty on the experience and commitment. After years of doing what we do, the challenge, the magic, and the fun diminish. As our tank gets near empty we begin to question what it is and why we do it.

Recently, in a discussion with a couple of fellow patrollers, the comment was made that it is amazing what is going on out there if you get involved in activities outside or beyond your everyday patrolling. There are many opportunities to jump in. Each patrol is always looking for instructors, i.e. OEC, Toboggan, Patroller 101, Senior or Candidate training, or people to assist in those endeavors. It not only is a way to get more involved, it also helps rekindle the spirit, refuel the tank and refresh the skills.

I do not know of many individuals that signed on, went through the training and testing with the idea of moving up or on. It is the people we work with and for that drive what we do and us to become better and more proficient. They instill the desire to 'step it up', to become an instructor, a trainer, a PR/PD or higher. There are many avenues to get involved. All you need to do is let the trainers know. If your home patrol is slowing down, or you feel you can add some more fuel to the program, let someone know. One of the first tasks for any program advisor at the Patrol, Region or Division level is to start looking for and grooming a replacement. If you are interested in getting to know the in and outs, or in skiing, the UPS and DOWNS, of a program, VOLUNTEER to help.

We have spent a year going through changes at all levels. Change is still coming, and will continue. What we need to do as patrollers is get back to the business at hand, get involved, get informed and GET ON WITH IT!

South Central Region

By Thomas Rabaglia, South Central RD

The South Central Regional Awards banquet was held this year at the Capitol Brewery in Middleton. Our region was very pleased to present two Purple Merit Stars.

During the season John Kokott from Tyrol Basin responded to a young male patient that was unconscious, seizing and bleeding from his ears, nose and mouth. One of the local Madison TV stations came to the banquet and interviewed John and the parents of the boy that John saved. The young man came later,

directly from his high school prom to personally thank John.

Jim Mitschrich a patroller from the Ausblick Ski Patrol was participating at a bicycle ride fund raiser in Milwaukee when a fellow patroller collapsed with a heart attack. Jim performed CPR until EMS arrived. These patrollers responded, per their training, on and off the snow.

On September 16th, the Acordia Insurance Company, insurance provider for most of the ski hills in the Midwest, presented a day long risk management seminar at Sunburst Ski Area in West Bend WI. The presentation focused not only on what hill management could do, but also how patrol is an integral part of hill management and, more specifically, risk management. Patrollers from Wisconsin and Illinois were present.

North Central Region

By David Dahl, North Central RD

Cooler weather has arrived and it's time to start gearing up for ski season again. I know I am ready!

The Fall Division meeting was held in Wausau September 8-10. Thank you to everyone who attended. It was a pleasure for us to host patrollers from throughout Central Division. In addition to the educational and administrative meetings over the weekend, the Division Awards Banquet was held Saturday evening.

The North Central Region took home many of the Division awards and some National honors as well. North Central Region honorees were:

Outstanding Central Division Large Alpine Patrol: Granite Peak Ski Patrol
Outstanding Central Division Patrol Rep: Jim Grundstrom, Marquette Mtn.
Jim was also NATIONAL First Runner Up in this category
Outstanding Nordic Patroller: Barbara Wheeler, Copper Country Nordic
Barb was also NATIONAL First Runner Up in this category
Outstanding Central Division Instructor: Thomas Hynes, Granite Peak
Tom was also the NATIONAL Outstanding Instructor for 2005-2006

National Appointment Numbers were awarded to Bob Lehman and Jim Meunier of Blackjack Ski Patrol

Division Director's Program Awards for Outstanding Support of a Division Program were presented to:
Carolyn DeJongh, Ski Brule - Awards Program
Mark Gilliland, Granite Peak - Public Relations

National Certificate of Appreciation:
Trudy Olsson, Marquette Mtn.

Congratulations to all and again, a big thank you to everyone who attended and especially to the committee for their dedication and hard work in putting on this event.

Upcoming events: The Division Ski and Toboggan Clinic will be held at Granite Peak on December 16-17th. The clinic was outstanding last year and plans are for an even better event this year. I hope to see many of you again at the clinic.

Let's hope for a white winter!

Ohio Region

By: Chris Raudabaugh

The Ohio Region has grown by one patrol this year by welcoming the Paoli Peaks Ski Patrol to the team. Over the summer, the Paoli Peaks Ski Patrol made the decision to join the Ohio Region. They had a great relationship with the Southern Region, but felt that geographically, the Ohio Region made more sense for their NSP needs. Bruce Heichelbeck and his leadership team also felt that having the 'sister' resorts of Mad River Mountain and Boston Mills/Brandywine in the same region would help solidify themselves with the parent company, Peak Resorts.

The Ohio Region has welcomed Paoli Peaks Ski Patrol and is busy integrating them into the activities and events. Here is a BIG OHIO welcome to Bruce and the rest of the Paoli Peaks ski patrollers!

Northern Michigan Region

By: Robert Lechtanski, Northern Michigan RD

Fun is in the Forecast

Let me start by congratulating David Dahl and the North Central Region for the great job they did putting on the Central Division Fall Meeting in Wausau, WI. We had a wonderful time and completed a good deal of work. As a new region director I have been busy learning the responsibilities that go with the position I was elected to fulfill. Attending the Division meeting gave me a chance to meet and talk with the other RD's and Division staff. I learned there is a fountain of knowledge available to me, now that I know where to look.

With the changing weather the fun part of Patrolling is picking up all over the Region.

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Central Division Strategic

Editor's Note: Last winter the Central Division sought input and opinions from the 6,000+ NSP patrollers within the Division. Division Public Relations Supervisor Sherman VanKlompberg developed, distributed and tabulated the survey results. The Central Division board reviewed the findings at its Spring 2006 Board meeting. Division Director Jim Woodrum assigned board members to task force groups charged with reviewing, reporting on and responding to the results. The task force groups formed are: Mission and Identity, Participation, Area Owners / Operators, and Program Development. The RPN is pleased to provide Division patrollers with the initial reports as submitted at the Fall 2006 Division Meeting. Please take the time to review the reports and feel free to contact task force leaders if you wish to participate in future work that each task force will undertake. A special thank you is extended to all patrollers who participated in the survey last winter. Your input is proved vitally important.

Task Force Responds to Patrollers' Concerns

Submitted By Ty Damon
Region Director, Eastern Michigan

The Winter 2006 Central Division patroller survey identified several concerns of Patrollers regarding the Mission of the NSP and the loss of its national identity:

- The members expressed a clear desire to belong to a National organization, but felt that the national organization in an effort to avoid liability was distancing itself from the common patroller and destroying the national identity.

explore deeper and clarify by answering three questions:

- What is the Role of the various operating units: Local Patrol, Line, and National Organization?
- What is the value of a national Identity to each stakeholder: the Member, the Area, and the Skiing Public.?
- What should the Mission Statement of the NSP be?

Below is the Task Force's report which was developed this Summer and presented to the Central Division Board of Directors on September 10th, 2006. The BOD requested that it be shared in the RPN with all members of Central Division for review. Please look it over, and forward any comments or suggestions to: Ty Damon at tdamon@gmworks.com. A copy was also given to our National Chairman, Jim DeWeerd who was in attendance. Jim Woodrum will be forwarding the report to the other Division Directors for their input. The end goal is to provide the National Board of Directors with a report that contains feedback from all Divisions by the Midwinter BOD meeting in January 2007. It is expected that the BOD, the Line Organization and the Members can use this report as guidepost for strategic planning and mutual understanding.

What is the Role of the various operating units: Local Patrol, Line, and National Organization?

The task force identified the following roles and responsibilities for the National BOD, Executive Director, National Program Advisors and the Staff:

- BOD manages the business and affairs of the nonprofit corporation in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation,

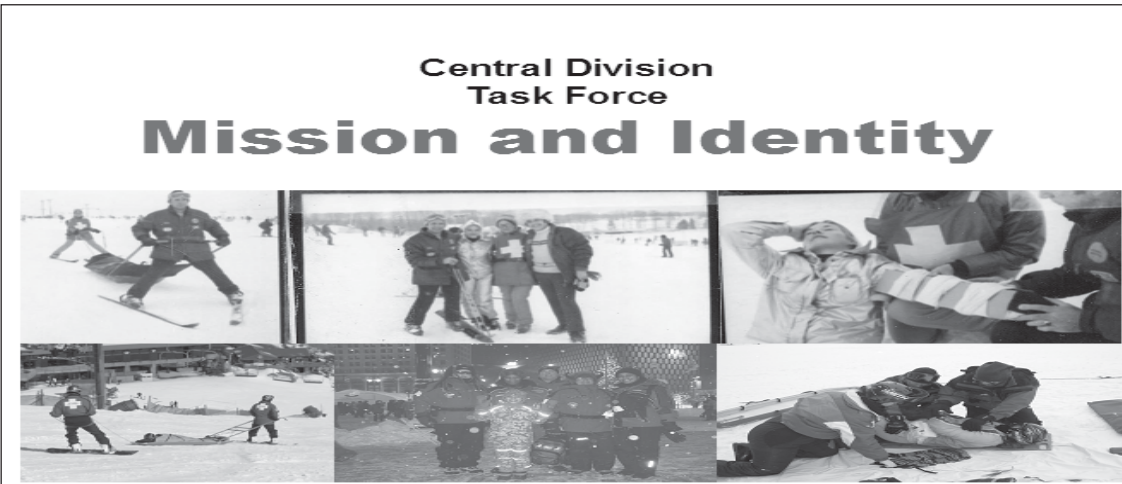
- Fund-raising and Sponsorship revenue
- Coordinating the development and publishing of Educational Materials
- Leveraging the knowledge and learnings across the organization
- Credentialing
- Management of National Brand Identify
- Communication with Members and Alumni
- Positive promotion of the National Ski Patrol to the Community
- Utilization of NSP member skills, capabilities and input to attain desired goals

The task force identified the following roles and responsibilities for the Line Organization, the 11 Divisions and 70 Regions:

- Officers manage the operations of their respective sub-units in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, Policies and Procedures of the National organization and their respective Division
- Opportunities for leadership
- Providing Education and Training Programs and staff to sub units
- Development of new educational materials and techniques
- Sharing of best practices
- Quality control
- Fund-raising
- Represent members upstream in the organization
- Communication with Members
- Positive promotion of the National Ski Patrol to the Community
- Utilization of NSP member skills, capabilities and input to attain desired goals

The task force identified the following roles and responsibilities for the 660 Patrols:

- Contribute to shared education and training as a member of a Section and Region
- Serve as part of area management's operations team
- Assure that the members meet the patrol's and area's requirements for training, duty and membership
- Camaraderie
- Recruiting
- Development of local educational materials and techniques
- Coordinate safety, first aid and transportation services under the direction of area management
- Opportunities for leadership
- Communication with members



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- They also expressed a desire for a return to an Esprit de Corps that went beyond the local patrol.
- Finally, they were uncomfortable with the change in mission from a rescue to only an educational organization, didn't understand exactly what that meant and felt that this had been done without their consultation.

At the Spring 2006 Central Division BOD meeting, a task force was formed to address these and other issues. It was decided to

- Bylaws, and Policies and Procedures
- Executive Director manages the National office staff and contractors
 - BOD responsible for Long-Term strategic planning and financial management
 - Coordination with cooperating agencies
 - Coordination with NSP Division Directors
 - Access to special equipment and discounts

Task Force Reports

- Positive promotion of the National Ski Patrol to the Community
- Utilization of NSP member skills, capabilities and input to attain desired goals

And finally, the task force identified the following roles and responsibilities for the 26,500 Members:

- Serve as a member of a local patrol
- Maintain credentials and training
- Pay dues
- Ambassador for NSP and Area
- Promote enjoyment and safety in skiing/snowboarding
- Share learning with others
- Provide safety, first aid, extrication and transportation services under the direction of area management
- Positive promotion of the National Ski Patrol to the Community
- Use personal skills, capabilities and input to better the organization at all levels

What is the value of belonging to a National organization with a National identity?

The task force broke down the survey data to highlight recurring themes from the members regarding how much they valued the National affiliation and why. The task force also added input from interviews with area operators and experience with the skiing public.

