



# Rusty Parka News



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## Division Director's Report



**Jim Woodrum**  
Division Director

This will be my final fall RPN article as your Division Director. It has been a wonderful ride through the last several years to serve you and the needs of the NSP. We have an extremely dedicated staff that if I were to add up all the miles we have driven, zig zagging across the Division, I think we could have completely driven around the globe twice. We have probably used enough fuel in our vehicles to pull full production from a refinery for a month. That is the kind of dedication that has come from our Region Leaders, our Division Supervisors and Staff and all of this is to help you the member with SES's, Instructor Development, Avalanche Classes, MTR, Toboggan Enhancement Seminars, OEC refreshers, exams, enhancement seminars, practice, practice, practice in all of our programs, and certainly we have to have meetings (my favorite part of being a DD). That is right next to having my ear in the phone for a few hours a day working on NSP stuff. Without you the staff, the instructors, the IT's, and the members taking advantage of these educational and credentialing classes we could not make the progress we have in this Division. I bow to each and every one of you for such dedication and commitment in service.

Later in the RPN you will see the many pictures of our Division and National Award winners. What a great opportunity it is for me to honor these recipients at our Division Meeting in the fall. Your contribution to the NSP and other members is what contributes to making this Division as strong and moving as it is. Thank you for your contribution this past year and we look forward to your continued activities that we can all learn from in the future. Now that you have been recognized please look for the next person that may be worthy of being recognized and help them contribute to their full potential.

This summer we lost a very strong contributor to our division team, Dan Somalski, Assistant Division Director. One of Dan's attributes, that many of us appreciated and adored, was his aspirations for credentialed instructors in any subject matter taught by NSP instructors. To that end, Don Loerch has been working diligently to create a Dan Somalski Memorial Fund with sole objective to provide future funding for those members that need support to

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be credentialed instructors in any of our NSP Educational Programs. To accomplish this we need those that are willing to help contribute to the Memorial Fund that will help support these potential instructors in our future. We currently have a place on the Division Website where each of us can make a contribution to help support the development of this fund. The yields on the fund will be used to help support the financial needs for credentialing. If you can contribute \$5 or \$5000 these monies will be used to help build our future credentialed instructors in perpetuity. You may use PayPal on the Website or send checks to Don Loerch for this fund and Dan, his family, and the Division Leadership "Thank You" for helping to support the building of our future instructors. Dan always had a good joke, a warm smile, a helping hand, or a good kick in the pants for us. He will endure in our hearts and minds as we make that first good turn, that belly laugh from a funny moment, or passing a special place on the hills where perhaps Dan helped us understand his thoughts on the NSP. Please keep Dan, his wife Louise and their two daughters and their families in mind as we move into yet another ski season.

I want to end this article with a special "Thank You" to Don Steen, Southern Region Director, PD at Chestnut, and 2012 Division Fall Meeting Coordinator and his Committee for hosting a wonderful event at Chestnut Mountain. Below is the committee that put this super weekend together:

Don Steen- Facility Coordinator  
Patrick Perlman-Education Committee  
Mike Vaerewyck- Education Committee  
Frank Randall- Registration Committee  
Ken Meldahl- Program Booklet Committee and Logo Wear Committee  
Kim Zamble- Program Booklet Committee  
Jeff Schmidt- Hospitality Committee  
Christine Soat- Wine Tour Committee  
John Wachter-Kayak and/or Canoe Committee  
Dan Wenzel Motorcycle Ride Committee  
Don Wenzel Horseback Ride Committee  
Laura Schauer- Golf Outing Committee  
Jeff Hanley- Transportation Committee  
Deb Allison- Silent Auction Committee

I still have to say one thing about this committee: How could you possibly come up with such a meek, mild, shy, introvert like Deb Allison as your person in charge of the Silent Auction? LOL, Deb!

Well, I guess that is a wrap for this article. I can't thank the staff in this Division and all the other leaders enough that do what they do to make ski patrolling such a wonderful and rewarding experience. As they captured the theme for our Division meeting, "Let us make today, the Best Day of your Life", you all have made this chapter in my life pretty special for me and my family.

## Treasurer's Report



**Joe Hamel**  
**Division**  
**Treasurer**

Great News!

Central Division 2011-2012 consolidated financial Report is complete thanks to all 8 Regions submitting their individual reports as of the Fall Board of Directors meeting in Galina. Many thanks to Treasurers, Sharon Hazen, Sarah Hull, John Wiley, Orest Melynk, Dennis Sweno, Rand Johnston, John Donnelly and Greg Broman. By the end of September 2012 the IRS Form 990 will have been filed.

Posted at our Division's Web are the 2012-13 approved budget and ending June 30th actual income and expenses.

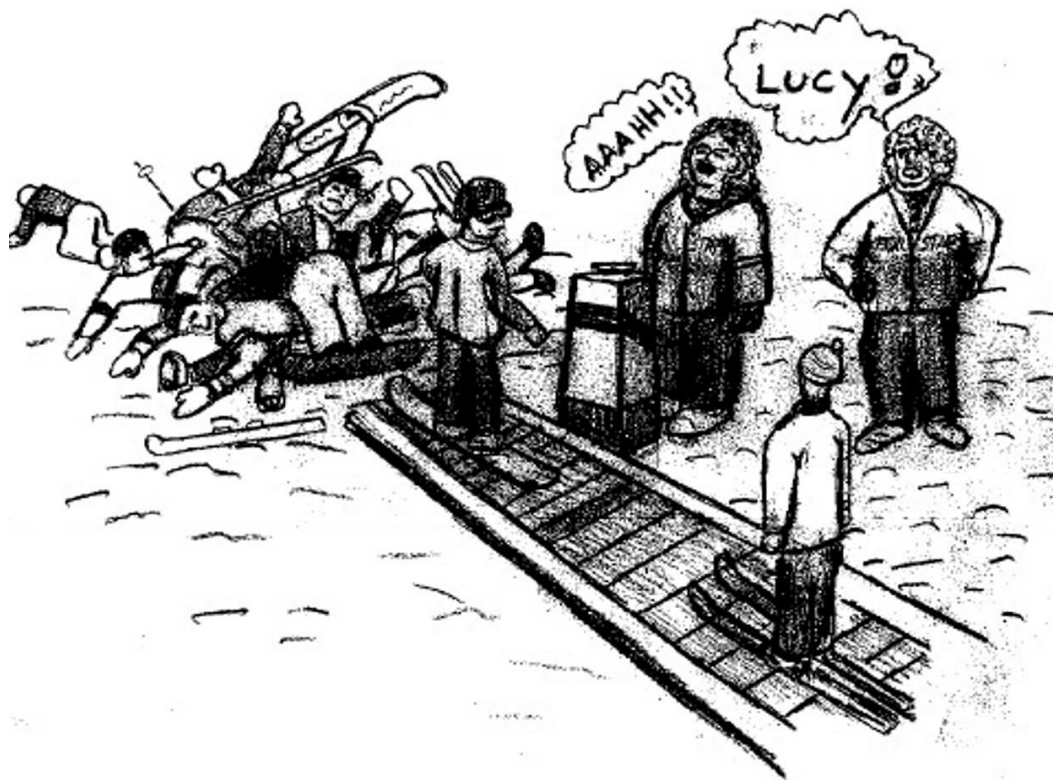
Summary of Accomplishments for year ending June 30, 2012

- Filed 2010-11 IRS Form 990 on time
- Attended Spring 2012 Central Division Board of Directors Meeting
- With the help of Kevin McQuillan we terminated Division Investment 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) EIN (Employer Identification Number) 36-4219451 and merged it with NSP Central Division Financials EIN 23-7241210.
- Reconciled Wells Fargo Checking each month and it balanced!
- Completed Western Mi Region Audit. Thanks John Donnelly and Dave Johnson for your efforts.

#### Objectives for 2012-13

- Finalize audits for North Central, Northern Mi, and Southern.
- Help increase the use of PayPal for event registrations
- Continue to remit expense voucher as soon as they approved
- Work with Sherwin VanKlombenberg to complete transfer of Registration income and payments to Wells Fargo.
- Attend Spring Board of Directors Meeting in Chicago, II April 5,6,7 2013

### Kasten's Korner



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# Time to Climb the Ladder



**Linda Murphy  
Jacobs  
ADD**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the supervisors, instructors, Division and Region board member and patrollers that I have had the privilege of working with over the past years as ADD. My life has been greatly enriched by working with you all. I am humbled by the many hours of service and the commitment to excellence that you all bring to the game.

Last year at our Division Women's clinic I did some informal gathering of information. I asked why we weren't seeing our women patrollers taking on the advanced leadership roles that are available. Our women are very active at the patrol level. They are somewhat less involved at the Region level and then even less active at the Division level. When asked "Are you being blocked from moving up the ladder?" our female patrollers replied in the negative. The glass ceiling is not the issue. So the issue is that we are not stepping up and pursuing those roles. I would encourage each of you who have held a patrol leadership position, or a Region position (male or female), to consider pursuing a Division level role. The same great people that you work with at the local level are out there at the Region and Division levels. It's just a bigger geography and a longer phone tree.

My time is up on the Division board in April. To date I am the only woman on the board. Please consider stepping up. Our organization needs you.

## Stepping Up



**Tom Anderson  
ADD**

Well, I guess it is my turn. That is; I have been asked to step into one of the Assistant Division Director positions. This position is very humbling for me as I will take over for one of the best, Dan Somalski who left this planet on July 25 due to a bout with cancer.

Of the many hundreds of patrollers I have met over the years, and I am not alone in saying that Dan stood out for a number of reasons. Big in stature, calm (most of the time), loud when he needed to be, and an infectious feeling of whatever he was about to do was going to be fun. I will for sure miss his presence but will reflect on many of the things I have learned from him; that is for one exception...don't look for any joke telling on my part. That will have to come from someone who took better notes than I.

For those that I have not had the pleasure of meeting & skiing with, I will be starting my 29th season at Marquette Mountain. I have helped with various duties in the Patrol, Region and Division structures. Primarily with on snow activities, I have been very involved with Ski & Toboggan training and evaluation here in the North Central Region as well as the Division S&T Workshops. I am a member of the Central Division Certified Staff and also a member of the NSP-C Ski School as an Alpine level III instructor. I look forward to meeting more of you as we continue a great tradition of excellence in the Central Division.



# OEC Update: A Humbling and Gratifying Experience



**Karen Haden**  
Division OEC  
Supervisor



**Kathy Glynn**  
Division Assistant  
OEC Supervisor

When was the last time, as a Senior OEC evaluator, you were evaluated and scored as the lead person at a level 5 or 6 scenario? This past weekend (Sept 28 and 29) Kathy and I had that experience. Along with the other Division OEC Supervisors and special guests we attended the first Senior Trainer Evaluator Certification Clinic. I'm proud to announce after a long and tiring day we all passed. What a feeling to be a Senior candidate again and performing at the passing level! Yes, many of us have evaluated for years, but all of us had forgotten what it feels like to 'walk in the candidate's shoes'. We all decided it was a very humbling and gratifying experience. It was wonderful to hone our skills as senior technicians and trainer/evaluators.

Each Division now has one or more certified senior OEC trainer evaluators who will be running clinics in their respective Divisions. Because we are well underway with numerous OEC classes and refreshers (some are complete) we will not start our Senior OEC

Trainer Evaluator Certification Clinics until after the 2012-2013 ski season. At the present time Kathy and I plan to have Recertification Clinics for our Region OEC Administrators and they along with us will certify all current senior OEC evaluators and trainers. This year we will use the new SrOEC manual with our current senior evaluators however by the 2013-2014 SrOEC evaluations all evaluators will be certified under the new program and recertified every 3 years. The good news is this certification will also count as your three year OEC recertification clinic.

Our friends in the Far West Division brought forth some suggestions for formatting of the SrOEC manual. Kathy and I will be meeting with them and the original committee to make the suggested changes. Because the SrOEC manual has been approved by National we cannot change content only some formatting. You are free to start your senior training and we will send you an updated manual as soon as it is completed. We hope to have this accomplished very quickly. Starting this season National will also furnish us a selection of scenarios we will pick from for our evaluations. We will no longer have to select our evaluation scenarios from the OEC test bank. This will eliminate the concern of candidates being evaluated on scenarios they may have practiced on.



Recently a National OEC Scenario sub-committee was formed. The committee has already updated the scenario scoring matrix and both blank scenario forms. Based on patroller population, each division was asked to submit a specified number of new basic and senior level scenarios. Our current focus will be getting new senior scenarios ready for use and then work on getting the basic level scenarios completed. Many scenarios were submitted during the supervisors meeting. The scenario committee will review all new scenarios to ensure they are in line with the fifth edition and for over all completeness and consistency. Once the scenarios are ready, they will be submitted for final medical review and approval for use. Our division was asked to submit 10 new senior level scenarios, and 8 patrollers from our division did a great job by submitting 11 senior and 3 that are above a senior level. The committee is also reviewing all of the existing scenarios that are located on MyNSPkit web site. Again, they are looking to ensure accuracy, completeness and consistency. If you would like to submit a scenario for consideration, please feel free to pass it on to us. Thanks to everyone for their efforts.

Good luck to you with your OEC classes and refreshers. Kathy and I are looking forward to working with you on all the new and exciting adventures in the OEC world.

# Central Division Ski School



**Dan Moss**  
**NSP-C PSIA Ski**

The Snowsports calendar is rapidly being finalized throughout the Central Division. Two events will be important to you as a member of the NSP-C Division Ski School program.

First, our NSP-C Division Ski School online registration will be up and ready to accept your input shortly. Keep an eye out for the email blast from your Region Ski School Advisor for the opening date.

[nsp-cskischool.com](http://nsp-cskischool.com)

Second, we are going to add a new option for the Division STW's, Credentialing Development. These are (2) Full Day sessions for all alpine trainers and patrollers interested in exploring initial or advanced PSIA/AASI certification. Groups will be coached by NSP-C Ski School full certified instructors. The objective of all groups will be to aid interested members in their journey toward initial certification and beyond. If you're serious about pursuing teaching credentials, you'll find these sessions a wise investment of your time. [These are NSP-C SS sanctioned events and not PSIA/AASI CEU's.]



Some of the Division Traveling Gang

Participants will be broken into like groups where they will spend two days teaching and skiing together, exploring technical knowledge and sharing the joyful burden of their pursuits. This should be a great time of camaraderie and development.

Signup for the Division STWs will be on the Division website as well. [nspcentral.org](http://nspcentral.org) While working on your winter calendar, review your Region calendar for an SES/SNES near you!

## Announcing your 2012-2013 NSP-C Division Ski School Region Advisors!

Region	Advisor	Email
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Nothern Mich		
Eastern Mich	Rob Carpenter	<a href="mailto:rajcarpenter@msn.com">rajcarpenter@msn.com</a>
Western Mich	Kevin Fultz	<a href="mailto:kevinfultz@aol.com">kevinfultz@aol.com</a>
Ohio	Matt Kim	<a href="mailto:kim.matthew@att.net">kim.matthew@att.net</a>
South Central	Tim Weinand	<a href="mailto:tweinand@aosmith.com">tweinand@aosmith.com</a>
Southern	Dave Malhiot	<a href="mailto:dmalhiot@yahoo.com">dmalhiot@yahoo.com</a>
Western	Jill Nothwehr	<a href="mailto:jillnoth@hotmail.com">jillnoth@hotmail.com</a>

We are looking forward to a fantastic year!





# Happiness is ... Attending an Educational Event in 2012 -2013



**Don Loerch**  
Division  
Skills Development  
Supervisor

“Time waits for no man” (or woman) as the saying goes and the arrival of the fall season is a gentle reminder for many of us that winter is just around the corner. Having recently returned from a busy fall division meeting in Galena, Illinois (Thanks team Southern Region!), we’re all well into planning training activities for the coming season.

Understanding that your local, region and division staffs have been hard at work organizing these valuable training activities, the rest is up to you. If you haven’t attended an alpine training event in the last year or so, you owe it to yourself to participate in one or more of the many opportunities available. As you look forward to the winter yet to come, please plan on spending a few of those precious free days investing in yourself.

For our part, the division ‘Skills Development Team’ will once again be spending three weekends on the road in December. As usual, we’ll be visiting a number of resorts around our neck of the country. For each alpine clinic (STW), we’ve structured numerous sessions relevant to the ongoing training of patroller’s, local trainers and region alpine staffs alike. A brief summary of each is provided below along with our venue schedule. For complete information and on-line registration, please visit the Central Division website at: [www.nspcentral.org](http://www.nspcentral.org) . Early registration is suggested, some sessions will fill up early. All registration will close on November 16<sup>th</sup> at noon eastern standard time.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable fall, see you on the snow.....

## 2012 - Division Alpine Clinics (STW’S)

### Toboggan Sessions:

**Toboggan Instructor Workshop – Refresh your Teaching Skills** (Full Day) This session is designed for all region and hill toboggan instructors. Our objective is to refresh and calibrate participants to current Division alpine standards. Group members will have ample hands on time to feel confident for the season ahead as a toboggan instructor. Join fellow instructors from across the Division sharing time in the traces and on the tail rope. Enrollment will be limited for this session.

**Future Toboggan Trainer Intro** (Full Day) This session is targeted toward senior patrollers interested in exploring what it takes to become a toboggan trainer. The day’s activities will include an interactive discussion of best practice toboggan training techniques, accompanied by ample time on the slopes. Our goal will be to provide an introduction and ‘how to’ of becoming a future toboggan instructor.

### Senior Program:

**Senior Candidate Toboggan/Ski-Ride Clinic – (2 Full Days)** This session is designed for senior candidates interested in having an early season opportunity to participate in a senior level toboggan handling and ski/ride clinic. Participants will have a chance to work hands on with division staff discovering and refining requisite skills expected at the senior alpine exam. Enrollment will be limited for this session.

**Senior Alpine Manual Review – (Full Day)** This session is designed for senior program administrators, senior evaluators and Senior candidate hill trainers seeking to better understand recent updates to the “Book of Senior”. Participants will have a chance to discuss and review in detail refinements to the manual contents with division staff.

### Accredited Senior Evaluator (ASE) Session:

**ASE Certification Exam (2 full days)** This session is designed for all current senior evaluators with or without PSIA/AASI credentials. The objective will be to award ASE certification after validation of senior evaluator skills as they pertain to the senior alpine program including: senior score card, skiing skills, movement analysis, feedback modeling, evaluation calibration and technical knowledge. Certification will be awarded based on successful performance and is valid for a 3 year period with recertification required during the specified term. Registration is limited to Region evaluators selected by their respective Region Director. This session will no longer be offered at all division STW’s. Instead, they will be prescheduled based on demand.

## Senior Evaluator Calibration Session (current senior evaluators):

Senior Alpine Evaluator Calibration Clinic (1 full day) This session is designed for all current senior evaluators (PSIA/AASI Level 2 /3 certified or ASE certified). The objective will be to calibrate senior evaluators to the current senior alpine standard. Successful completion of this calibration clinic is required every three years and is a prerequisite to participating as staff at senior alpine ski/board evaluations.

## Ski/Ride Session:

**Credentialing Development** (2 Full Days) These sessions are designed/recommended for all alpine trainers/patrollers interested in exploring initial or advanced PSIA/AASI (Level 1, 2 or 3) certification. Groups will be coached by NSP-C Ski School full cert instructors. The objective of all groups will be to aid interested members in their journey toward initial certification and beyond. If you're serious about pursuing teaching credentials, you'll find these sessions a wise investment of your valuable time. This is an NSP-C clinic, not a sanctioned PSIA/AASI certification event.