Value To Members

- Camaraderie
- Credentials
- Heritage
- A sense of affiliation and pride
- knowledge and learning from other parts of the organization

I like being a member of the NSP and I enjoy the camaraderie with other patrollers beyond my home patrol. I value the education and training materials and credentials it provides (delivered via people I know). I am proud of what the NSP stands for and what I have accomplished and want to be identified. I enjoy helping people while doing something I love.

Value To Area Management

- Professionalism
- Recognized Brand
- Credentialing

I am glad that I have NSP patrollers at my area. They help me operate safely and mitigate risk. They perform a valued service to the injured and give my customers peace of mind. The National organization takes care of credentialing so I don't have to. The recognized brand improves the image of my resort.

There is no way we could afford to pay for the emergency care, the positive customer interface and the professionalism that our volunteer patrol supplies.

Value To Skiing public

- Recognized and respected brand
- "Good Samaritans of the Snow"
- Piece of mind

I am glad that the Ski Patrol is here to help me if I (or my family) am injured. I know they work all over the country and assume that they are highly trained. I am glad that I can spot them on the hill and that they will respond quickly.

Summary

A strong national identity for the National Ski Patrol has value to all stakeholders. This positive and well recognized identity has helped the NSP grow and contributed to the status and success it has today.

Therefore, like all valuable assets it should be nourished, cherished and protected. Its value is diminished if it is not presented proudly and prominently to the skiing public.

What should the mission statement of the NSP be?

There have been several evolutions of the NSP mission statement over the years. However, around 2000, Members feel that the focus and the implication of the NSP mission shifted dramatically. (See the Central Division Web site for the Mission Task Force Power Point presentation which includes a complete chronology complied by Dick Thalacker, PD Mt. Brighton.)

- The NSP Mission went from being about "Me," (the member, the common patroller and an association of other like-minded people) to being "Them" the National Office, Denver, this "corporate" entity.
- It became about providing (selling) educational materials, rather than providing (service) volunteer first aid.

Maybe a new wording, a tweaking of emphasis, can return the sense of **belonging** and **service** that is not resonating in the current version.

Original Mission

The National Ski Patrol System is essentially a great cooperative movement organized by skiers, run by skiers, for the benefit of all skiers. It is a national organization of Registered Ski Patrols whose primary objective is to work towards greater safety and thus greater enjoyment in the sport of skiing.

Federal Charter

The purposes of the (National Ski Patrol System, Inc.) shall be to promote, in any and all ways, patriotic, scientific, educational and civic improvement activities, public safety in skiing, including ... the dissemination of information ... and the formation of volunteer local patrols, consisting of competent skiers trained in the administration of first aid, for

the purpose of preventing accidents and rendering speedy assistance to persons sustaining accidents....

Current Vision and Mission Statements

NSP's vision is to be the premier provider of outstanding education programs and services benefiting *the member** and the global outdoor recreation community. *added in 2006

NSP provides quality focused education and training in safety, credentialed outdoor emergency care, and transportation services. This enables members and other stakeholders to serve the outdoor recreation community. NSP continually explores new opportunities for membership and association enhancement.

Proposed Vision and Mission Statement

NSP's vision is to be recognized by the global outdoor recreation community as the premier provider of training and education programs for emergency rescue personnel.

The National Ski Patrol is a cooperative movement of registered ski patrols and their members, that provides credentialed education and training in outdoor emergency care, safety and transportation services, which enables members to serve the community in the safe enjoyment of outdoor recreation activities.

What do you think?

As this document evolves, we want your input. Please send your comments to Ty Damon at tdamon@gmrworks.com. We would especially like the point of view of any pro patrollers, alumni and candidates to get a more complete picture of the membership.

Many thanks to the contributors to this report: Winter 2006 Central Division member survey respondents; task force members Jim Woodrum, Chris Raudabaugh and Dan Somalski; Spring 2005 Cross-Divisional patroller conference attendees; Spring 2005 Eastern Michigan Region mission session; Dick Thalacker; Larry Klose; Bill Kirksey; various area operators; NSP forum participants and chairlift and coffee break discussions with many other patrollers.

Participation: Let's Get Involved

By: Thomas Rabaglia

The Participation subcommittee was charged to investigate the reasons for low voter turn out, low response to surveys and low participation at training events. The committee was also charged with identifying possible solutions to turn these trends.

Communications was determined to be the key issue.

With the agreement of the Central Division Board, Jim Woodrum our Director and Jim

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Central Division Task Force Reports

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DeWeerd our National Chair developed a letter from Jim and Jim will be read and questions fielded at each patrol. Each Region will individually determine the best way to

As one of the outcomes of the survey results, I and three of my colleagues on the Central Division Board were asked to consider the issues around area owners/operators and our relationship with them. Survey results suggested we consider three areas in our work: communication, training and commitment.

Over the summer we considered how best to approach these issues with area owners/operators. At the fall meeting, we finalized a meeting agenda template for area owners/

operators, region directors and patrol representatives. This agenda facilitates discussion of past goals and accomplishments (both the area and the patrol) and goals for the upcoming season. It encourages the RD to review with area owners/operators the expertise that exists within the patrol and ways in which the patrol can assist with employee education and training on issues related to emergency care,

deliver the letter message and who will read the letter. That letter is also enclosed in this edition of the Rusty Parka (please see editorial page).

To meet the needs of our patrollers, the Participation Committee is making an effort to receive issue statements from each of the candidates running for the National Board. It is our hope that this information will make it easier for all of us to make an informed decision and vote.

The Division and each Region is planning on making an effort to get the training to the patrol. Steps are in the works to do just that. Rather than one event on a given Saturday and or Sunday, events on weekday nights at many areas are being considered.

The Participation Committee feels that if a survey is long and or wordy patrollers are not inclined to respond. We feel that most patrollers are very willing to talk. The committee believes that if we put together a group of knowledgeable, articulate and dedicated patrollers that are willing to ask questions face to face, one or two questions something that can be done face to face on the lift, we will have higher participation. We all ski, we all talk and this way we get the insight on what the patrollers really want.

Set the Agenda

By: Mindy Mitchell
Region Director, Southwest

Thanks to all of you who participated in the patroller survey last season conducted by the central division. Thanks also to Sherwin VanKlombenberg for creating the survey and tabulating the results.

My thanks goes out to Chuck Martschinke, David Dahl, and Ken Meldahl for their assistance with this work.

Cheers For Fall Division Meeting and OEC IT Update

By: Deb Endly, OEC Lead Supervisor

The reviews are in, the crowds have spoken: The OEC Instructor Trainer/Instructor Update clinic held in conjunction with the Fall Division Meeting in Wausau was a hit!

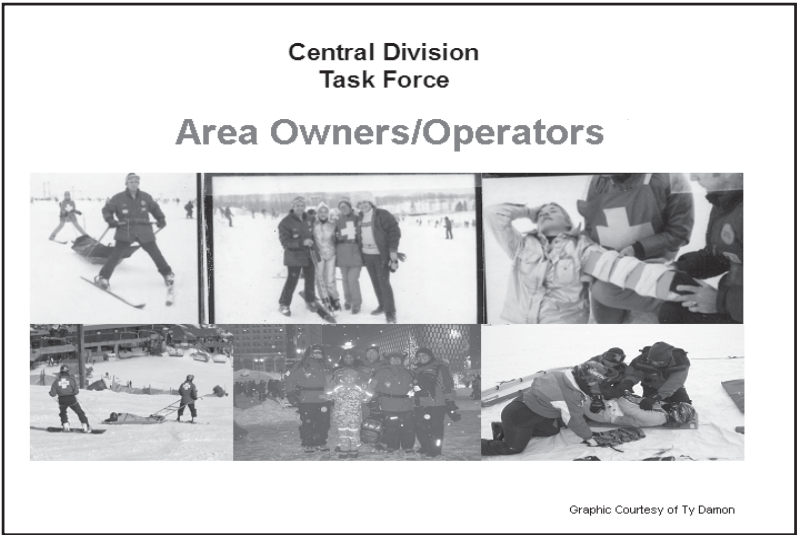
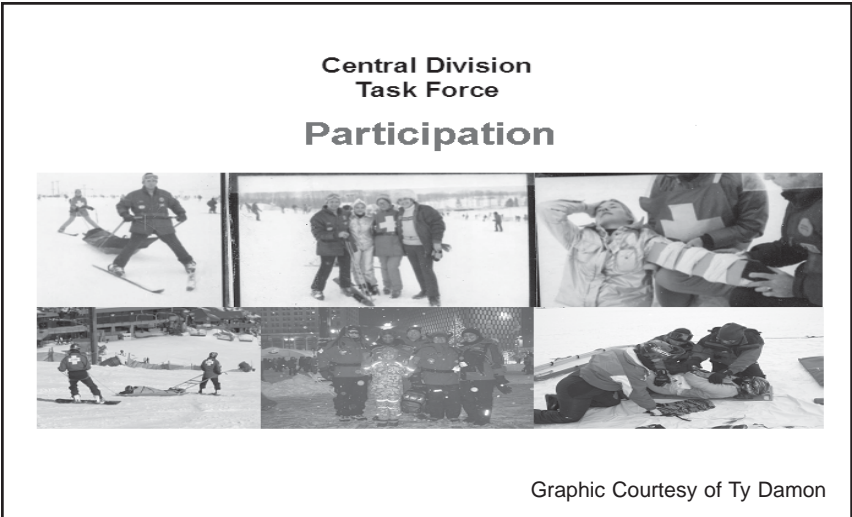
Featured speaker, Ed McNamara, National OEC Program Director, was present to inform the group gathered of changes to the OEC program, update us on the status of the 5th edition of the OEC textbook and to discuss pre-incident education on CISM (critical incident stress management). In his CISM presentation, Mr. McNamara outlined what was involved in a CISM event and how debriefings occur. The group learned of signs to look for in a person who has been involved with a difficult rescue and why it is so important to 'debrief' as soon as possible after the incident.

Ed also shared with us his experiences in being deployed to New Orleans after Katrina and then two weeks later to Texas in the wake of Hurricane Rita as part of a Disaster Assistance Team from his home state of Massachusetts. Ed's presentation on disaster assistance was interesting and provided information on how the OEC Technician could be of service in a disaster.

Information on CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team's) was presented to the Board on Sunday morning by Ty Damon, Region Director for Eastern Michigan. Ty explained how OEC Technicians can organize and/or become part of a CERT. If you are interested in using your OEC skills, please contact your Region Director, who was present at the Sunday morning meeting, and can steer you in the right direction.

In addition to speaking at the OEC IT Update on Saturday afternoon, Ed McNamara presented at the General Session on Saturday morning and to the Central Division Board. Ed's presentation updated us on the status of the new OEC textbook which is now scheduled to be published in mid-2008. Regarding the new education model, Ed told the group that he would bring the model to the OEC Supervisor's meeting for additional input and changes would be made if they are necessary. Ed did let the group know that for the most part, the changes would happen above the Division Supervisor level. National Board Chairman Dr. Jim DeWeerd was in attendance at the General Session on Saturday morning. His home patrol is Granite Peak (the patrol hosting the Central Division Fall Meeting). Dr. DeWeerd informed the group about his history with the NSP and what he would like to accomplish as the National Chairman. We wish Dr. DeWeerd the best of luck in his new position as he guides the NSP out of a difficult time in our history. Let's give Dr. DeWeerd our support as he faces some difficult challenges in these tumultuous times.

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Superior Skills Development Support Honored

By: Linda Barthel, Central Division Skills Development Supervisor

Programs falling under the Skills Development umbrella are Introduction to Ski Patrolling, Senior Program, Certified Program, Women's Seminar and the Division sponsored Ski/Snowboard Trainers Workshop. To find an Instructor Trainer who touches each of these programs is a daunting task. When someone does rise to the top you know you have a special individual. Eric Gesteland from Cascade Mt. Patrol in South Central region is that individual. Eric has made a significant contribution in each of the programs and has made an impact in the skill development of many patrollers, locally, within the region and across the division.