### Your Skills Development Team Is pleased to announce our early season Alpine Clinics

Ski/Board Trainers Workshops (STW's)

12-1/12-2 Trollhaugen Resort / Dresser, Wisconsin

12-8/12-9 Boyne Highlands Resort / Harbor Springs, Michigan

12-15/12-16 Cascade Mountain / Portage, Wisconsin

On-line registration is open now!

Don't delay, registration closes at noon (est) on 11-16-12.

Please visit [nspcentral.org](http://nspcentral.org) for complete details.

Questions? Contact: [dloerch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dloerch@sbcglobal.net)

## The Daniel Somalski Memorial Fund

Our *Central Division* is proud to announce the formation of a memorial fund honoring a very special friend and patroller. Dan, as many of us know, dedicated much of his 25 year patrol career to helping others attain their goals both on and off the slopes. As a long time "Certified" patroller #426 and a "PSIA level 3" he was a force to be reckoned with both inside and outside of the traces. It is in memory of Dan's example that his fund will sponsor an annual award to a current or aspiring NSP alpine trainer. In accordance with his family's wishes, the annual monetary award will be tailored to assist a worthy patroller in pursuit of their chosen alpine credential(s).

Please consider donating to this important fund just as many have already. By contributing you'll advance the goals of our organization and promote Dan's legacy. Visit [www.nspcentral.org](http://www.nspcentral.org) to donate on-line or contact [dloerch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dloerch@sbcglobal.net) for more information.





# The Central Division's Senior Program: A Journey?



Let's think of this in 3 steps.  
Recruitment + Mentoring + Recognition = The Senior Journey

**Recruitment**- How do we tell brand new candidates about the Senior Program? Of course they have a lot to focus on and deal with but at least sharing the idea with them. Planting the seed, gives candidates something to think about and work towards. Learning is fun, exciting, and builds togetherness thru teamwork and success. A sense of accomplishment and pride will come not only for the candidates but also the mentors and coaches. The Senior Program is a huge step toward our growth and we need to do the extra reach to our brothers and sisters. We need to ask patrollers to join this journey, they will when encouraged.

**Jay Zedak**  
**Division**  
**Senior**  
**Supervisor**

**Mentoring** – Many people feel the patrol is like an extended family. What do we do for our family? We support them! The fact that our patrollers are putting themselves out there for advancement is amazing. Be a mentor, find a mentor! We all benefit from having an advocate in our corner. The journey is different for everyone. One patroller shared that during her 4 year senior journey, her mentors were really key to her success. She had a whole team, someone who kept her going when she wanted to give up, someone who made her laugh, someone who gave her the tough love when she needed it and of course, the instructors that spent time training her. Her "senior family". The journey brings each patroller to the next level with more than refined OEC skills, and honed ski & toboggan skills....we gain leadership, new and closer relationships, confidence and much more!

**Recognition** – We want to celebrate this journey! What does your area do when someone completes their senior journey? Regardless of the cake, beer, certificates, plaques, awards, pins, or whatever it is, think about doing more! Make this celebration as special as the journey! Your fellow patrollers are caring about you!

Where do you see yourself fitting into this journey?

<http://www.nspcentral.org/senior.php>

Please consider being part of "A Senior Journey" this season.

## The Berkie Patrol Needs You!



**Peter Wollan**  
**Division Nordic**  
**Supervisor**

The American Birkebeiner ("The Birkie") is a cross-country ski race. For 9000 racers, it's a competitive race, drawing participants from all over the world; it's also an international social event, a fair, a party, and an all-around good time.

For some 60 Ski Patrollers, it's a job, a tiring slog, a party, and an all-around good time. The race takes place the fourth Saturday in February (2/23 this year). The main race is a 50 kilometer course, or a little more, going in a fairly straight line from Cable to Hayward, in Northeast Wisconsin. Patrollers ski along with the racers, but slower, and not as far: the usual patroller shift is 25k, and we're supposed to average 6k per hour. We ski in pairs, starting at staggered points along the trail. The goal is to have a patrol team pass any given point on the course every 15-20 minutes, so that if there's an injury we'll find them reasonably quickly. Injured skiers are evacuated with snowmobiles. Every year there are a few significant injuries, but most of the evacuations are for exhaustion or cold.



Friday night orientation for new patrol members.



Friday dinner at Senior Center.

by the air mattresses get thicker ...

As much fun as it is, and even though most of us come back year after year, we always need more patrollers. There are some non-skiing positions: there are a couple of spots on the trail where we post stationary patrollers, and we need people at the finish line. So, if you don't cross-country ski, there may be a place for you. If you do ski, and have been on your skis enough that a 25k shift sounds feasible, then there is definitely a place for you, out on the trail. Come join us!

The Birkie Patrol is a special-event patrol, so participation is open to all. There's a registration fee, which covers things like rental of the radios. It also covers dinner Friday evening, breakfast Saturday morning, and floor space in the Hayward Middle School Library to sleep on. And showers in the school gym. Of course, some people made motel reservations a year or two ago, or have friends with cabins in the area, but a lot of us stay in the Library. I've noticed, though, that as the years go



Saturday at 6 AM on way to the race.

Photos Courtesy Bob Hart

## Division Nordic Workshop Set



**Peter Wollan**  
Division Nordic  
Supervisor

This year the Division Nordic Workshop will be January 12 and 13 at Minocqua, Wisconsin, and January 13 at Bessemer, Michigan. The Saturday clinic includes testing, for both Basic Nordic Patroller and the skiing portion of Senior Nordic Patroller, as well as a skate and classic technique workshop run by PSIA-certified patrollers. Sunday is a group lesson by Dan Clausen, again covering both skate and classic technique. The workshop continues Monday, moving up to Indianhead in Michigan, for telemark technique, again taught by Dan.

Dan is an exceptional instructor, and it's hard to find a better way to improve your technique. The rest of us try to do a good job too, but he's definitely the main attraction.

The Minocqua area has lots of good restaurants, which adds to the fun. There are reasonably-priced motels, but we also rent a cabin for the weekend; it has beds for 9, and floor space for more if needed. It's a good weekend -- you'll have a good time, in a beautiful area, and you'll learn to ski better. Come join us!



2012 Workshop group photo.



# Certified Program 2012 - 2013



**Mike Longfellow-Jones**  
Division Certified Supervisor

This coming ski season marks the 31st Anniversary of the Certified Program in the Central Division. Nub's Nob, in Northern Michigan Region, was host to the first Central Division evaluation back in 1982, and will be this year's host area with a joint venue shared for the second time with Boyne Highlands. I encourage any patroller who is even remotely interested in seeing what the Certified Program is all about to seek out a Certified staff member, or to spend some time with us at the annual evaluation or even a Certified clinic near you. If there is not one listed and you have interest, I would be very interested in hearing from you personally to better serve your interest and the program at large.

The 2013 Certified Evaluation is planned for March 7-9, 2013 at Nubs Nob and Boyne Highlands, in beautiful Harbor Springs, Michigan! I encourage you to come out! We are about fun, we are about camaraderie, and we are about professionalism and skills while focused on serving the NSP, ski area management and the outdoor community!

<http://www.nspcentraldivisioncertified.com/>

## **Certified Clinic and event dates:**

Jan. 1, All New certified applications due in the hands of Mike Longfellow-Jones (mjones1@ford.com)

Jan. 5 & 6, Qualification and recertification clinic @ Perfect North Slopes (dan@mossremodeling.com)

Jan. 20, Qualification and recertification clinic @ Nubs Nob (rbarber@freeway.net)

Jan. 26, Qualification and recertification clinic @ Marquette Mountain (tom@window-outfitters.com)

Jan. 26 & 27, Qualification and recertification clinic @ Lutsen Mountain (aktscl@comcast.net)

Jan. 27, Tentative - Qualification and Certified Program Awareness Clinic (only) at Chestnut Mountain ([Patrick@lightspc.com](mailto:Patrick@lightspc.com))

March 7-9, Certified Evaluation and annual meeting – Nubs Nob & Boyne Highlands, Harbor Springs, MI.

Come on out and see what Certified is all about!

## Radio Issues: Are You Compliant in the FCC's Eyes?

By: Steve Beill  
Division Telecommunications Supervisor

All patrol reps need to make sure they communicate with the owners the need to make sure your hill radios are narrow banded before the end of the year. This includes a modification to your FCC license.

If you are not sure that this has been done, contact me with your call sign and I will look it up in the FCC data base.

If you operate under the National Ski Patrol frequencies the license will be done by Dick Wolff (National Telecom Advisor) by the end of the year.



Most of you have done this already, but for those of you who haven't; this is your last chance before operations start! Please be proactive and see that this is done.



# Toboggan Stuff



**Tom Worley**  
**Division**  
**Toboggan**  
**Supervisor**

The cold is in the air and we are about to start another season. Last season was short and warm. I certainly hope that we don't have a repeat of last season's weather.

Speaking of last season, did you get all of your on the hill refresher completed? Each year every on the hill patroller is required to take an on the hill toboggan refresher. If you did not, you may not be signed on to your past patrol. This is not a suggestion, it is mandatory so if you didn't have an on the hill refresher you better get with your patrol representative and get one in as soon as the snow flies.

**Division STW's in December:** The three Division STW's are now open for sign up. **The last day that you can sign up is November 16 at noon.** If you are interested sign up now as some programs are limited and the sign ups are based on a "first come first served" basis.