As an OEC instructor and alpine toboggan instructor Eric has contributed to the training of new candidates in the Cascade Mt. patrol. He extends his patrolling knowledge to the candidates in the PAT 101 class and chair evacuation. As Assistant Region Director Proficiency Eric plays a key part in the Senior program for South Central Region. In addition to overseeing the program for the region Eric is instrumental in training senior candidates in both OEC and alpine skills. Eric is very much involved in the certified program and actively participates every season in the certified evaluation. He is a key member of the toboggan evaluation team as a course

setter, demo driver and evaluator. He also is an evaluator in many other modules including OEC and area operations. As a participant in all of these programs Eric has been instrumental in the development of many patrollers at many different skill levels.

A quality instructor is critical to the skill development of patrollers. As a toboggan Instructor Trainer Eric extends his wealth of knowledge to the new alpine toboggan instructor recruits. One of his responsibilities



Eric Gesteland facilitating Teaching the Teacher participants during the 2005 Division Ski/Snowboard Trainers Workshop at Granite Peak.

as ARD is to maintain a quality crew of instructors for South Central Region contributing to an outstanding senior program. He insures the instructors are current with all the alpine programs by

organizing the division Ski/Snowboard Trainers workshop participants from his region staff. Eric extended his desire for quality instructor development by participating in the 2005 division Ski/Snowboard Trainers workshop as an instructor in the "Teaching the Teacher" session. This was a new concept designed to revitalize the teaching skills of the long-term instructor. Eric was an eager participant in the development of this unique program.

The Central Division Women's Seminar is a huge success in the division. Each year the program has expanded the confidence and alpine skills of many female patrollers in the division. Yes, Eric has even played a key role in the success of the women's seminar. As a qualified snowboard patroller Eric assisted when the program visited South Central region. The female snowboard participants thoroughly enjoyed Eric's instruction.

Eric also feels it is important to enhance his own alpine skills and knowledge. This past season Eric registered as a member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America. He took and passed his level I certification.

Eric has truly made an impact in the skill development of many patrollers across all different levels. I was proud to nominate Eric Gesteland of Cascade Mt. Patrol in South Central region as Central Division 2005/2006 Outstanding Instructor Trainer and thrilled to see him awarded this very deserving recognition.

Certified Gets Ready to Celebrate 25 Years in '07

By: Mike Longfellow-Jones, Central Division Certified Supervisor

2005-06 Season Wrap-up

As part of the 2006 Certified program and three day evaluation, sixty-three individual program components were passed over the course of the event while two candidates completed their Certified requirements. Congratulations to the newest members of the Certified Staff, John McGoff of Perfect North Slopes and Tom Tavenner of Mad River Mountain. Both of these individuals worked hard to complete all of the requirements of the Certified program over the past few years and finally earned their shield at our annual evaluation held at Marquette Mountain, March 2-4, 2006. The event was administered extremely well due to the many staff members and helpers who evaluated a field of sixteen candidates utilizing forty-one staff members and another 20 certified support staff made up of friends, families and other patrollers. Special thanks go out to Guy Day and Terry Spohn, both Assistant Supervisors, who really came through this year in spite of many challenges in the administration of the event. In addition, I am indebted to staff member Loretta Cobble for her willingness and ability to do anything and everything required at just the right time in support of a smooth program administration.

New Candidates for the 2005-06 program season were:

- Ron Frank, Cascade
- Jonathon French, Perfect North Slopes

- Sandi Hammons, Perfect North Slopes
- Darcy Hanley, Perfect North Slopes
- Rich Manteufel, Ski Brule
- Kristi Olson, Hyland Ski & Snowboard
- Carl Woodcock – Boyne Highlands Ski Area



Our 2006 event host was staff member and Ski Hall of Fame Board member Tom Anderson, who once again showed us that he is an exceptional host who maintains a long list of connections to build a great event. As part of that program, Tom arranged for our annual meeting to be held at the National Ski Hall of Fame in Ishpeming. There Tom arranged for us to have the museum to ourselves for the evening as well to hear from Ski Hall President and CEO, J. Thomas West. To wrap up our weekend, our annual banquet was held at a great local Marquette establishment where we heard from US Olympic Education Center representative, Rachel Hearn. Rachel shared her perspective of the USOEC and their weightlifting program in which she was 2005 University Worlds

bronze medalist in female weightlifting, one of her accomplishments. In her presentation, Rachel complimented the NSP and all of our efforts while at the same time she appealed to us to support the USOEC programs. I would ask all of you to check out the USOEC for yourself, that program survives only from the support of people like you and I.

2006-07 Season

This season the Central Division Certified Program invites you to come out and check us out. We are a national skills development and verification program that provides a readily identifiable resource of highly motivated, skilled, and knowledgeable patrollers to better serve NSP, ski area management and the outdoor recreation community. If you look at the leadership of the Central Division you will find that a significant number of the Division staff are in fact Certified staff members as well. Start by simply clicking in to see for yourself at our web site @ <http://www.nationalskipatrol.org/certified/>, by contacting myself or any of the more than fifty Certified Staff members representing our Division. We invite you to attend one of our clinics or even our annual evaluation. The 2007 annual evaluation is planned to be held March 1-3, 2007, in beautiful Harbor Springs, Michigan and to be hosted by Nubs Nob Ski Area and our staff members there. The 2007 evaluation is to be a very special one as we will be celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Certified Program in the Central Division at the ski area where it all began for our program. Please come ski with us and see what we are all about!



Assistant Division Director Reports



Positive Approach is Our Choice to Make

By: Linda Murphy Jacobs, ADD

What a year it has been!! I'm just closing in on my first year of retirement from the professional world and this article provides me with an opportunity to reflect on the changes that have occurred in the last twelve months within the NSP.

Thankfully my husband Dave has made a remarkably easy transition to having the "she-bear in the den" full time. While we have managed to get a lot of work done around our old home, we have also managed to play a lot more. Dave and I were able to ski four or five days a week. Our ski season ended with a remarkable trip to Powderfall in Chamonix, France. There were a lot of familiar Central Division faces there, as well as new patroller friends from across the country. The PSIA D-team instruction was fantastic. This is truly an event every patroller should experience sometime in his or her patroller career.

Upon my return from France I finally attended my first "retired teachers" luncheon. They assigned me to a table with a group of individuals that I had never met. I spent the next 45 minutes listening to this particular group of individuals complain about the direction of education in Michigan, local policies, state policies, national policies and young people in general. I heard no one offer a positive thought about any subject that was discussed.

As I returned home, the comparison between the unpleasant, negative focus of this group and the sometimes negative focus of some of our patrollers occurred to me. It seems that we, too, have produced a culture of members within the NSP that have little positive to say about our organization. Sometimes the perception appears to be that nothing good is going on at the national level and that our leaders have abandoned us. I challenge each of us to examine our own style of perception. Take a look at how we discuss

our current issues. Do we constantly focus on what is wrong, or do we try to find a balance of view? Do we look at the pros as well as the cons when we talk about events that are taking place?

At my retired teacher's luncheon I didn't voice my opinion, and consequently I left with a bad taste in my mouth. It is my choice to find a redeeming reason to continue with this group, or to discontinue my association. Either way there are two sides to every issue. It is my responsibility as a member to recognize both sides and to choose whether I want to develop a positive approach to make things better. Does the good outweigh the bad? Do I stay the course or get out?.

In the NSP we have a similar choice. In my opinion our organization is worth the struggle, but it sure would feel good to focus on the positive again.

These Are a Few of My Favorite Things on Snow

By: Dan Somalski, ADD

(Sung to the tune of "My Favorite Things" From the "Sound of Music")

Snow Guns on hill sides and meetings behind us.

Frosty white mornings with kids on the school bus.

New skis a coming and boots in on Fed Ex
These are the things I need to re-lax.

When the snow melts, when the groomer breaks, when I'm feeling sad.

I simply remember my favorite things, then I don't feel so bad.

Girls in white stretch pants with racing ski boots on.

Patrollers ready for work just at the crack of dawn.

Twelve inches of new snow ready for me to rip.

These are a few things that let me keep a grip.

When the car breaks, when the employees cry, when I just hardly cope,

I simply remember my winter ski friends, and they always give me hope.

(Stop singing now! You stink anyway.)

I am just kidding; you all have great singing voices. In truth looking forward to skiing is better than Christmas. This article, if you have not noticed is not going to be too informative. It is designed to re-install in all of us that youthful joy. The reasons we all started to ski in the first place. Sure we are ski patrollers, sure we have a job to do on the hills, but do not forget why we got involved. *FOR THE FUN OF IT!!!* I wish for all of you a safe and happy ski season.

See ya' on the white and slippery.

Tech Tips: Weather and Topography

By Rick King, Central Division MTR Advisor

The following are excerpts form the NSP Mountain Travel & Rescue manual covering how topography effects weather patterns.

The hills and valleys that make up mountains have regional and local effects on weather. Whenever an air mass moves over a mountain, adiabatic heating and cooling occurs. Adiabatic is a process in which no heat is transferred to or from working fluid. As the air mass rises, it loses pressure and is cooled at the moist air adiabatic rate. As the air cools, it also loses excess moisture. Thus, the west side of the major mountain ranges experience more wet weather than the east side. As the air spills over the mountain crests, it increases in pressure and

becomes much warmer at the dry air adiabatic rate. This warm, dry air rushing down the slopes is sometimes called a Chinook. Areas immediately leeward of major mountains experience more dry (rain shadow), fair weather than other areas in the region.

During the course of a sunny day, local winds develop. When the sun first rises, it warms the tops of the eastern facing ridges. The warm air rises, and a light up-slope and up-valley wind develops. During the day the rising warm air may lead to cumulus cloud (lumpy cotton ball shape) development above the ridge crests. In the northern latitudes, northern and eastern slopes receive less sun than southern and western slopes. Thus,

afternoon thunderstorms often develop over mountain ridges with large southern or western facing exposures. As the sun sets, the air cools and starts to settle in the lower elevations. The wind shifts to down-slope and down-valley. Just prior to the shift is a period of calm. Local clouds usually dissipate. Because the cooler air settles into the valley bottoms, the warmest campsites are found about one-third up the slope, above the cold air pocket and below the windy ridge. These local winds make assessing larger regional weather patterns more difficult and can accentuate any weather disturbances.

To learn more about weather in the mountain environment take a Mountain Travel & Rescue course.

All Ladies...All Levels...All Welcome to Participate! Mt. LaCrosse Here We Come February 3 - 4, 2007

By: Anne Blaedow, Women’s Seminar Supr.

Q: I have never been to a division level clinic and I’m nervous about attending. What is it like?

A: It is a weekend of learning and fun like no other program can offer you. It is WOMEN ONLY. The staff of ladies have been running these clinics for 6 years and the participants rave over the “female experience” and claim it is very supportive and positive. We ski, we toboggan, we talk, eat chocolate and learn that other ladies love the National Ski Patrol too. There are “ladies in high places” in our Division and they have a lot of great things to share with the group.

This Ski and Toboggan Enhancement Seminar is for women, by women and totally geared towards the needs of the women that attend. Whether you are a Basic or Senior Patroller, you are welcome and encouraged

to join in on the fun. The program is run by a fun group of Senior and Certified Women. Snow time is just a part of what we offer. The Saturday Evening program always includes a great dinner, fun prizes and hands on seminars on a variety of subjects. Past activities include: Boot Fitting, Boot Alignment, Health and Fitness, Avalanche Transceiver Workshop and lots of socializing, chocolate and beverages. (Yes, at the Women’s Seminar, Chocolate is a topic!!)

Here are some comments from last year’s evaluations:

What did you like the most about this clinic?