This year we have three toboggan programs:

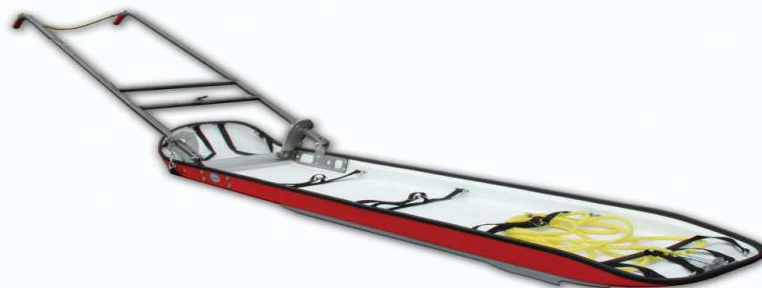
- The local Toboggan Instructor Workshop. This program is focused on the local hill toboggan trainer that is looking for some pointers and perhaps a few new tricks to help train his/her local patrollers.
- The Future Toboggan Instructor Workshop. This program is designed for those people that are at least an Alpine (Basis) patroller level and interested in becoming a toboggan instructor some day. This program will help you understand what is required both in ski/board skills and teaching the fundamentals to others.
- The Senior Candidate Toboggan Prep Workshop. This program goes hand in hand with the Ski/Board Senior Candidate Workshop. One of the two days will be dedicated to teaching Senior level toboggan handling skills and the drills that will help you prepare. This one day program will help you define the areas of toboggan handling that you may need to strengthen. You will be given drills that you can work on to continue strengthening your skills in the weeks to follow.

All of these events will be staffed with extremely experienced toboggan trainers who are there to help you with any and all toboggan questions and skill development progressions that you may need for this upcoming season.

**Toboggan ITs:** This year is the first year that each of you is required to provide your Region Toboggan Supervisor an outline of what you intend to accomplish or do this season. This document is to be provided to your Region Supervisor this fall so contact him for his cutoff date. As you all know it is also a requirement that you provide your Regions Supervisor a summary of what you did at the end of each season. If that hasn't happened yet, get on the ball and get that document to him. That is one way he knows what you did last season and helps him know if you should be reappointed. Remember, your IT status is annually appointed so don't fail to fulfill these two requirements.

**IT recertification:** Each IT is required to take a recertification in that discipline every three (3) years. That recertification has been defined for your Region staff and they will be putting on a recertification some time this season in your Region. If you don't remember when you last recertified, contact your Region Supervisor. If you need to take the recertification this season contact your Region supervisor for where and when.

Let' all work toward having a great season and I personally look forward to seeing many of you at this year's toboggan events.



# Instructor Development



**Virginia Rodeman**  
Division Instructor  
Development  
Supervisor

Fall is upon us. OEC refreshers are here. Calendars are being set and/or adjusted. Instructors are being called upon and new recruits are being tapped. That always means Instructor Development classes are requested. Isn't this putting the cart before the horse? Instructor Development classes are the first step for anyone who wants to teach the NSP courses. Check with your Region ID Administrator. See when the classes are set then work toward being an instructor. It is only through registered classes that patrollers will receive credit for the first step.

There are two ways that classes are offered. The first is the traditional one day or two day class. Yes, there is an online component, but that is only part of the class. It is followed by a face to face class. Here the instructor candidate "teaches" a short 20 minutes lesson. When this is completed, the instructor candidate is mentored in a NSP discipline. There is no set amount of time for mentoring. The instructor candidate watches other instructors, teaches classes, and really works with the material within the discipline until he or she is finally a full instructor.

## Patroller 101 and Risk Management



**Jeannine Mogan**  
Division Patroller  
101 Supervisor

Risk management is always a "hot" topic at the annual Midwest Ski Areas Association (MSAA) summer conference. This year there is a focus on chair lift safety as it relates to children. The campaign that is being rolled out is called "Kids on Lifts". Ski and Snowboard Patrollers will have an important role.

There have been some significant incidents throughout the country in which children have fallen from chair lifts. The NSAA hopes to reduce or eliminate these occurrences by educating children and their parents about chair lift safety.

The NSAA will be creating handouts and educational information that can be given to parents when they purchase lift tickets or sign their children up for lessons. Patrollers should be watchful while they are on duty.

- Small children and inexperienced skiers can be paired with adults when in the line for the lift
- Ride the chair with children and talk about the chair lift safety reminders on the way to the top
- Stop those who are not riding the chairlifts safely and have safety discussions with them
- Model safe chair lift behavior.

### **KIDS ON LIFTS**

#### **GET READY**

- Familiarize yourself with the chair lift by watching others get on the lift
- Ask for help when you need it. Small children should load closest to the lift operator
- Be prepared so that when it is your turn you are ready to move ahead to the loading area

#### **GET ON**

- Once you load, slide as far back in the chair as possible. Your entire back needs to be touching the back of the chair. "Back to back. Bottom to bottom"
- Small children's legs will be straight out.

#### **SIT STILL AND HOLD ON**

- No "horse play" on the chair
- Enjoy the ride to the top

For more information about Kids on Lifts go to <http://www.kidsonlifts.org/>

Risk management is one module of the Introduction to Patrolling program. Do your candidates know how to manage risks on the hill? In the chalet? In the Patrol Room? In the parking lot?

For more information about the Introduction to Patrolling program and a download of the manual, visit <http://www.nsp-central.org/patroller101.php>

## Message From Outgoing Supervisor



**Dale Mihuta**  
**Division**  
**Avalanche**  
**Supervisor**

For personal reasons I must discontinue my position as Division Avalanche Supervisor. It has been a great pleasure working with all of you. I will still stay active as an avalanche instructor.

For information on avalanche courses contact your regional avalanche advisor. If you wish to participate in a Level 2 course this season we will be working with the Eastern Division at Whiteface Mountain in the Adirondacks. The course occurs in March and I will be the contact person for the arrangements. The Level 2 course will go forward as an every other year event staggered with the Eastern Division. All other divisional coursework will be as it was last year. Again, thank you for your curiosity and enthusiasm.

## Looking Back and Forward in Avalanche

By: Dave Hartman  
N. Michigan Avalanche Administrator  
Central Division Interim Avalanche Supervisor

Want some statistics? How about 36-25-34. Unfortunately, they are the deaths from avalanche for the past 3 years.

With more people heading into slide country each season, the numbers are continuing their climb. National Ski Patrol was founded with avalanche safety education being one of the key parts. I feel that we can continue this fine tradition into the next 75 years.

Dale Mihuta has asked me to assist him and you, the patrollers of Central Division over the next season I will be happy to do what I can.

Our avalanche training season will open at Boyne Highlands 12/8-12/9.

This does not preclude more classes around the division as needed. If you would like an avalanche class, (or wish to become an avi instructor), please contact your regional avalanche advisor, or drop me a line and we'll see what we can do.

Thanks, and have a great season!





# Notice of 2013 Central Division Elections



**Ken Meldahl**  
Division  
Elections  
Supervisor

Three elections will be held in Central Division this season. There are 2 Region Director Elections and a Division Director election. One nomination form can be used for all of the elections. The nomination form located in this RPN may be used and sent to me by January 26, 2013 or the easiest method is to go to the Central Division website, find elections and fill out the form and submit, also by January 26, 2013. In addition, Section Chief Elections for Sections 2 and 5 should also take place this season. Section Chief Elections are run by each Region with the results reported to the Division Election Coordinator. All election processes and procedures can be found in the current Central Division Policies and Procedures which can be found on the Central Division website.

## **REGION DIRECTOR ELECTIONS**

### **EASTERN MICHIGAN REGION**

### **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION**

In accordance with the current Policies & Procedures of the Central Division, an election for the position of Region Director for Eastern Michigan and South Central regions will be held in the year 2013. The Region Director serves a three year term, administers the Region according to the Region's Bylaws and Policies and Procedures and reports directly to the Central Division Director.

#### **Qualifications:**

1. Must be a registered NSP member for at least five years
2. Must have served as a Section Chief, Patrol Representative, or National, Division or Region Program Supervisor/Administrator for at least two years.
3. Must be familiar with National policies and procedures as defined in the current NSP Policies and Procedures manual.
4. Must be familiar with the Region's policies and procedures, as applicable.
5. Must be registered in the Division as a Senior (Alpine, Nordic or Auxiliary) Patroller or Certified Patroller.

#### **Responsibilities:**

1. Supports and fosters NSP mission Statement.
2. Promotes and supports all NSP education programs within the Region to maintain the integrity of NSP training standards.
3. As a member of the Division Board of Directors, the Region Director is responsible for duties developed and designated by the Division Board of Directors.
4. Responsible for all aspects of the NSP programs and activities supported by the Region.
5. Promotes the financial support of the NSP and its programs.
6. Visits all areas with the Region during their term of office.
7. Submits an annual report to the Division Board of Directors.
8. Is responsible for communicating National and Division policies to Sections and NSP Registration Units, and is responsible for communicating NSP Registration Unit concerns to the Division Director and/or Division Program Supervisors.
9. Writes articles and reports for Division Newsletter.
10. Ensures that all Section and NSP Registration Units submit annual reports and financial reports in a timely manner.
11. Recommends individuals to the Division Program Supervisors, and in consensus with them, appoints individuals to serve as Region Program Administrators.
12. Monitors the performance and effectiveness of Region Program Administrators and recommends changes in concert with the Division Program Supervisor when appropriate.

## **NOMINATION PROCEDURE:**

Nomination may be made by any Region active patroller in good standing or by self nomination. The nomination form can be found in this issue of the RPN or can be downloaded from the Central Division website: [www.nspcentral.org](http://www.nspcentral.org). Nomination forms must be received by the Division Election Coordinator by January 26, 2013. Nominees will be sent a "Candidate Information Sheet" that must be returned by February 9, 2013. All nominees must follow "Guidelines of Conduct for Candidates" found in the current Central Division Policies & Procedures.

## **ELECTION PROCEDURE:**

The Division Election Coordinator will verify qualifications of nominees, notify nominees of any deficiencies and collect nominee's resumes and/or position statements which will be distributed to the electorate along with voting instructions by February 15, 2013. Ballots must be returned by March 8, 2013. Tabulation of ballots by the Division Election Coordinator and validated by the Election Review Committee by March 19, 2013. Election results will be announced to the electorate and posted on the Division website by March 27, 2013.

## **ELECTORATE:**

The votes for the election of the Region Director shall consist of the following:

One vote for each Section Chief and Patrol Representative; one additional elector for patrols with 51 to 100 members, two additional electors for patrols with 101 to 150 members, and three additional electors for patrols with over 150 members. The number of members is based on the June 30<sup>th</sup> membership of the previous year.

Each elector must be an active member of that patrol with two or more years of service in the Division. The names, addresses and email of these electors shall be made available to the Division Election Coordinator no later than January 15, 2013. Compliance shall be the responsibility of the Region Election Coordinator, or the Region Director if no Region Election Coordinator is appointed.

Or

One vote for every registered member of the Region. If the one patroller one vote option is selected, the entire cost and operation of the election will be borne by the Region. The process and timing for the election must be pre-approved in writing by the Central Division Election Coordinator. The process will be monitored and certified by the Division Election Coordinator.

Whichever population is used, the election outcome will be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast. If a tie occurs, it will be broken by the Division Director.

## **DIVISION DIRECTOR ELECTION**

Selection of the Division Director is by an election conducted by the Central Division election Coordinator and in accordance with the Central Division Policies and Procedures the results of which are reviewed and confirmed by the Central Division Election Review Committee. The Division Director shall have the duties set forth in the NSP Policies and Procedures, provisions of the Central Division Bylaws and shall direct the day to day operations of the Central Division, maintain communications with the National Ski Patrol System, Inc., the Region Directors and the individual Registration Units of the Central Division. He shall call and conduct the meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee and appoint the non-elected officers and advisors of the Central Division Staff and fill such vacancies as may from time to time occur.

## Qualifications

1. Must be a registered NSP member for at least five years. Membership in an NSP registered
2. Professional Division patrol shall constitute NSP membership.
3. Must have served one term as Region Representative or two terms as a Section Chief, or must have served as a Region, Division, or National Program Supervisor for at least two years.
4. Must be familiar with National policies and procedures as defined in the current NSP Policies and Procedures manual.
5. Must be familiar with the Division's policies and procedures, as applicable.
6. Must be registered in the Division as a Senior (Alpine, Nordic or Auxiliary) Patroller or Certified Patroller. (S09 P006)

Additional recommended (but not required) qualifications:

- Should have logged at least 80 days of active patrolling (excluding refreshers, tests, etc.) with one-third of these days at a ski area(s) in the Division.
- Should have experience working with management at a ski area in the Division and should have the endorsement of an area management representative in the Division.
- Should have actively participated in National level activities.

## Responsibilities

1. Supports and fosters NSP mission statement.
2. Promotes NSP education programs within the Division; supports Division staff in managing the integrity of NSP training standards; and establishes an atmosphere for the exchange of skills, ideas, proposals, techniques, and informational programs between NSP members, ski areas, NSP Registration Units, and regions.
3. Maintains accurate records at the Division levels. Develops an annual budget and presents it to the Division board of directors. Prepares an annual report and presents it at the annual Division meeting.
4. Carries out policies and responsibilities as defined in the NSP Policies and Procedures manual and the Division's bylaws.
5. Establishes and maintains relationships with other organizations related to the involvement of Central Division members including, but not limited to the annual and semi-annual meetings of the National Ski Patrol Board of Directors, PSIA, AASI and MSAA.

## NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

Nominations for Division Director candidates may be made by any Central Division active patroller or by self nomination. The nomination form can be found in this issue of the RPN or can be downloaded from the Central Division website: [www.nspcentral.org](http://www.nspcentral.org). Nomination forms must be received by the Division Election Coordinator by January 26, 2013. Nominees will be sent a "Candidate Information Sheet" that must be returned by February 9, 2013.

## ELECTION PROCEDURE:

The Division Election Coordinator will verify qualifications of nominees, notify nominees of any deficiencies and collect nominee's resumes and/or position statements which will be distributed to the electorate along with voting instructions by February 15, 2013. Ballots must be returned by March 8, 2013. Tabulation of ballots by the Division Election Coordinator and validated by the Election Review Committee by March 19, 2013. Election results will be announced to the electorate and posted on the Division website by March 27, 2013.



The candidate receiving the highest number of votes per an instant run-off vote process as detailed in Chapter 3 of the Central Division Policies and Procedures shall be declared the elected Central Division Director.

## **ELECTORATE:**

The votes for the election of the Region Director shall consist of the following:

One vote for each elected Region Director, Section Chief and Patrol Representative of a Registration Unit in the Division. In addition, one additional elector for patrols with 51 to 100 members, two additional electors for patrols with 101 to 150 members, and three additional electors for patrols with over 150 members. The number of members is based on the June 30<sup>th</sup> membership of the previous year.

Each elector must be an active member of that patrol with two or more years of service in the Division. The names, addresses and email of these electors shall be made available to the Division Election Coordinator no later than January 15, 2012. Compliance shall be the responsibility of the Region Election Coordinator, or the Region Director if no Region Election Coordinator is appointed. **All nominees for both Region Director and Division Director elections must follow the Guidelines of Conduct for candidates.**

## **National Ski Patrol Central Division GUIDELINES OF CONDUCT FOR CANDIDATES DIVISION OR REGION ELECTIONS**

- I. All candidates shall be held personally responsible for all actions of their chairperson, workers, committees, etc. (F09 P003)
- II. For each election or run-off election, any candidate seeking the election office and those acting in behalf of the candidates are permitted a maximum of three contacts with the voters including phone conversations for the purpose of campaigning.
- III. The candidates' campaign literature or other contacts shall be restricted to:
  - A. Introducing themselves
  - B. Announcing their platform and intentions
  - C. Enhancing their own qualifications
- IV. No candidate, or those acting on behalf of the candidate, shall make or publish derogatory or inflammatory statements about his/her opponent's qualifications, ability, service record, or personal life.
- V. Candidates holding a Division, Region, or Section position during the time of their candidacy shall not be permitted to do any campaigning while attending any meeting, session or any other Registration Unit activity in an official capacity or where the cost of attendance in travel or living expense is reimbursed wholly or in part by the Division, Region, Section or Registration Unit funds. Nor shall any campaigning be allowed in any communication, verbal or written, which is reimbursed by Division, Region, Section or Registration Unit funds. No Division, Region, Section or Registration Unit funds shall be used to reimburse any candidate for campaign related expenses, i.e. all campaign expenses will be paid for by the candidate. (F09 P003)(S11 P002)
- VI. A copy of all campaign literature mailed or distributed by a candidate, or those acting in a candidate's behalf, and also an outline of any organized telephone campaign, shall be sent to the Election Coordinator and the Division Director.
- VII. Failure to comply with these guidelines can result in the removal of a candidate from the election. This action will be reviewed first by the Election Coordinator, then by the Division Legal Advisor, and finally by the

Division Executive Committee, excluding any members who are candidates for the office in question.

**For complete elections information, refer to the Central Division Policies and Procedures, Chapter 3 and Central Division Bylaws, Article 11.3 available on line at [www.nspcentral.org](http://www.nspcentral.org).**

## 2013 CENTRAL DIVISION ELECTION NOMINATION FORM

I \_\_\_\_\_, ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) of \_\_\_\_\_ Region,  
(Name) (NSP ID #) (Name of Region)

Nominate \_\_\_\_\_, ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) of \_\_\_\_\_ Region  
for the (Name) (NSP ID #) (Name of Region)

Position of:

- REGION DIRECTOR
  - EASTERN MICHIGAN REGION
  - SOUTH CENTRAL REGION
- DIVISION DIRECTOR

This form must be emailed or sent to the Division Election Coordinator (DEC) by January 26 (postmarked) of the election year.

**MAIL TO:** Ken Meldahl  
Central Division Elections Coordinator  
63 North Ave.  
Fox Lake, IL 60020

Or nominate on-line at [www.nspcentral.org](http://www.nspcentral.org)

**ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 26, 2013**

## Region Reports



**Les Robinson**  
North Central Region  
Director

### North Central Region

Last year was a great year but we, also had low amounts of snow.

I would like to congratulate all the division award winners' great job to all. Also please continue or if you haven't done them start writing awards, which is such a great way

to honor our members in what we love to do.

All our OEC refreshers are scheduled or are taking place at this time with several completed. Candidate classes are underway at many areas.

We have several TES clinics scheduled through out the Region and will be adding as many SES's a as we can. This is going to be a transitional year for us as we have a new Region Director, several new Board Members, and new Section Chief's in Section I and IV. We are looking forward to having a good snow year and making up for last year.

I would like to add that the national board election is upon us please get informed and make your vote count.

Lastly if you are planning on getting to any of the division STW's don't forget the registration ends November 16th and if you don't get it in you will not be going as many found out last year!



**Bill Currier**  
**Ohio Region**  
**Director**

## Ohio Region

Hello from the OHIO Region. It was less than a month ago that we all got together at Chestnut Mtn. for our Fall meeting. I hope you all had a great time. I sure did. What a fantastic area and a great venue for our meeting and banquet. While I did not get a chance to participate in many events because I was in meetings all day Saturday and Sunday morning, I had about three hours to explore the area Sunday afternoon before leaving for the airport. It's amazing to see how much the area has expanded since Carol and I examined the Southern Region Senior Test there in 2000. Then there was nothing east of the lodge where there now is a new lift and terrain park. The Alpine slide seems to be very popular as well as being a neat way to get to the bottom of the hill in the off-season. On behalf of the Ohio Region, our thanks go out to Don Steen and his staff for putting on an exceptionally fine event.