- *Camaraderie*
- *It’s awesome attending an all women event*
- *I gained confidence boarding with a toboggan and I met lots of excellent patrollers*
- *All the helpful tips and friendly people, Laid back feeling*
- *I felt inspired to improve and actually believe that it’s possible*

The 2007 event is scheduled for February 3-4 at Mt. LaCrosse in Wisconsin. Registration is first come – first registered. Our capacity frequently fills early, so register soon. This event is open to skiers, snowboarders and telemarkers!! We have women PSIA instructors that will help all of us grow in our respective disciplines. Plan to join us and register with a friend!! Any questions, please contact Anne Blaedow at ablaedow@wi.rr.com or 262-246-0276

The Clinic Fee is \$50.00 per person which includes the 2 day clinic Lift tickets, PSIA/NSP Instruction and materials for the 2 days. The Saturday night dinner will be an additional charge to be determined. Lodging is on your own and info/prices will follow your registration. Please include a check with your registration payable to **Central Division Ski Patrol**. We can help you find roommates once registrations begin. **Optional Event Long sleeved polo shirts are available for \$25.00.** Saturday hours are 8am-8pm and Sunday 8am-2pm.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Patrol Name: _____

Skiing Level: Level 6 Level 7 Level 8 (Circle One)

Patrol Level: Basic Patroller Senior Candidate Senior Patroller

I plan to: Ski Snowboard Telemark Ski (Circle One)

My personal goal for the weekend:

Planned roommates: _____

Optional Shirt Size: (Please send a separate check) Med Large X-Large XX for \$25.00. (Long sleeve polo style)

Any questions? **Send registrations to Anne Blaedow at W258 N6882 Victoria Cir Sussex, WI 53089.**

**Women’s Seminar
Registration Form**

February 3 - 4, 2007

Mt. LaCrosse, Wis.

Notes From the Trail Head: AA/MTR and Low Angle

By Rick King – Central Division MTR Advisor

Another great Central Division Meeting/ Banquet has come and gone. Thank you North Central Region and congratulations to all of the award recipients.

Dale Mihuta (Division Avalanche Advisor) and I ran a Mountain & Avalanche Awareness course while we were in Wausau. This is a fairly new single day classroom style course that is geared toward those that are just starting to get involved with mountaineering and avalanche skills. It doesn’t replace the MTR-Fundamentals or Avalanche Fundamentals, but can be used as the first

stepping stone and is also a Senior Elective. If this sounds like a course that you would like to see more of in your Region, talk to your MTR and Avalanche Instructors and Region Advisors. I know we can conduct more of these courses with ease. Thank you to Dale Mihuta, Corky Kahn, Karen Endres, Darcy Hanley, and Betty Adams for helping to teach this course with me.

Many of you that were at the Division Meeting/ Banquet had the opportunity to see the 99% complete version of the Low Angle Rescue Guidelines manual, but if you did not hang tight, as Ron Gerdes and I will be wrapping up this project and putting the manual on CDs

to distribute and also on a downloadable website for anyone to use for training purposes. This is a “Guideline” manual that is an extension of the MTR Manual from National that goes into more in-depth description and step by step photos for rigging Low Angle Rescue systems. It is not a substitute for taking an MTR course or LAR clinic, but as a training tool. If you are interested in getting access to the LAR Guidelines manual, send me an e-mail and I will put your name on the list to make sure you will have access either through a CD or the downloadable website as we get these options set up. My e-mail is rkingpatroller@yahoo.com.



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Division Outstanding Awards

Name	Award	Region	Patrol	Designation
Caberfae Ski Patrol	Unit Citation	WM		National Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol
Tom Hynes	Gold Merit Star	NC	Granite Peak	National Outstanding Instructor
Ryan Schiemo	Gold Merit Star	W	Buck Hill	National Outstanding Student
Jim Grundstrom	Silver Merit Star	NC	Marquette Mnt	National First Runner-up Patrol Representative
Barbara Wheeler	Silver Merit Star	NC	Copper Cntry Nordic	National First Runner-Up Nordic Patroller
Jeannine Mogan	Silver Merit Star	W	Hyland	National First Runner-Up Pro Patroller
Granite Peak Ski Patrol	Unit Citation	NC		Runner-Up National Large Alpine Patrol
North West Nordic Patrol	Unit Citation	W		Runner-Up National Nordic Patrol
Deann Jenkins	Div. Outstanding	OH	Caberfae Peaks	Outstanding Patrol Rep Small Alpine Patrol
Doug Lueke	Div. Outstanding	OH	Perfect North Slopes	Outstanding Auxillary Patroller
Renee Johnson	Div. Outstanding	W	Viking North Nordic	Outstanding Nordic Patrol Representative
Sandi Hammons	Yellow Merit Star	OH	Perfect North Slopes	Outstanding Alpine Patroller
Robert Smith	Yellow Merit Star	OH	Perfect North Slopes	Outstanding Administrative Patroller

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National Appointments

Patroller	Region	Patrol	Patroller	Region	Patrol
George Gilin	EMR	Alpine Valley East	Nancy Cahill	SC	Tyrol Basin
Sharon Hazen	EMR	Pine Knob	Dominick DeRosa	SC	Cascade
Wayne Quinn	EMR	Pine Knob	Mark Gottwald	W	Lutsen
Tom Flynn	NC	Marquette Mt	Mark Landwehr	W	Wild Mt
Robert Lehman	NC	Blackjack Mt	Cindy McLeod	W	Spirit Mt
James Meunier	NC	Blackjack Mt	James McLeod	W	Spirit Mt
Bill Harkins	OH	Snow Trails	Michael O'Rourke	W	Snowcrest
Kimberly Hiser	OH	Mad River Mt	Shawn Rhoda	WM	Timber Ridge
Mark Reisdorf	OH	Clear Fork	Bonnie Stand	WM	Bittersweet
Greg Schoenman	OH	Snow Trails			

Commendations

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol
Eric Wollesen	Distinguished Service Award	EMR	Mt Holly
Jim Palm	Distinguished Service Award	NC	Big Powderhorn
Elizabeth Tyson-Fitzhugh	Distinguished Service Award	OH	BM/BW
Jerome Bolf	Distinguished Service Award	SC	Little Switzerland
Betty Lach	Distinguished Service Award	SC	Little Switzerland
Vagabond Ski Club	Distinguished Service Award	SC	Little Switzerland
Chestnut Mnt Resort	Distinguished Service Award	S	
George Flentge	Distinguished Service Award	S	Grand Geneva
Lee Nielsen	Distinguished Service Award	S	Villa Olivia
Gordon Teichmann,	Distinguished Service Award	S	Four Lakes
Norman Janowicz	Leadership Commendation Award	S	Wilmot
Tracy Waters Miller	Meritorious Service Award	S	Gand Geneva
Gordon Teichmann	SAGE	S	Four Lakes
Shirley Schoenbauer	Distinguished Service Award	W	Buck Hill
Fred Seymour	Distinguished Service Award	W	Hyland
Roger Skugrud	Distinguished Service Award	W	Coffee Mill
Fred Vlazny	Distinguished Service Award	W	Welch Village
Jerome Hill	Distinguished Service Award	W	Welch Village
Richard Starkey	Distinguished Service Award	WM	Caberfae Peaks
Mike Taylor	Meritorious Service Award	NM	Boyne Highlands
Chris Stoddard	Distinguished Service Award		Midwest Ski Areas Assoc



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Division Director Outstandings

Patroller	Region	Patrol	Program Award
Ellen Burchfield	EMR	Apple Mt	Outstanding Support of Senior Program
Nycha Schlegel	EMR	Pine Knob	Outstanding Support of OEC Program
Chuck White	EMR	Mt Holly	Outstanding Support of MTR Program
Carolyn DeJongh	NC	Ski Brule	Outstanding Support of Awards Program
Mark Gilliland	NC	Granite Peak	Outstanding Support of Public Relations
Jeff Cripps	NM	Boyne Highlands	Outstanding Support of Certified Program
Paula Larson	NM	Nubs Nob	Outstanding Support of OEC Program
Ken Anderson	SC	Alpine Valley W.	Outstanding Support of Instructor Development Program
Eric Gesteland	SC	Cascade	Outstanding Support of Skills Development Program
Chris Moe	SC	Cascade	Outstanding Support of Women's Program
Corky Kahn	S	Wilmot	Outstanding Support of Avalanche Program
Ken Meldahl	S	Wilmot	Outstanding Support of P 101 Program
Rod Sandman	S	Chestnut	Outstanding Support of Toboggan Program
Mindy Mitchell	SW	Snow Creek	Outstanding Support of OEC Program
Jim Andrews	Western	Hyland	POutstanding Support of SIA Liaison/ NSP-C Ski School
Roger Petry	Western	Spirit Mt	Outstanding Support of Nordic Program
Eric Gesteland	SC	Cascade	Central Division Outstanding IT
Linda Barthel	EMR	Mt Brighton	Division Outstanding Supervisor Senior Prog.
Chris Moe	SC	Cascade	Division Outstanding Supervisor Senior Prog.

Merit Stars

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol	Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol
Tom Hynes	GMS	NC	Granite Peak	Ryan Schiemo	GMS	W	Buck Hill
Jim Grundstrom	SMS	NC	Marquett Mnt	Barbara Wheeler	SMS	NC	Copper Cntry
Jeannnine Morgan	SMS	W	Hyland				
Linda Kolberg	PMS	EMR	Brighton	James Bosler	BMS	S	Paoli Peaks
Mike Walrath	PMS	EMR	Mt Holly	Glenn Burrows	BMS	S	Chestnut Mt
Dustin Hennessy	PMS	NM	Schuss Mountain	Tom Storck	BMS	S	Paoli Peaks
Ron Gerdes	PMS	OH	Perfect North	Karleen Corliss	BMS	W	Lutsen
Steven Hater	PMS	OH	Perfect North	Mark Cross	BMS	W	Lutsen
John Kokott	PMS	SC	Tyrol Basin	Merry Morris	BMS	W	Welch Village
James Mitschrich	PMS	SC	Ausblick	Peter Smerud	BMS	W	Lutsen
Bob Green	PMS	S	Paoli Peaks	Candy Jacques	YMS	EMR	Alpine Valley E
Phillip Hayes	PMS	S	Paoli Peaks	Russ Livermore	YMS	EMR	Pine Knob
Eric Korte	PMS	S	Chestnut Mt	Robert Lehman	YMS	NC	Blackjack
Ken Lyons	PMS	S	Chestnut Mt	Tim Berg	YMS	NM	Shanty Creek
John Samuels	PMS	S	Chestnut Mt	Sandi Hammons	YMS	OH	Perfect North
Berry Bell	PMS	W	Lutsen	Bob Kashary	YMS	OH	BM/BW
Betty Adams	BMS	NC	Blackjack	Cheryl Raudabaugh	YMS	OH	Mad River Mt
Linell Grzesik	BMS	NC	Blackjack	Robert Smith	YMS	OH	Perfect North
Jonathan French	BMS	OH	Perfect North	Dave Zeager	YMS	OH	BM/BW
Hal Katanak	BMS	OH	BM/BW	Frank Randall	YMS	S	Chestnut Mt
Kimberly Mushock	BMS	OH	BM/BW	Tammy Kellen	YMS	W	Welch Village
Kirill Senoff	BMS	OH	Perfect North	Linda Waterhouse	YMS	W	Lutsen
Ann Smith	BMS	OH	BM/BW				

National Certificates of Appreciation

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol
Paul Jones	National Certificate of Appreciation	EMR	Alpine Valley East
Trudy Olsson	National Certificate of Appreciation	NC	Mt Ripley
Tim Berg	National Certificate of Appreciation	NM	Shanty Creek
Tryg Hillbo	National Certificate of Appreciation	SC	Devils Head
Gordon Teichmann,	National Certificate of Appreciation	S	Four Lakes

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Patroller's Cross

Patroller	Region	Patrol	Patroller	Region	Patrol
Mary Gaffney	EMR	Mt Holly	Bruce Davis	OH	BM/BW
Robert Heth	EMR	Pine Knob	Jim Hejduk	OH	BM/BW
Linda Kolberg	EMR	Mt Brighton	Karen King	OH	Perfect North
Marybeth Leet	EMR	Mt Holly	Ismael Simon	OH	BM/BW
Gregg Reese	EMR	Mt Holly	John Somers	OH	BM/BW
Hugh Root	EMR	Mt Holly	Regina Vaniglia	OH	Perfect North
Marsha Schulz	EMR	Pine Knob	Rebecca Heinemann	W	Buck Hill
Carol Sundeck	EMR	Apple Mt	Donny Lappen	W	Buck Hill
Mary Burd	NM	Schuss Mountain	Sue O'Hara	W	Steeplechase
Dick Taylor	NM	Boyne Highlands	Tammy Childs	WM	Caberfae Peaks
James Bichl	OH	BM/BW	Catherine Jacobs	WM	Caberfae Peaks

Division Certificates of Appreciation

Patroller	Region	Patrol	Patroller	Region	Patrol
Bob Knox	EMR	Judge	Bob Lechtanski	NM	Judge
Marty Sullivan	EMR	Judge	Tony Facchiano	OH	BM/BW
Tom Anderson	NC	Marquette Mt	Ed Raudabaugh	OH	Judge
Tari Blank	NC	Granite Peak	Ken Rose	OH	Judge
Don Close	NC	Judge	Darell Higley	SC	Judge
David Dahl	NC	Granite Peak	Mike Leggett	SC	Judge
Carolyn DeJongh	NC	Ski Brule	Edgar Myers	SC	Little Switzerland
Mike Ek	NC	Granite Peak	Maggie Christensen	S	Judge
Kathleen Grant	NC	Granite Peak	Loretta Cobble	S	Judge
Sarah Hull	NC	Granite Peak	Steve Gerecke	SW	Judge
Julie Knapp	NC	Granite Peak	Ann Malin	SW	Judge
Joe Rohling	NC	Granite Peak	Lee Stotesbery	W	Judge
Ron Smith	NC	Judge	Carol Nelson	W	Judge
Jane Utnehmer	NC	Granite Peak	Dave Johnson	WM	Judge
Tim Zimmerman	NC	Granite Peak	Tim Kirch	WM	Judge

Caberfae National Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol

Caberfae Ski Patrol was activated in 1939, and in its 63 year history has accomplished much and still continues to excel.



This patrol staffs an area of 4 chair lifts and two rope tows with an average of 8 patrollers a day.

In 2005-2006, this patrol of 39 had 6 candidates, 23 basic patrollers, one auxiliary patroller, and nine senior patrollers, all of whom are Nationals.

Throughout the long lifetime of this patrol, it has never stopped excelling- in the past four years alone, this patrol has had members recognized for Region Outstanding Patrol Rep, Region Outstanding Patroller, Region Outstanding Administrative Patroller, Division Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller and in 2003 was selected Division Outstanding Small Alpine Ski Patrol.

We are also honored to announce that for the 2005-2006 ski season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Caberfae as the National Ski Patrol's Outstanding Small Alpine Ski Patrol.

In recognition of their accomplishment, the patrol is awarded the National Outstanding Trophy a Unit Citation, and a Yellow Merit Star for their Patrol Representative Deann Jenkins.

Schiemo National Outstanding Student Patroller

Ryan Schiemo of the Buck Hill Ski Patrol has been a patroller since 2002 averaging more than 250 hours per year on hill duty and over 50 hours per year off hill.

Within three years of joining the NSP, this patroller accomplished the impressive feat of achieving senior status, and becoming an OEC Instructor.

This patroller has also, in a very short period of time, become involved in Section OEC training and testing as well as Region Senior Emergency Management training and evaluation.

This is truly an amazing accomplishment for a student patroller

We are also honored to announce that for the 2005-2006 season the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Ryan as the National Ski Patrol's Outstanding Student Patroller. For this outstanding accomplishment, Ryan has been awarded a National Outstanding Trophy and Gold Merit Star.

Hynes Named National Outstanding Instructor

Thomas Hynes of Granite Peak Ski Patrol has been active in the NSP since 1982, became a senior in 1986, and received his National Appointment in 1996.

patroller also became assistant Patrol Representative for a ski patrol of 130 members at one of the fastest growing ski areas in the country

In the past year, Hynes put in over 500 on-hill duty hours as well as over 300 off-hill duty hours .



At the end of the 2004 season, this patroller became the Patrol Representative for his area while continuing to volunteer his expertise for region and division.

For his many contributions to the Central Division and the National Ski Patrol, The Central Division is proud to honor him as 2005-2006 Central Division Outstanding Instructor from the North Central Region

We are also honored to announce that for the 2005-2006 season, the National judging committee also selected this patrol representative of our Central Division Outstanding Large Ski Patrol as the National Ski Patrol Outstanding Instructor. For these efforts, the NSP has awarded Tom the National Outstanding Trophy and the Gold Merit Star.

Grundstrom National First Runner-Up Outstanding Rep

Jim Grundstrom of the Marquette Mountain Ski Patrol joined the NPS in 1992, achieved senior status in 1995 and received a National Appointment in 2001 while serving and continuing to serve in various supervisory and administrative positions at Patrol, Region, and Division levels as an OEC Instructor, Toboggan Instructor, and Toboggan Instructor Trainer.

For the past four years this patroller has put in yearly over 300 on hill hours and nearly 500 off hill hours yet has somehow found the



capacity to serve as patrol representative for an extremely busy alpine patrol.

As his area's patrol representative, this patroller is not only heavily involved in all aspects of training and testing, but also contributes much time representing his ski area and patrol through his volunteerism in the community.

We are also honored to announce that for the 2005-2006 season the National judging committee selected Jim as the National Ski Patrol National Outstanding First Runner-up Patrol Representative. For those efforts the National Ski Patrol has awarded him a Silver Merit Star.

Mogan is National First Runner-Up Pro Patroller

Jeannine Mogan of the Hyland Ski Patrol is a 29 year veteran of the NSP who attained Senior status in 1990 and Certified status in 2004. Since 2004, this individual has served her area of 100 patrollers as Patrol Director and Pro Patroller.

For the past three years, she has been instructor of record for five OEC basic candidate courses, has contributed her OEC expertise to her patrol's annual refresher, and assisted in training and evaluating at the region senior emergency management pre-courses and evaluation as well as facilitating numerous Region and Division meetings, among them the fall Central Division Meeting in Minneapolis.

Despite her long hours of patrol administration and the donation of her time and expertise in OEC, and Alpine Toboggan to her Section and Region, this patroller for the past two seasons alone has logged, in each year, over 500 hours of on-hill duty.

We are also very pleased to announce that for the 2005-2006 season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Jeannine as the National Ski Patrol's Outstanding First Runner-up Professional Patroller. For her outstanding efforts, she has also been awarded the Silver Merit Star.

Wheeler National First Runner-Up Nordic Patroller

Barbara Wheeler of the Copper Country Nordic Ski Patrol is a 22 year veteran of the NSP who for the past 16 years has been registered both Senior Nordic and Senior Alpine.

This patroller teaches Mountain Travel and Rescue, is an OEC instructor, CPR instructor, and Nordic Ski and Toboggan instructor as well as being a Nordic Ski and Toboggan Instructor Trainer.

Over the years, this patroller has served the NSP in many capacities from Patrol Representative, to Region Mountaineering Advisor, Region Avalanche Advisor, and Region Nordic Advisor.



This patroller is also generally recognized as being the driving force behind the rebirth of Mountaineering and Avalanche Programs in her Region after a time when they were virtually nonexistent.

We are also honored to announce that for the 2005-2006 season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Barbara as the National Ski Patrol's Outstanding First Runner-up Nordic Patroller. For those efforts she has also been awarded a Silver Merit Star

Granite Peak Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol

Granite Peak Ski Patrol was activated back in 1938 and its 108 patrollers serve an area of 11 chairlifts and two surface lifts.

The full impact of the character of this patrol is evidenced by not only the extent of its volunteerism within all levels of the NSP, but also by the intensive volunteerism of its members in over 240 volunteer non-winter sports venues.



Last season this patrol provided 11 officers and supervisors to its Region, two supervisors to division, and numerous instructors to section, region and division. This patrol also provided our current National Chair.

We can safely say this patrol unselfishly meets the expectations of management, and then gives more to the NSP, the sport of skiing, the local community, and anywhere it finds a need.

Northwest Nordic Outstanding Nordic Patrol

Northwest Nordic Ski Patrol was activated in 2003, staffing an area of approximately 90 miles of trails by 13 volunteer dual Nordic and Alpine patrollers.

Currently, this patrol boasts five OEC instructors, three Toboggan instructors one Toboggan IT, one PSIA Instructor, one OEC instructor candidate and one MTR Instructor candidate.

Eight of these patrollers have attended region and division Nordic seminars in the past three years and one is assisting in updating the Nordic section of the Division senior manual to standardize training and testing.

Over the past three seasons this patrol has received five region outstanding service awards and has supplied one section chief, one region Nordic advisor and a Central Division Nordic advisor.

Aside from this overall involvement by 13 patrollers, what makes this patrol especially outstanding is that when their local alpine ski area closed and the alpine patrol became inactive, not only did this patrol become a primary Nordic patrol, but 100% of those patrollers have also maintained their alpine status by patrolling at sister patrols in the area.

Hammons is 05 - 06 Outstanding Alpine Patroller

Sandi Hammons of Perfect North Slopes Ski Patrol joined the NSP only 6 years ago, but by her second season was able to attain senior status. Once that goal was reached, this patroller did not stop. She set her sights on PSIA training and within another two years became a PSIA level 2 instructor actively involved in her patrol's skiing and tobogganing program.

During this time of highly active on-the-hill involvement, this patroller was also drawn to



other areas of her patrol. She took the time to rewrite her patrol's junior Patrol Manual, became an OEC instructor, and for the past three seasons has been Instructor of Record for the annual refresher for her patrol of over 200 members.

In recognition of her vast contributions to her patrol, this patroller has also recently been elected her patrol's Patrol Representative.

Johnson Named Outstanding Nordic Patrol Rep

Renee Johnson of Viking Nordic Ski Patrol has been a member of the National Ski Patrol for the past 17 years and has been a patrol representative for 10 of those years.

This patroller directs and represents a patrol of 21 members who patrol an area of over 175 miles.

Despite the logistic task of running such a large area, this patroller also spearheads a committee that organizes and coordinates yearly over 80 patrollers from many areas of the country to a special Nordic ski event involving 7000 to 8000 participants.

And as if this were not enough, this patroller also has found the time to instruct OEC and for the past two years serve as Instructor of Record and teaching at every OEC candidate class for two region Alpine patrols.

Smith is Outstanding Administrative Patroller

Robert Smith of Perfect North Slopes joined the NSP in 1987 and became a senior 6 years later in 1993. In 1997 he became a Ski and Toboggan trainer and in the following year became a senior ski and toboggan evaluator and CPR Instructor.

In addition to these areas of NSP involvement, this patroller's colleagues feel he has contributed even more with his managerial skills to his patrol and beyond.

This patroller is highly active in coordinating awards training for four areas in his region, is active in several community service organizations and has served as a section chief for the past three years.

Lueke Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller

Doug Lueke of Perfect North Slopes joined the NSP in 1980 and became a basic Alpine patroller the following year.

Starting as a Red Cross First Aid instructor and continuing on into the current area of Outdoor Emergency Care, this patroller has constantly volunteered his expertise in both candidate training and in OEC evaluation.

In addition to his OEC work, this patroller has served as a ski trainer, CPR instructor, and chair lift evacuation instructor as well as being a major source of recruiting for his patrol and active promoter of ski safety in the community.

In 2001, due to illness, this patroller rather than step away from the NSP, chose to be reclassified as an Auxiliary Patroller and continues to volunteer his time and talents despite significant physical limitations that prevent him from skiing.

Award Presentation Photos



Mark Gilliland receives a Division Director's Outstanding Award presented by Sherman VanKlombenberg for work with the Division survey.



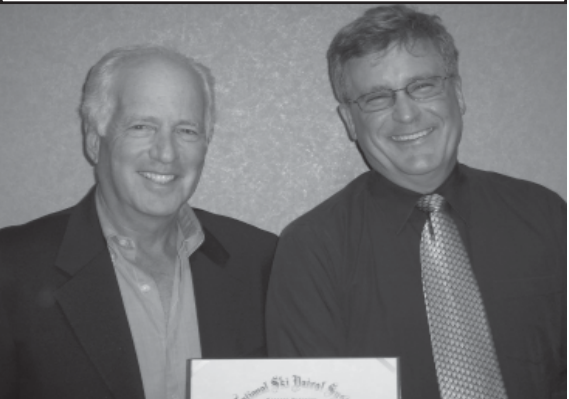
Deb Endly presents Mindy Mitchell with a Division Director's Outstanding Award in recognition of work on behalf of the OEC program.



Tom Anderson and Jay Zedak pose with Jim Andrews and his Division Director's Outstanding Award for his work with the NSP-C Ski School.



Ken Meldahl is recognized for work with Patroller 101 by Jay Stublefield as he provides Ken with a Division Director's Outstanding Award.