We held a PD Retreat on Aug. 25 at a location within the Cuyahoga Valley National Park close to the Boston Mills Resort. The main purpose of the meeting was to bring together both new and old patrol representatives (PR's) for a day of sharing and socializing. The Park proved to be a perfect venue for the event. Jim Woodrum attended and gave an update on the current issues at National. An external speaker, a former Boston Mills General Manager and ski industry insurance expert, gave an informative and practical presentation on risk management. Legal and financial issues that PR's should be aware of were also presented. Two of our senior PR's in the region presented A Patrol Director' Checklist, including a sample patrol calendar, that was adapted from a document that has been used in the Western Region for several years.

The Ohio Region Fall Meeting held its Fall meeting on Sunday, Sept. 16 at the Liberty Township Fire Hall in Powell, OH (near Columbus). Plans for the upcoming season including refreshers, open houses / ski swaps, OEC classes, on-hill training and our Senior OEC Test in March, 2013, are already being rolled out. Much of our energy this season will be focused on bringing our new PR's (3), Section Chief, and staff members (2) up to speed and engaging them in region activities and events. Again this year, we are committing a large number of resources to our ski/board and toboggan training events with the goal of further enhancing our patroller's skills and image in the eyes of area management and their customers. Our new NSP-C Ski School Advisor and Toboggan Advisor already have Region STW's, SES's and TES's planned for each area that will have events for patrollers at all levels. A focus area for this season will be to help our core instructors maintain their accreditation. Also, we will be looking for ways to enroll those who are so wishing to in the PSIA/AASI certification program without requiring them to join an area ski school. Be sure to check out the Ohio Region events in the calendar for dates and locations.

In addition to being the NSP's 75th Anniversary, 2013 will be the Ohio Region's and the Boston Mills/Brandywine Patrol's 50th Anniversaries. Plans, including commemorative logos, clothing, news articles and banquets, are already being made to celebrate these events.

We are looking forward to a successful 2012/2013 season with lots of cold and white, slippery stuff (not ice) and hope to see many Central Division patrollers at the various events that we have planned.



**Don Steen**  
**Southern Region**  
**Director**

## Southern Region

Today at 10:44 am central daylight time, Fall arrived!!!! That means only two months until the start of another ski season in Southern Region!!!! Once again time has gotten away from me. My spring time thoughts of being ready for the next ski season by exercising, bike riding, hiking my way to being in shape has not happened. Shame on me. Next Saturday will begin a seven week trip in which I plan on attending nine OEC refreshers from Jones, Michigan to Kansas City, Mo. This will give me a great opportunity to meet with many Southern Region Patrollers.

Southern Region would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the Central Division and National Award Winners and the First Runner Up Award Winners. Keep up the good work.



I would like to congratulate the Southern Region Planning Committee for the Central Division Fall Meeting. I feel they did an OUTSTANDING job putting together and pulling off the Division Meeting. They involved 210 Central Division Patrollers in some aspect of the meeting. Outstanding... Fun activities involved 50 participants, not including marshmallow roast or bean bag toss, education classes involved 90 Patrollers, and 198 attended the Awards Banquet. All in all, I would consider this a successful Meeting. THANK YOU committee members. A special Thank You to all the Central Division Patroller that attended this meeting, " You Made It the Best Day of My Life".



**John "JT"  
Thomas  
Western Region  
Director**

## Western Region

Here we go again! Another Ski Patrol season has started! OEC refreshers are in full swing, shift schedules are being created and the STW sign up is happening. The Trollhaugen STW is the weekend of December 1st and 2nd, remember that November 15th the registration will be closed for all three of the STWs.

The National Broad elections will be open on October 15th and the Division needs you to vote. The Central Division has approximately 6700 members and we need more than one person from the Central Division on the National Board. Please vote for the candidate or candidates you feel have strong leadership track records. I can't stress how important it is to you and the entire Division. We need strong leadership on the board, both Jim Woodrum and Janet Glaeser have shown this leadership. Please vote for the 2 Central division members at a minimum.

I believe education is life long and never stops. Have you thought of doing a SES, TES or how about working on Senior or Certified classification? Both Senior and Certified classifications are about learning as much as you can about Ski Patrolling. I urge you to work on your skills, put a stake in the ground and set a goal for yourself this season to learn a new skill.

The Division meeting at Chestnut Mountain was a fantastic event and we look forward to next years Fall Division meeting that will be in Wausau, Wisconsin. I hope to see you on the Snow!!



**Dave Johnson  
Western Michigan  
Region Director**

## Western Michigan Region

The fall is here and we hit the ground running. OEC classes are underway with some already completed. OEC and CPR refreshers are in progress. There are several TES and SES's scheduled. Be sure to check the Region Calendar for dates and locations. We have made some changes to our awards staff and are hoping to get more deserving people recognized. Below is a list of our Region winners from the past season.

Outstanding Patrol	BITTERSWEET	
Outstanding Instructor	CHIP KNAPPEN	TIMBER RIDGE
Outstanding Patroller	PATRICK MARKAY	PANDO
Outstanding OEC Instructor	JENNIFER SQUIRES	TIMBER RIDGE
Outstanding Young Patroller	COLLIN CURTIS	PANDO

Outstanding Patrol Representative	COLLEEN WOLFER	PANDO
Patroller Cross	TONY WOLFER	PANDO
Patroller Cross	BOB RUSSEL	CABERFAE PEAKS
Yellow Merit Star	CASSIE PROCTOR	CABERFAE PEAKS
Yellow Merit Star	CHERYL GALL TIERNAN	BITTERSWEET
Distinguished Service	TONY WOLFER	PANDO
National Appointment 11340	KEVIN FULTZ	TIMBER RIDGE

Looking forward to a great season.  
Think Snow

# Central Division 2011 - 2012 Awards

**Awards Compilation and Information  
Submitted by Gregg Reese Central Division Awards Supervisor**



**Gregg Reese  
Division Awards  
Supervisor**

**Photos Courtesy of Randolph Johnston**

## **Southern Region Certificates of Appreciation for Fall Meeting and Banquet Committee**

Don Steen- Facility Coordinator; Patrick Perlman- Education Committee; Mike Vaerewyck- Education Committee; Frank Randall- Registration Committee; Ken Meldahl- Program Booklet Committee and Logo Wear Committee; Kim Zamble- Program Booklet Committee; Jeff Schmidt- Hospitality Committee; Christine Soat- Wine Tour Committee; John Wachter- Kayak and/or Canoe Committee; Dan Wenzel Motorcycle Ride Committee; Don Wenzel Horseback Ride Committee; Laura Schauer- Golf Outing Committee; Jeff Hanley- Transportation Committee; Deb Allison- Silent Auction Committee



## **Recognition of Central Division Members who have given above and beyond to their country in helping train members of our military**



Dan Moss  
Don Loerch  
Jay Zedak

## Division Director Award

Tony Ortega: for Outstanding Dedication and Service to the Central Division as South Central Region Director 2010-2012



Bill Dick: for Outstanding Dedication and Service to the Central Division as Southern Region Director 2009-2012

Bob Lechtanski: for Outstanding Dedication and Service to the Central Division as Northern Michigan Region Director 2006-2012



David Dahl: for Outstanding Dedication and Service to the Central Division as North Central Region Director 2003-2012

## Angel Pin

Sally Dahl for her support of David Dahl in his 9 terms as North Central Region Director





## Special Central Division Outstanding Awards

### Division Director's Program Award for Outstanding Service to a Division Program

Avalanche- Dale Mihuta Supervisor, Recipient: Bill Merkel, Snow Creek, Southern Region; Introduction to Patrolling- Jeannine Mogan Supervisor, Recipient: Phyllis Mauntel, Perfect North Slopes, Ohio Region; MTR- John Wachter Supervisor Recipient: Dave Brandon, Chestnut Mt, Southern Region; OEC (O, NM, WM, EMR)- Kathy Glynn Supervisor, Recipient: Paul Fuchs, Alpine Valley West, South Central Region; Nordic Program- Peter Wollan Supervisor, Recipient: Roger Petry, Giants Ridge, Western Region; Toboggan- Tom Worley Supervisor, Recipient: Cindy McLeod, Spirit Mt, Western Region; Women's Clinic- Sandi Hammons Supervisor, Recipient: Dana Zedak, Boston Mills/Brandywine, Ohio Region; Senior-Jay Zedak Supervisor, Recipient: Sue Brann, Timber Ridges, Western Michigan Region; Certified Program- Mike Longfellow- Jones Supervisor, Recipient: Rick Barber, Nub's Nob, Northern Michigan Region; Instructor Development- Virginia Rodeman Supervisor, Recipient: Lolita Barry, Marquette, North Central Region; Toboggan- Tom Worley Supervisor, Recipient: Troy Southwick, Mad River Mt, Ohio Region; OEC (SC, NC, S, W)- Karen Hadden Supervisor, Recipient: Rae Ann Ruddy, Pine Knob, Eastern Michigan Region; NSP C Ski School, Dan Moss Supervisor, Recipient: Dave Malhiot, Grand Geneva, Southern Region; Skills Development- Don Loerch Supervisor, Recipient: Tom Anderson, Marquette Mountain North Central Region; Awards- Gregg Reese, Supervisor, Recipient: Martin Fahje, Coffee Mill, Western Region; RPN- Tim Zimmerman, Supervisor, Recipient: Chris Raudabaugh, Mad River Mt, Ohio Region



### Central Division 2011-2012 Outstanding Instructor Trainer

Susan Brann, Timber Ridge, Western Michigan Region

### Central Division 2022-2012 Outstanding Supervisor

Dan Moss, Mad River Mountain, Ohio Region



### Traditional Outstandings

Central Division has approximately 6,368 active patrollers.  
These patrollers serve approximately 116 patrols.



Each year, all 8 Regions of the Central Division are invited to send in a submission for each of 12 Outstanding categories ranging from Outstanding Young Patroller to Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol.