Corky Kahn is recognized with a Division Director's Outstanding Award for his efforts with Dale Mihuta and the Avalanche program.

More Central Division Award Presentation Photos



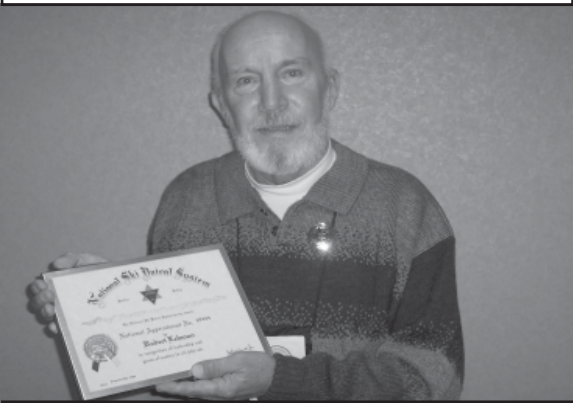
Chris Moe is recognized with a Division Director's Award as Outstanding Division Supervisor for her work with the Senior Program.



James Meunier receives his National Appointment number 10442 at this Division Awards Banquet.



Eric Gesteland is recongize for his work with in skills development with a Division Director's Outstanding Award. Read more about Eric on page9.



Robert Lehman receives his National Appointment number 10444 at this Division Awards Banquet.



Trudy Olsson is recognized for her work on the National judging committee with a National Certificate of Appreciation.



National Board Chairman Dr. Jim DeWeerd (r) was on hand to present awards. He is shown here awarding Caberfae with the National Outstanding Small Alpine Award.

Division Nordic Clinics Scheduled for January

By: David Squires, Division Nordic Supervisor

With days getting shorter and temps starting to dip into the 30's must of us have already started getting ready with the upcoming ski season by partaking in OEC Refreshers and Classes and renewing old acquaintances.

All patrollers should plan to attend the Central Division Nordic Ski Enhancement Seminar on January 6,7 & 8, 2007. On Saturday and Sunday we will be at Minocqua Winter Park, with testing and refreshing Basic and



Senior Skills on Saturday and a Nordic Clinic with Nordic Demo Team Member Dan Clausen on Sunday.

On Monday we will meet at Indianhead Mountain for a telemark clinic with Dan Clausen. All sessions will start at 9 A.M. If you are interested in this downhill discipline event contact David Squires, sharky@tekstar.com

My challenge to my fellow patrollers is to attend this clinic if you have not in the past and to go one step farther and invite another to join you. Even Alpine patrollers and boarders are welcome to join us and take a ride on the snow without the use of a lift.

As your new Central Division Nordic Supervisor I look forward to hearing from you with your comments, ideas, concerns and questions. I can be reached be email or phone, (218) 847-3926

Plan Now for Fall 2007 Meeting in Kalamazoo

By: Your Fall 2007 Central Division Meeting Committee

Camaraderie – n. comradeship; close friendship. From the American College Dictionary, it describes the special friendships and memories we in the National Ski Patrol share and it will be the theme of the Fall 2007 Central Division Meeting. Next year's planning committee would like to invite everyone to attend a meeting planned **for patrollers by patrollers.**

The meeting will be held September 7, 8 and 9 2007 in Kalamazoo, Michigan www.discoverkalamazoo.com and is hosted by the Western Michigan Region. Space has been saved for us at the Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites in the heart of downtown Kalamazoo, www.radissonkz.com. We are in the midst of planning events for both patrollers and their families. Kalamazoo is a wonderful place to visit with the Air Zoo www.airzoo.org, the Gilmore Car Museum

www.GilmoreCarMuseum.org, four microbreweries, many wineries, golf,



bicycling and shopping all easily at hand.

Remember that this is a meeting for ALL patrollers. Everyone can and should attend.

Don't forget that our National Office leaders attend these meetings. Come and meet your elected officers who were asked to take leadership for us following the changes in our voting policies. On Saturday, September 8, 2007, there will be a general session meeting where current hot topics will be presented by the National Chairman and Division Director; all patrollers are encouraged to participate. In addition the Division Meeting committee is working out details on classes, which will be offered to further your education or interests in the ski patrol. One of the biggest events of the meeting is the Awards Banquet, which takes place on Saturday night. At this year's meeting, we had the honor of being present when our own Caberfae Peaks Ski Patrol was presented with the National Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol Award!

Please follow the Rusty Parka News as we work out the details and have further information for you.

Want to Improve Patroller Ski Abilities? Look Here

By: Jay Zedak, NSP-C Ski School Advisor

If your local Patrol wants to have a Ski Enhancement Seminar come to your local ski area, the Region Ski School Advisor should be able to serve as your Instructor of Record. They will help register the course with National. They will help to make sure that all participant's names and course rosters are returned to National so everyone's membership portfolio reflects participation in this Senior Elective. In addition they will help bring in the appropriate Certified Ski or Board Instructors to lead the event.

If you want to become a Senior Skiing Evaluator for your Region or an become an additional resource for your Region as an instructor at SES's, contact your Region Ski School Advisor for instructions on the path to complete the goal of PSIA Level II or III.

Notice to all Senior Alpine Candidates, Senior Skiing Evaluators, and Region Senior Clinic Event Coordinators, the Central Division Board of Directors have voted in favor of a few new changes to the NSP- Central Division Senior Manual. Please make sure to review these important changes so you are not left in the virtual cold. Your Region Ski School Advisors can inform you of the changes.

If you want to see yourself skiing on Digital Video or if you wish have an Internet ski les-

son, your NSP-C Ski School now has that capability. V1 Software is now being used in every Region. Attend a SES near you to take advantage of this Great Ski Instruction tool.

To get on the slope and start teaching skiing to fellow patrollers, join your NSP-C Division Ski School. Your Region PSIA Advisor will assist you through the process.

Special congratulations to the newest PSIA Level III's in our Division Ski School.
Eastern Michigan -April O'Connell-Bennett
Eastern Michigan - Linda Barthel
Ohio Region - Marty Collins
Ohio Region - Tom Worley
South West - Dave Rega
South West - Laura Rega

See you on the snow.

Region NSP-C Ski School Advisors

Eastern Michigan	John Eder	jeder1939@yahoo.com
North Central	Bob Meyers	rmeyers@wpsr.com
Northern Michigan	Don Loerch	loerc01@tir.com
Ohio	Dan Moss	dmoss4@columbus.rr.com
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Southwest	Dennis Pike	skibum@nameplanet.com
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Western Michigan	Kevin Fultz	kevinfultz@aol.com

Contact additional members of the NSP-C Ski School thru our web site

www.nsp-cskischool.com

Cut and submit form to apply

2006-2007 NSP-C Ski & Board School Membership Application



_____ Renewal Membership _____ New Member Applicant

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (R) _____

(Cell) _____ (Pager) _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Patrol Name: _____ Region: _____

Level of PSIA/AASI Certification: _____ Discipline: _____ Alpine _____ Snowboard _____ Nordic Downhill _____

Are you currently a Senior Skiing/ Snowboard/ Nordic Examiner in your Region at this time: YLS NO

Are you currently a Toboggan Evaluator at Senior Exams in your Region at this time: YES NO

PSIA/AASI Membership #: Division: _____ National: _____

*A copy of your current membership card & check must be enclosed with application.
*In the event that you upgrade your certification status during the ski season, a new copy of your card must be submitted as soon as possible.
If you are currently Certified Level 1, 2, or 3 Enclose a check for \$55.00. Non-Certified members enclose a check for \$65 made out to the NSP-C Ski School. Postmarked on or prior to Dec 1, 2006.

We want to know what your personal goals and objectives are for the coming season

_____ To obtain a Certification Level or Increase to the next Certification Level

_____ To increase Depth of my disciplines knowledge

_____ To Instruct Senior Candidates this Season

_____ To Evaluate Senior Skiing or Boarding Candidates

_____ To Instruct Basic Candidates and other fellow patrollers

What means of support would you like from your NSP-C Ski & Board School

_____ Suggested Reading Material

_____ Suggested Video Programs

_____ Group Clinics at Region Level (Ski & Board Enhancement Seminars)

_____ One on one lesson

_____ Other: _____

Submit application w/payment to: NSP-C Ski School
c/o Jay Zedak
1622 Weymouth Drive
Hudson, Ohio 44236

Phone: (330)-650-2658
Email: jay@bugbustertec.com



Jay Zedak, NSP-C Ski School, provides advanced instruction to instructors at a Central Division S&T event in December 2005.

Dual PSIA NSP Training Credit

By: Tom Anderson, NSP-C / PSIA-C Liaison
NSP //PSIA Dual Members

C education staff members. These instructors will have been orientated to a “day in the boots / handles” of a patroller.

Looking for a PSIA Education Credit specific to Patrolling?

Here it is! The newest PSIA education course specific to Patrolling has been written, piloted and approved by both the NSP-C & PSIA-C boards. Coming this season a dual member seeking education credit will find three s c h e d u l e d events. To start off this new program, this season, it will be conducted as a two day event. The event fee will be \$120. This will satisfy the education credit requirement for a two year window. It will be taught by PSIA-



They went through a series of patroller skills and drills. They analyzed them in a way to understand why we do them and what they do in preparation of running toboggans. The curriculum was written with these experiences in mind and I am sure will blend together to help our patrolling dual members.

Check out the PSIA-C web site at www.psia-c.org or look in the fall Center Line calendar under specialty

courses. It is there!
Questions?
Contact me at tpanderson@charter.net

Get Your Motor Running With ID Courses

By: Virginia Rodeman, Central Division Instructor Development Supervisor

The Division fall meeting has just ended, and it's time to “get your motor running.” At least that is what fall always seems like if you are an OEC, chair evacuation, CPR, ID, MTR, Avy, or transportation instructor. When you read this, we will be “running” (I hope).

The ID CD course will be over, another one may also be over, local ID class may be over, and you decide that you want to take Instructor Development or another course. Or maybe courses aren't offered when you can get to them. What do you do?

Use your member login to log on the National website. Go to course calendar along the left side. You can look at all courses in not only your region and the division but also the whole system. With this advantage you can find something that works for you.

Keep your motor running!

Region Reports

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OEC Instructor Refreshers, OEC Refreshers and Patrol meetings and planning sessions for on the hill events are beginning to take place. The winter events calendar promises the Northern Michigan Region patrollers as possible while I travel throughout the Region to discuss NSP business with the Patrol Representatives and Area Management.

Our region will once again be hosting a Division ski and toboggan event as well as a Certified event. We look forward to hosting patrollers from other regions, and I personally hope to meet many of you at these events.

Southern Region

By: Ken Meldahl, Southern RD

The other evening, my wife and I were enjoying an evening together with some friends. The topic of discussion was centered around how busy we were as we were growing older and how difficult some tasks have become. Some of these tasks are decisions that we need to make.

One of our friends was wrestling with the issue of how to tell her mother that she should not drive any more. She is 85 years old and just the other day she misjudged a turn and sideswiped another car. She didn't think much of it, so continued on her way home. Of course, when the police arrived at her door, she was very distressed and confused. Our friend had already seen many signs that her mom should not be driving, but knew that taking away her ability to drive meant taking away her independence and would take away

many of the things she enjoyed doing. It was not that she wouldn't be able to participate in the same activities; it was just that she would have to find a different way to get there. But the latest incident reminded all of us that allowing her mom to continue driving was compromising the safety of others. There was more to worry about than just mom's independence.

Since I will be turning 60 very soon, I started relating this to not only some of the warning signs in my own life, but to the ones I see in my fellow patrollers. Minimum membership requirements for the NSP and local patrols require all members to successfully complete annual refreshers. The types of refreshers depend upon the members patrol level and local policies. There will come a time when we all must face that fact that we can no longer perform at the skill level that is required for the service we provide to our areas and customers. For some of us, this decision becomes very difficult.

As we grow older and reach the next step in our lives, we need to recognize the saying “growing older gracefully” must apply to our organization. We need to willingly be able to step aside as an active patroller. If we cannot do this on our own, the leaders in the Patrol must help each of us recognize our limitations and not have these limitations affect our primary duty as a Patroller. We, as a professional organization, cannot assume that “paying our dues,” means that we now have the privilege of being an active member of the National Ski Patrol for another year.

It takes more than that to be a National Ski Patroller. It always has. We have responsibilities to ourselves, the organization of the National Ski Patrol, and to area management. Each of us must not only do the very best we can in representing the organization to which we belong, but we must also recognize when our very best is no longer

enough. Our personal wishes cannot, like the wishes of the mother of our friend, take precedence over the safety of others. Nor can our personal wishes add a burden to the duties of other people on the Patrol because we are physically present, but cannot assist in a time of crisis.

If a Patroller cannot evacuate a chair on his/her own, if a Patroller cannot perform CPR on his/her own, if a Patroller cannot take down an injured skier on the toboggan on his/her own, if a Patroller cannot ski a full duty shift, perhaps it is time for the Patroller to find a different way to remain active in the organization, i.e., auxiliary or alumni status.

This certainly should not be viewed as a demotion by anyone, but rather the next step in our ever changing lives. Each of us will reach this step – there is no avoiding it. Looking around me – taking into the account the age of our Patrollers – I visualize a large portion of the Patrol at this threshold of life in the not too distant future. I hope that each and every one of us has the courage to place more value on our fellow patrollers and the skiers on the hill than ourselves and, in addition, we have the ability to accept our limitations and work within them.

In summary, this is an issue that must be addressed to ensure not only the safety of ourselves, but also the safety of the skiing public, our professional presence on the ski slopes, the avoidance of law suites due to the inability to perform our duties, and the adherence to the standards we have set for ourselves.

Taking this a step further, who is going to tell me that I cannot drive anymore when it comes to my ability to function as a patroller? Will I be able to recognize this in myself or will I, like my friend's mother, not want to give up my independence and the things I truly enjoy doing at the risk of other's safety?

Michigan Tech to Host X-C National Championships

By: Mike Abbott, MTU
Special to the RPN

Michigan Tech to Host Cross-Country Ski Nationals. Michigan Tech will be hosting the 2007 and 2008 U.S. Cross Country Skiing Championships.”

Pretty cool, huh? I start almost every conversation like that,” said Mike Abbott, director of sports and recreation and ski buff extraordinaire. “This is a national competition. If it were basketball, we’d be calling it the Final Four.”

Why is it coming here? A better question might be, why not? “Several of the skiers were here during the Junior Olympics, and they loved it,” Abbott said. “We’ve got great snow, and because Michigan Tech owns the trails, we’ve got guaranteed access. And we’ve got state-of-the-art grooming.” Plus, we’ve got four homologated courses, a designation that has nothing to do with milk. “Homologated” means they are certified for official competition by the U.S. Skiing Association. Tech’s are among only 13 such courses in the nation, Abbott said.

Both the 2007 and 2008 competitions will be held in January and will include freestyle (skating) and classic (striding) events, as well as a separate competition for the U.S. Disabled Ski Team. Skiers who are unable to use their legs instead use their arms to speed through the course.

“We’ll need quite a crew of volunteers again,” Abbott said. “And it will be a fundraiser for our own cross-country ski team and for the trails.”

Thus, local skiers who won’t be able to use the course during the competition may also see a major benefit down the line. “We hope to be able to install lighting on some of the trails afterward for night skiing.”



March 2nd-11th Michigan Technological University hosted the 2006 Nordic Junior Olympics. About 400 young racers between 13 and 19 years old competed for a week on excellent trails and under beautiful weather conditions. Overall 18 patrollers from NC region and also from Minnesota and Iowa helped to make the races safe. Patrollers enjoyed the events, camaraderie and some of the local attractions. Copper Country Nordic extends a big “Thank You” to everybody who helped patrol and we hope to see you again for other great ski events in the beautiful Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan. Patrollers pictured are David Squires, Roger Barr, Matt Manderfield, Donald Lappen, Tom Wright, Bob Iverson, Karen Endres, Bill Lappen, Barbara Wheeler.

Patrollers interested in volunteering for the 2007 and/or 2008 Nationals should monitor the Michigan Tech University web site, www.mtu.edu for updates or contact Barbara Wheeler, from the local Copper Country Ski Patrol at either bawheelerski@msn.com or 906-487-9695.

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Deepest powder , and

most adventure

and The Porcupine Mountains in Ontonagon, Michigan

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Mount Bohemia and The Porkies will pay for your lodging, give you \$250 for the week, and give your immediate family (up to four additional family members) free skiing as well. All you have to do is commit to guest patrolling with our patrol during this time period. Guest patrol would be required to patrol Monday thru Friday 10:30 am - 4:30 pm. Advanced reservations are required. This offer is good for only one patroller per ski area per week. To get the week you want call Barb at 906-369-0263 as soon as possible.

Senior Manual Complete: Now What?

By: Chris Moe, Division Senior Advisor

Congratulations Central Division which includes all nine regions. We now have the first complete Senior Manual in the National Ski Patrol System. Due to all the efforts and support from the regions this Senior Manual and Program is the best of all practices.

The manual includes:

1. General Information for ALL Disciplines
2. Senior Alpine Program
3. Senior Emergency Management Program
4. Senior Nordic Program
5. Senior Auxiliary Program

You can download the complete manual and/or separate components at the Central Division website. Check it out at nsp.org/division/central. Click on Central Division Senior Program. This is now the most current revision and any further changes now will

have to go as a written proposal to the board through the Senior Advisor. Now that the Manual is finished, now what?

Quality Assurance is the answer. The regions have worked very hard the last four years to one understand the need of a consistent program throughout the Division and to follow through with the writing of the manual. Quality Assurance will help to maintain the consistency and will continue the improvement of the senior program.

Just like we are all use to having an OEC IT attend our OEC Classes, Refreshers, and Evaluations as the QA person, the same is the case for every Senior Evaluation in all the disciplines.

Who does the QA?

The QA process and participants will be organized by the Division Senior Advisor for future evaluations. Any questions and

concerns should be sent to your Region Senior Advisor and the Division Advisor.

We are currently working on developing the process of QA. This program will be the recipe for success. I again will be looking to the regions while developing this program.

Last thing I want to reinforce is the upcoming Division Ski Trainer's Workshop (STW). We will be providing one of four programs for the region administrators to attend, which will be a mock senior alpine evaluation. We will cover calibration of evaluators and provide a clear picture of what the evaluation should look like. We will also cover clinics and candidate preparation.

So again I end this update with BIG CONGRATULATIONS to all of you in Central Division that have supported the Senior Program.

Have a great fall and see you on the slopes!



The Marquee on historic Grand Theater in downtown Wausau, WI welcomes Central Division patrollers to the Fall 2006 Central Division Meeting and Banquet held September 8 -10. Over 200 Central Division patrollers attended the weekend event that coincided with Wausau's famous Artrageous Weekend. Next year the event moves to Kalamazoo, MI. See the article on page 17 for information on next year's meeting.

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Attendees at the meeting also got first hand information on the new Instructor Development self-study CD that was introduced this summer. Ginny Rodeman, Instructor Development Supervisor for the Central Division, provided valuable input and answered questions about how the course is administered and how Region Administrator's will be notified when a patroller from their Region has completed the self-study course. Please let your patrollers who are interested in the Instructor Development class know that this self-study is an option when a local course is not available or if traveling distance is a concern. Additional questions regarding the Instructor Development self-study course should be directed to Ginny Rodeman.

Another speaker at the OEC IT Update Clinic was Ed Humphrey, OEC Supervisor for the Central Division. Ed discussed how Region Administrators will be notified once a little history on how the course works is documented and where attendees can get additional information. Ed emphasized that the distance learning class is not an option

that will work for everyone and that many who took the distance course found it to be more work than the more traditional two-night a week course. If you have someone who is interested in a distance learning course, or if your patrol is interested in this delivery method, please contact Ed Humphrey directly.

The Senior Auxiliary Module for the Central Division Senior Manual was 'rolled-out' to the group attending the OEC IT Update Clinic by Chris Moe and Cheryl Raudabaugh. Chris and her group are now working on the final piece of the Central Division Senior Manual, the Nordic portion. Patrollers present were able to learn how different patrols/regions incorporate the auxiliary patroller in their aid rooms. Chris sought direction from the Central Division Board regarding a patroller changing from a Senior designation to a Senior Auxiliary designation. This proposal will be reviewed at the Spring meeting of the Board after additional information is obtained. Patrols are encouraged to take advantage of the Auxiliary Patroller and to promote the Auxiliary program for patrollers who are no longer able to handle the toboggan or who are unable to maintain their skiing skills due to injury or illness. Questions regarding the

Auxiliary program and/ or the Central Division Senior Manual should be directed to Chris Moe or Linda Barthel. Congratulations should be given to Chris and Linda as recipients of the Outstanding Central Division Supervisor! On behalf of the OEC team, thank you both for your hard work on the Senior Manual. You two ROCK!

Some additional changes/updates to the OEC program include a change in the passing rate for the basic OEC course. The new passing rate is 80% for both the written and practical tests. Questions regarding this should be directed to your OEC IT or Region OEC Administrator. Information on the change was included in the practical exam distributed by the national office. Changes have also been made to who can challenge the OEC course and that information can be found in the updated Policy & Procedure's available on-line from your member log-in page (refer to sections 14.2.1, 14.2.2 and 14.2.3 of the 2006-2007 P&P). Also keep your eye out for an information piece regarding OEC evaluation procedures to be posted on the NSP website. As always, any questions/ concerns regarding the OEC program can be directed to the OEC Supervisor overseeing your Region.

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Avalanche

November

11 SW Basic Avalanche, Hidden Valley, Eureka, MO
18 SW Basic Avalanche, Hidden Valley, Eureka, MO
28, 30 SC Aval/MRT Fundamentals, Sunburst, Tim Troutt

December

5 SC Aval/MRT Fundamentals, Sunburst, Tim Troutt

January

27 NC Avalanche Course, Granite Peak, Bonnie Beirmeir

Awards

January

29 WM Awards due to Region, Kathy Young
29 WM National Appointment nominations due, Sue Brann

February

7 NC Awards Due – Stars, Appts, Outstandings, DSA, Carolyn DeJongh
17 NC Awards Committee Meeting, Wausau 11AM, Carolyn DeJongh

April

9 NC Awards due, Bravo, Cert of Appreciation, Carolyn DeJohgh
29 SR Region Awards Banquet

Certified

January

1 DIV Application Deadline for new Certified Candidates to Mike Longfellow-Jones
7 DIV Qualification and Re-certification Clinic @ Perfect North Slopes
14 DIV Certified Qualification Clinic only @Welch Mtn., Terry Spohn
20 DIV Certified Qualification and Re-certification Clinic @ Nubs Nob,Dan Somalski
20 DIV Qualification and Re-certification Clinic@ Marquette Mtn.,Tom Anderson
21 DIV Qualification and Re-certification Clinic @ Cascade Mountain, Paul Fuchs
26-28 DIV Certified ACT (Advanced Certified Clinic) Pilot @ Perfect North Slopes, Dale Mihuta dmihuta@fuse.net

February

9 DIV Certified Qualification Clinic only @ Chestnut Mtn., Chuck Martschike

March

1-4 DIV Annual Certified Evaluation & Meeting @ Nubs Nob, Mike Longfellow-Jones

Deadlines

November

25 NC Senior Applications due to Don Close

December

1 EMR Senior Application Deadline all Disciplines
1 WM Deadline for registration packets to Division, Bill Bradach
1 NC CPR Refresher deadline, Granite Peak
15 RPN Article deadline, Tim Zimmerman
1-30 WM Nominations open for WM2 Section Chief, Erica Krol

January

15 WM2 Section Chief candidate statements due, Erica Krol
15 NC Powder Lines article deadline, Tim Zimmerman

February

1 EMR Senior ESM Scenario Skill Sign Offs Due, ejburchfield@dow.com
3 SR Award Nominations Due, Mike Benhardt

March

1 NM Newsletter, Tena Lechtanski
15 WM Blue and Gold newsletter deadline, Colleen Wolfer

June

1 RPN Article deadline, Tim Zimmerman
1 NC Powder Lines article deadline, Tim Zimmerman

August

15 NC Powder Lines article deadline, Tim Zimmerman

Meetings

October

4 EMR EMR Fall Meeting (Patrollers Welcome), Ty Damon
7 EMR General Meeting & CPR, marilyngilin@hotmail.com
8 EMR Pine Knob General Meeting, Clarkston HS
18 WM Region Meeting, Branns, 7:00pm, Tony Wolfer