The Central Division judges then select one patroller and one patrol in each category to be our Central Division Outstanding

The Central winners are then sent on to National to compete with all the other Divisions for National Outstanding and National First Runner-Up.

Because of the increasingly high levels of competition in our division, six years ago the Central Division Awards Program started a tradition of recognizing our Central Division Outstanding First Runners-Up as well as our Central Division Outstanding winners

### **2011-2012 Central Division Outstanding First Runners-Up**

First Runner-up Patroller: Jacci Angell, Boston Mills/Brandywine, Ohio Region

First Runner-up Instructor: Michael Spector, Boston Mills/Brandywine, Ohio Region

First Runner-up Young Adult Patroller: Nick Mehl, Pine Knob, Eastern Michigan Region

First Runner-up Alpine Patrol Rep: Leon LaVene, Mt Holly, Eastern Michigan Region



First Runner-up Small Alpine Ski Patrol: Navarino Hills, Mike Olson P.R., North Central Region

First Runner-up OEC Instructor: Patrick Throop, Schuss Mountain, Northern Michigan Region





First Runner-up Administrative Patroller: Candace Jacques, Schuss Mountain, Northern Michigan Region

First Runner-up Large Alpine Ski Patrol: Chestnut Mountain, Southern Region, Richard Davis PR. and Don Steen P.D., new P.R Laura Schauer



First Runner-up Alpine Patroller: Thomas Jordan, Chestnut Mountain, Southern Region.

## 2011-2012 Central Division Outstanding

### OUTSTANDING PAID PATROLLER

Michael Johnson of Nub's Knob Ski Patrol, Northern Michigan Region, joined the NSP in 1992 and the following season attained his patroller status. In the 20 years since, he has been a paid patroller at his area as well as being involved in many diverse positions such as snowmaking, on hill risk management, chairlift management, racing programs, and special event preparation. He also functions as the liaison between patrol and management in accident reporting.

This patroller is currently the lead paid patroller at his ski area and in addition to all these other duties, he also coordinates paid and volunteer patrollers' coverage for week day and special event situations

His signed in duty hours testify to his activity. The past two years alone he has put in an average of 1200 hours each season

The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are further pleased to present Mike with a Yellow Merit Star awarded by the National judges in recognition of his outstanding service as Central Division Outstanding Paid Patroller.

### OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTOR

Donald Loerch of Nubs knob Ski Patrol, Northern Michigan Region, joined the NSP in 1999, became a Senior Alpine Patroller in 2001, and a Certified Patroller in 2009. He received his National Appointment in 2009. This patroller is an Alpine Toboggan Instructor as well as being an IT, a CPR Instructor and is also a Level III PSIA actively involved in the

NSP-C Ski School for many years.

During the past several years this patroller has averaged approximately 160 on hill duty hours and well over 100 off hill hours yearly.

Over his career, this patroller has organized and taught innumerable courses throughout the Central Division and has received many awards from his Region and Division for his leadership and instruction skills

In 2010, this patroller participated with eight other members of his Division ski school in the first Ski Immersion Program for ski instructors that was offered at Vail. The five day program was designed to improve teaching/coaching skills of instructors. Because of his exemplary teaching skills, this patroller was one of three from our Division who were asked to instruct Army and National Guard instructors in ski teaching techniques. He gave up a week of his time in 2011, to assist our troops in this endeavor. All of this work is remarkable since he has also been serving as the Central Division Skills Development Supervisor for the past 4 seasons.

The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are further pleased to present Don with a Yellow Merit Star awarded by the National judges in recognition of his outstanding service as Central Division Outstanding Instructor.



### **OUTSTANDING OEC INSTRUCTOR**



Rae Ann Ruddy of Pine Knob Ski Patrol, Eastern Michigan Region joined the NSP in 2006 became an Alpine Patroller the following season. That season, she became an OEC Instructor and never stopped. She immediately became the lead OEC Instructor for a patrol of 132 members. In 2010 she became an OEC IT and her Region's OEC Advisor

This patroller actively teaches in yearly OEC refreshers of over 200 patrollers and has provided assistance and offered Q/A support to all the patrols in her region.

This patroller has averaged over 100 on hill duty hours for the past few seasons and approximately 225 off hill hours.

For such a short career, this patroller has accomplished an extraordinary amount as evidenced by being selected this year for the Division Director's Program Award recipient for the Division OEC Program

The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are further pleased to present Rae Ann with a Yellow Merit Star awarded by the National judges in recognition of his outstanding service as Central Division Outstanding OEC Instructor

### **OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATIVE SKI PATROLLER**

David Baumlein of Snow Trails Ski Patrol, Ohio Region, joined the NSP in 2001 became an Alpine Patroller in 2002 and a Senior Alpine Patroller in 2005. This patroller is an OEC Instructor and Alpine Toboggan Instructor as well as being an OEC IT.

For the past several seasons, this patroller has averaged over 200 hours yearly of on hill duty hours and almost 100 hours of off hill duty.

He has been a highly active Patrol Representative and for the past three seasons has served as his Region's Program Administrator.



The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are further pleased to present Dave with a Yellow Merit Star awarded by the National judges in recognition of his outstanding service as Central Division Outstanding Administrative Patroller



## OUTSTANDING LARGE ALPINE PATROL



Mt Holly Ski Patrol, Leon LaVene, Patrol Representative, Eastern Michigan Region, was activated in 1955- 57 years ago. Its 132 patrollers serve an area of seven chairlifts, five rope tows and two conveyers

Over the years, this patrol has sent many outstanding testers, trainers and administrators to region and division levels and this past season supplied 12 officers and advisors to Region, Division, and National.

Over the past four years, this patrol has 59 percent perfect attendance with the average patroller putting in well over 100 hours of on duty hill time.

Also, during the past four years, this patrol has not remained static. It has brought in over 25 capable, young members to the NSP. Many of them are employed in medical or related fields as physicians, nurses, EMT's, and firemen or policemen. These new members have greatly enhanced the care given the public and have also lowered the average age of their patrol by almost five years.

In 2011-2012 alone during a poor snow season, these patrollers notched just over 10,000 hours of on-duty time and responded to over 400 incidents requiring treatment.

The Central Division is honored to announce that for the 2011-2012 ski season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has awarded Mt. Holly a Unit Citation in recognition of their being named Central Division Outstanding Large Alpine Ski Patrol

## OUTSTANDING YOUNG ADULT PATROLLER

Trevor Stevens, Mt. Holiday Ski Patrol, Northern Michigan Region, who was born in 1995, wanted to become a patroller from the time he learned to ski. Before he was eligible to take the OEC class he volunteered to be a patient or untrained helper for class scenarios. Finally in 2010 he was old enough to join the NSP.



Immediately this patroller's positive attitude and cooperative spirit earned the respect of everyone in his OEC class.

Once he attained his OEC credentials, he continued helping in OEC. This past season this high school student helped teach at his patrol's OEC class, teaching two sections and was a station assistant for his patrol OEC Refresher

The Central Division is very pleased to announce that for the 2011-2012 season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Trevor as the National Ski Patrol's Outstanding First Runner-up Young Adult Patroller and for his outstanding efforts, he has been awarded the Silver Merit Star.

## OUTSTANDING PATROLLER



Marty Moore of Nub's Know Ski Patrol, Northern Michigan Region, joined the NSP in 1989 and became a patroller the following year. This patroller is unusual in that he is also his ski area's Outdoor Area Manager. He responds to at least 70% of the calls that come into the patrol base during the midweek days, often being first to arrive at a scene. It might be asked how a patroller who doesn't ski responds to so many accident scenes. This patroller drives an average of 30 miles a day on his snowmobile and has registered about 1400 hours of on hill duty for the past two seasons

But- the support of the patrol and the recognition of the value of the OEC certification is really at the heart of this submission. This manager chose to get involved by becoming trained in OEC himself. He then went a step further and required his lead managers to also

take OEC training. Now he has currently OEC certified employees in lift maintenance, grooming, snowmaking, rentals, and the tune center.

By integrating so many employees with the patrol, there is a culture of cooperation that is rarely seen at a ski resort

The Central Division is very pleased to announce that for the 2011-2012 season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Marty as the National Ski Patrol's Outstanding First Runner-up Patroller and for his outstanding efforts, he has been awarded the Silver Merit Star.

### **OUTSTANDING PATROL REPRESENTATIVE**

Peter Wollan, Hiawatha Nordic, Western Region, joined the NSP in 1996, became a Senior Alpine in 1999 and a Senior Nordic in 2003. In 2006 he received his National Appointment.

This patroller is an OEC Instructor, an MTR Instructor, and a Nordic Ski and Toboggan Instructor as well as being a Nordic Ski and Toboggan IT.

This patroller has been a Section Chief, a Region Nordic Advisor, and a Division Nordic Advisor.



But tonight he is being recognized for another achievement. This patroller who is a primary member of a Nordic patrol and a secondary on two Alpine patrols is a long term Patrol Representative of that Nordic Patrol.

As a patrol rep he has been responsible for countless improvements to his patrol and the entire Nordic community

This year, his region chose to enter his accomplishments into competition with many outstanding Alpine Patrol Representatives.

The Central Division is very pleased to announce that for the 2011-2012 season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Pete as the National Ski Patrol's Outstanding First Runner-up Patrol Representative and for his outstanding efforts, he also has been awarded the Silver Merit Star

### **OUTSTANDING ALPINE PATROLLER**



Mary Zelko, Powder Ridge Ski Patrol, Western Region, joined the NSP in 2000 and became an Alpine patroller in 2003. She very quickly became an OEC Instructor, CPR Instructor, Toboggan Instructor and also teaches new candidate skiing proficiency to her patrol's candidates.

This patroller has averaged over 220 hours yearly of on hill and 170 off hill duty hours over the past two seasons.