21 WM OEC IT Meeting, 11am-2pm, Branns – Grand Rapids, Karen Hadden

28 NC Fall Region board Meeting, Ski Brule, David Dahl

November

4 SR Southern Region Board Mtg (1PM), Rosemont, IL

December

1 SR Southern Region Board Mtg, Grand Geneva, IL

January

10 WM Region Meeting, Branns, 7:00pm, Tony Wolfer
27 SR Southern Region Board Mtg, Lombard, IL

February

16 SR Southern Region Board Mtg, Lombard, IL
28 EMR Region Awards Meeting (invite only), Ty Damon

March

14 WM Region Meeting, Branns, 7:00pm, Tony Wolfer
23 SR Southern Region Board Mtg. (Tentative), Grand Geneva, WI
24 SR Senior Emergency Management, Grand Geneva, WI
30 Div Central Division Spring Meeting, Chicago, IL

April

5 WM OEC IT Staff Meeting, Noon-1:30pm, Karen Hadden
21 NM Board of Directors Meeting, Robert Lechtanski
20-22 NC Region Banquet, Waters of Minocqua, Section 2 Host
28 SR Southern Region Board Mtg

May

2 EMR Region Spring Meeting, Genesys Conf. Ctr., Ty Damon
5 EMR Region Awards Banquet, TBA, rodemanix@aol.com
5 WM Region meeting, WM2 Section, 2:00pm, Tony Wolfer
5 WM OEC IT Meeting, Noon, location TBD
5 WM Region Awards Banquet, WM2 Section, 5:30pm, Mike Fick

September

6-9 Div Central Division Fall Meeting, Radisson, Kalamazoo, Michigan
21-23 WR The 2007 Western Region Fall Meetings (BOG and General) and Awards Banquet hosted by the Coffee Mill Patrol. Tom Gray, Mike Prigge

Mountain Travel and Rescue

February

17-18 NC MTR Level One, Steven Konkel

March

10 NC MTR TBA, Steven Konkel

Nordic

December

3 NC MWP Nordic S&T Refresher, Betty Adams

January

6-7 Div Central Division Nordic Clinic, Minocqua Winter Park, David Squires
8 Div Central Division Telemark Clinic, Indianhead, David Squires

February

11 SR Nordic Ski Evaluation
24 NC Birkebeiner Race, Hayward, WI

OEC

August

6 NC OEC Candidate classes begin, Granite Peak, Tari Blank
14 WM1 Section OEC Candidate classes start, Timber Ridge, Karen Hadden

November

4 WM1 Section OEC Final, Timber Ridge, Karen Hadden
11 WR Coffee Mill OEC Candidate Evaluation Mike Prigge
11 NC Section 4 OEC Final, Granite Peak, Tari Blank
13 EMR EM1 OEC Final, Alpine Valley, steve.werner@usa.net
19 EMR OEC/CPR make-up (must pre-register), Pine Knob, Steve Werner

December

2 NM Basic OEC Final Exam, Mt. Holiday, Dan & Mary Velikan
7 EMR OEC Enhancement (fixed splinting), Alpine Valley, marilyngilin@hotmail.com
7 EMR OEC Enhancement (traction splinting), Alpine Valley, marilyngilin@hotmail.com
9 NC OEC Final Mr. Ripley Ski Area, Dan Dalquist

January

12 EMR OEC Enhancement Seminar, Vitals/Oxygen, Alpine Valley, marilyngilin@hotmail.com
16 EMR OEC Enhancement Seminar- Backboard, Alpine Valley, marilyngilin@hotmail.com

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20 WM OEC Enhancement Seminar, Cannonsburg, Karen Hadden
22 EMR OEC Enhancement Seminar-CPR on-hill, Alpine Valley,
marilyngilin@hotmail.com

Refresher

October

1 WR Wild Mtn. OEC Refresher Dale Scheufner
1 WM Caberfae Peaks, OEC, Caberfae Peaks, Deann Jenkins
1 SR Swiss Valley OEC Refresher, Mike Varewyck
6 WR Christie Mtn. OEC Instructor Refresher Paul van Natta
6 WR Ski Gull OEC Instructor Refresher Melissa Schaitberger,
Nancy Cross
7 WR Afton Alps OEC Refresher
7 WR Ski Gull OEC Refresher Melissa Schaitberger, Nancy Cross
7 NC OEC Refresher/Chair Evacuation, Marquette Mt., Jim
Grundstrom
7 EMR CPR & Chair Evac, Pine Knob, Pam King
8 SW OEC OEC Refresher, Sundown Mountain, Dubuque, IA
8 EMR EM 1 OEC Refresher, Clarkston HS,
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13 WR Buck Hill OEC Refresher Kerstin Hammarberg
14 WR Buck Hill OEC Refresher Kerstin Hammarberg
14 WR Buena Vista OEC Refresh,Truman Jackson
14 WR Spirit Mountain OEC Refresher Jim Gears
14 NC OEC Refresher Section 4, Wausau, Keith Robinson
14 SR Chestnut OEC Refresher, Mike Foley
14 WM2 Section BLS and chairlift evac, Cannonsburg, Mike Fick
14 WM Crystal Mountain OEC, Crystal Mountain, Tom Fisher
14 EMR Chair Evac & Work Party, Alpine Valley,marilyngilin@hotmail.com
15 EMR Chair Evac & Work Party, Alpine Valley,marilyngilin@hotmail.com
15 NC Chairlift Evac, Section 4, Granite Peak, Tom Hynes
15 NC Chairlift Evac, Refresher, Mt. Ripley
15 SR Pines OEC Refresher, Ed Mollencupp
15 SR Chestnut Chair Evac & CPR,Mike Foley
15 SR Wilmot OEC Refresher, Woody Woodbury
15 WM2 Section OEC Refresher, Cannonsburg, Mike Fick
15 WM Crystal Mountain, CPR/BLS and chairlift evac refresher,
Crystal Mt., Tom Fisher
18 WR Northwest Nordic OEC Refresher David Squires
21 NC OEC Refresher, Section 3, Norway, 7am, Harry Lauritsen
21 EMR CPR& Chair Evac, Mt. Holly, mhsppd@comcast.net
21-22 SW OEC refresher, Sow Creek, Weston, MO
21-22 WR Christie Mtn. OEC Refresher Paul van Natta
22 EMR OEC Refresher, Bendle High School, mhsppd@comcast.net
22 SR Snowstar OEC Refresher, Leonard Davidson
27 WR Lutsen OEC Instructor, Susan Mullenix, Kim Brown
28 WR Lutsen OEC Refresher Susan Mullenix, Kim Brown
29 SR Glacial Park, Sue Fishburn

November

4 SW OEC Refresher, Hidden Valley, Eureka, MO
4-5 SW OEC Refresher, Great Bear, Sioux Falls, SD
5 NC OEC Make-up Refresher MWP, 9am, Berry Adams
8 EMR OEC Instructor Recertification Clinic, Pine Knob,
ellbur@bkf-law.com

December

9 WR Viking Nordic Ski Refresher - time and place to be
determined. Renee Johnson

January

7 EMR Make-up Chair Evac
13 NC Nine Mile Nordic S&T Refresher, Steve Konkel
20-21 NC Section 4 S&T Refreshers, Granite Peak, Tom Hynes
27-28 SR Alpine SES, Chestnut, IL

February

10-11 SR Senior Ski & Toboggan Evaluation, Chestnut, IL

Senior

November

18 WM Senior Emergency Management Warm-up, Timber Ridge,
Karen Hadden

December

January

6 SR Senior Alpine Clinic (Instructor Calibration – S/T),Peggy Butler
6-7 WR Senior Examiners Clinic - North location TBD Jane Mausser
7 SR Senior Alpine Clinic (Candidates), Peggy Butler
14 EMR Senior Candidates Ski/Toboggan pre-test, Mt Holly, Derek
Werner
27 SR Senior Emergency Management Clinic, Gretchen Kristola

27 WM SEM Eval,Timber Ridge, Karen Hadden
TBA NM SEM Mock on-the-hill Exam, Mt. Holiday, Roger Perreault

February

3-4 SW Senior S&T, La Crosse, WI
4 WM Senior Hill Workshop, Crystal Mountain, Shawn Rhoda
10 EMR Senior S&T Evaluation, Boyne Mt., Derek Werner
10 SR Senior Alpine Evaluation, Peggy Butler
24 NC Senior SEM Evaluation, Indianhead, Tom Hynes
24 SR Senior Emergency Management Eval., Gretchen Kristola
25 NC Senior Ski Proficiency/Toboggan, Indianhead, Don Close
25 WM Senior Hill, Crystal Mountain, Chip Knappen
25 NM Region SEM Evaluation, Boyne Mountain, Aren Fairchild &
Jim Parker

March

11 EMR Senior Scene Mgt. Evaluation, TBD
17 NM SEM Instructor Calibration Clinic, Nubs Nob, Roger
Perreault
18 NM SEM Evaluation, Nubs Nob, Roger Perreault

Testing/Training

October

28 NM Instructor Development, Nubs Nob, Sharon Crockett

November

26 WR Ski Enhancement Seminar - Metro Jim Andrews

December

2 SR SEM Evaluators Calibration Clinic, Grand Geneva, IL
2 WR Spirit Mtn. OEC Candidate Evaluation - SMDC Bob Mitchell
8-10 Div Division Ski/Snowboard Trainers Workshop, Boyne
Highlands, Harbor Springs, MI, Linda Barthel (invite only)
10 WR Spirit Mountain Chair Evacuation Drill, Ron Thorn
16 WR Spirit Mountain Repeat Chair Evacuation Drill, Ron Thorn
16-17 Div Division Ski/Snowboard Trainers Workshop, Granite
Peak, Wausau, WI
16-17 SR Region Alpine STW, Chestnut, IL
17 EMR Ski Trainers Workshop (trainers only)
30 WR Ski Enhancement Seminar - South Jim Andrews

January

6 WM Ski Trainers Workshop, Cabefae, Gregg Hoppe
6 SW STW, Snow Creek, Weston, MO
6 EMR Toboggan & Ski Enhancement Seminars, Mt Brighton,
psellenradd@sbcglobal.net
6 SR MTR I and II Classroom, Troutt's House, Tim Troutt
6-7 NM Instructor Calibration Clinic, Boyne Highlands, Aren
Fairchild & Jim Parker
7 EMR S&T ES, Snow Snake, psellenradd@sbcglobal.net
7 SW STW, Hidden Valley, Eureka, MO
7 WM Region Testing Calibration Clinic, Caberfae, Chip Knappen
8 DIV Central Div Nordic Telemark Clinic - Minocqua Dave Squires
13 EMR TES, Pine Knob, psellenraad@sbcglobal.net
13 SR Aval/MTR Fundamentals, Northern Kettles, Tim Troutt
13 NC Region S&T, Senior SEM Clinic, Senior S&T Clinic,
Candidate S&T Clinic, Ski Brule
13 NC Mt. Ripley, Candidate S&T Training Begins
13 WM OEC Enhancement Seminar, Timber Ridge, Karen Hadden
13-14 WR Level II Mountain Travel and Rescue Shakedown
Register on-line. Daryl Coons
20 NM Ski Enhancement Seminar, Nubs Nob, Aren Fairchild, Jim
Parker & Don Loerch
20 WM Ski Enhancement Seminars, Up-North, Kevin Fultz
20 SR Women's Clinic & SES, Sunburst, Thom Rabaglia
20 SR Skiing Enhancement Seminar – Contact Kevin White
21 WM TES, Up-North, Shawn Rhoda
21 NM Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, (TBA), Aren Fairchild,
Jim Parker & John Wallace
21 EMR Telemark/Snowboard Enhancement Seminar, Alpine
Valley, mas2@dcx.com
21 EMR EM3 Basic Ski/Toboggan Evaluation, Mt Holly,
skiharley@charter.net
26-28 WR Central Division Women's Seminar Mt LaCrosse

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