During the past four seasons she has as Instructor of Record taught 42 new patrollers, forty of whom are still active in the NSP. She has also developed a very successful online OEC study session.

Central Division and the National Ski Patrol were also further pleased to announce that in addition, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Mary as the National Ski Patrol's 2011-2012 Outstanding Alpine Patroller. For this outstanding accomplishment, Mary has been awarded with the National Outstanding trophy and a Gold Merit Star

### **OUTSTANDING SMALL ALPINE PATROL**

Schuss Mountain Ski Patrol, Dave Germond Patrol Representative, is a patrol that began in 1967. This Small Alpine Patrol of 39 patrollers serves an area with 5 chairlifts and 1 magic carpet tow.

During the past few years, this small patrol has supplied its Division, Region, and Section in innumerable leadership positions. During the past few years this patrol has been recognized with 8 Region Outstandings, Two Central Division Outstandings, and 3 Central Division First Runners-up.

This degree of excellence is demonstrated by the fact that of this patrol's 39 members, 26 have either Leadership Commendation Appointments or National Appointments.



The Central Division is also very pleased to announce that for the 2011-2012 ski season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Schuss Mountain Ski Patrol as the National Ski Patrol Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol and for their outstanding efforts, they have been awarded the Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol Trophy, the Gold Unit Citation and National pins for each member of this Outstanding Patrol.

The National Ski Patrol has also awarded a Yellow Merit Star to Schuss Mountain's Patrol Representative Dave Germond

### **Super Angel Award**



The National Ski Patrol is honored to present Karen Woodrum with a Super Angel Award for her outstanding support of her husband, Jim Woodrum throughout his nine years as Central Division Director

### **Central Division Lifetime Achievement**

The Central Division is proud to recognize Gregg Reese with the Central Division Outstanding Lifetime Achievement award for his exemplary work for the Central Division during his many years as a patroller.



### **Central Division Special Recognition**



Central Division Director, Jim Woodrum, presented Assistant Division Directors Linda Murphy Jacobs and Brian Cobble with special recognition for their outstanding dedication to the Central Division during their terms as ADD.



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Start Date	End Date	Event Type	Region	Location	Description	Contact
2012-10-12	2012-10-14	Other Events	Ohio	BMBW	Open House & Ski Swap	Tom Ciranna
2012-10-13	2012-10-13	REFRESHERS	North Central	Marquette Mountain	OEC and Chair Evac Refresher	lbarry@chartermi.net 906-486-8152 / 906-360-0862
2012-10-13	2012-10-13	REFRESHERS	North Central	Wausau, WI	OEC Refresher Section 4	Doug Borre wtd@solarus.net 715-570-2959
2012-10-13	2012-10-13	REFRESHERS	North Central	Blackjack / Powder Horn	OEC Refresher	Dale Feakes dale.feakes@gmail.com
2012-10-14	2012-10-14	REFRESHERS	Eastern Michigan	Alpine Valley	Alpine Valley OEC Refresher	Greg Dicenso - (248) 267-3282 or dicenso@millercanfield.com
2012-10-14	2012-10-14	REFRESHERS	North Central	Granite Peak	Patrol Meeting/Chair Evac	Bruce latonni bruceiattoni@mindspring.com
2012-10-14	2012-10-14	Refreshers	Ohio	PNS	OEC Refresher	Sandi Hammons/Dan Pflum
2012-10-15	2012-10-15	DEADLINES	North Central		Powder Lines Deadline	Tim Zimmerman 715-218-3328 tzimmerman@mitchellmetalproducts.com
2012-10-20	2012-10-20	OEC	South Central	Ausblick	OEC refresher	Nick Rogne
2012-10-20	2012-10-20	REFRESHERS	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	Mt. Holly CPR & Chair Evac Refresher	Lynn Hunt - (810) 701-9181 or mhsplynn@yahoo.com
2012-10-20	2012-10-20	REFRESHERS	North Central	Norway Mountain	OEC Refresher	Ralph Hicks at 906-282-5818 or Rhicks@norwaymi.com
2012-10-20	2012-10-20	Refreshers	Ohio	Paoli Peaks	OEC Refresher	Rick Jackson
2012-10-20		OTHER EVENTS	Ohio		Ski Swap	Randy Beecham (randlyn@embarqmail.com)
2012-10-21	2012-10-21	REFRESHERS	Eastern Michigan	Bendle Middle School	Mt. Holly OEC Refresher	Lynn Hunt - (810) 701-9181 or mhsplynn@yahoo.com
2012-10-26	2012-10-28	OTHER EVENTS	Eastern Michigan	Pine Knob	Pine Knob Ski Swap	Pam King - (248) 693-8871 or pammyking8384@aol.com
2012-10-26	2012-10-28	OTHER EVENTS	Ohio	Snow Trails	Ski Swap & Open House	Bob Wilson
2012-10-27	2012-10-27	I.D.	Northern Michigan	Nubs Nob Resort	Instructor Development Course	Sharon Crockett crockett2@charter.net
2012-10-27	2012-10-27	MEETING	North Central	Ski Brule	NC Region Fall Board Meeting	Les Robinson 715-325-3025 lrobins@wctc.net
2012-11-03	2012-11-03	OEC	South Central	Whitetail ridge	OEC refresher	Mary Hirsch-Justice
2012-11-03	2012-11-04	OEC	South Central	BMBW	OEC Basic Test	Janet Glaeser
2012-11-03	2012-11-04	OTHER EVENTS	Eastern Michigan	Alpine Valley	Alpine Valley Ski Swap	Greg Dicenso - (248) 267-3282 or dicenso@millercanfield.com
2012-11-03	2012-11-04	Other Events	Ohio	PNS	Ski Swap	Sandi Hammons
2012-11-03		OEC	Ohio	Boston Mills	Basic Tests (could be 3rd or 4th)	Janet Glaeser (janet409@cox.net)
2012-11-04	2012-11-04	REFRESHERS	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	Last chance refresher; call for reservations.	Betty Adams 715-588-7731 mbadams008@gmail.com
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2012-11-04		OTHER EVENTS	Ohio	Paoli Peaks	Ski Swap and Car Show	Rick Jackson RickSki@Live.com
2012-11-06		REFRESHERS	Ohio	Boston Mills	Cuyahoga Nodics OEC Refresher Last in Ohio. \$35 for non-members	Daryl Knauss (knauss95@cs.com)
2012-11-09	2012-11-11	MTR	Eastern Michigan		MTR2 Field Session	Bill Schick (wwschick@gmail.com)
2012-11-10	2012-11-10	AVALANCHE	Eastern Michigan	Pine Knob	Introduction to Avalanche Safety and Rescue	John Taylor - (248) 770-9959 or taylorjo2@gmail.com
2012-11-10	2012-11-10	OEC	South Central	Devils Head	OEC refresher	Jim Hubing
2012-11-10	2012-11-10	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Granite Peak	Candidate OEC Evaluation	Joe Pijan jpijan@yahoo.com
2012-11-10	2012-11-11	AVALANCHE	Ohio	Buckeye Sports Center, State Rd., Cuyahoga Falls,	Introduction to Avalanche Safety & Rescue	Kim Garrett (kwgarr@aol.com)
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2012-11-30	2012-12-02	Other Events	Ohio	Trollhaugen	Division STW	Don Leorch
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2012-12-08	2012-12-09	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Boyne Highlands	Division STW	
2012-12-14	2012-12-16	Other Events	Ohio	Cascade	Division STW	Don Loerch
2012-12-15	2012-12-15	DEADLINES	Northern Michigan	Boyne City, MI	New Senior Candidate sign-up deadline	Galen Fairchild galen.fairchild@juno.com
2012-12-15	2012-12-15	SENIOR	Northern Michigan	Boyne City, MI	NMR Senior Candidate sign-up Deadline	Galen Fairchild galen.fairchild@juno.com
2012-12-15	2012-12-16	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Cascade	Division STW	
2012-12-16	2012-12-16	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	Region Ski Trainers Workshop	Russ Livermore - (248) 761-8371 or rlivermore3@comcast.net
2012-12-16	2012-12-16	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Ski Brule	Patroller 101	Joe Matuszak 920-865-7608 jmt00z@aol.com
2012-12-16	2012-12-16	Toboggan	South Central	Cascade Mtn.	Toboggan IT calibration	Central Division
2012-12-27		SENIOR	Ohio	PNS	Senior Ski Day (tentative date)	Tom Tavenner (tom@tavgroup.net)
2013-01-01	2013-01-01	CERTIFIED	Eastern Michigan		All New certified applications due in the hands of Mike Longfellow-Jones	mjoness1@ford.com
2013-01-04	2013-01-04	DEADLINES	Northern Michigan	Royal Oak, MI	NMR Early Winter Newsletter Article Deadline	Candy Jacques NMRNewsletter@aol.com
2013-01-05	2013-01-05	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan		NMR Instructor Calibration Clinic	Jim Markey jim_markey@ameritech.net & Bob Anderson bob.anderson@permaloc.com
2013-01-05	2013-01-06	CERTIFIED	Ohio	PNS	Pre-Qualification	Dan Moss (dan@mossremodeling.com)
2013-01-05	2013-01-06	CERTIFIED	Ohio	Perfect North Slopes	Qualification and recertification clinic	dan@mossremodeling.com
2013-01-05	2013-01-06	TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	PNS	Region STW	Matt Kim (matthew.kim@insight.rr.com)
2013-01-06	2013-01-06	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Brighton	TES, SES, SNBES	Russ Livermore - (248) 761-8371 or rlivermore3@comcast.net
2013-01-06	2013-01-06	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan	Schuss Mtn.	NMR Training Clinic	Jim Markey jim_markey@ameritech.net & Bob Anderson bob.anderson@permaloc.com
2013-01-06	2013-02-24	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Ski Brule	Candidate S&T Training	Joe Matuszak 920-865-7608 jmt00z@aol.com
2013-01-12	2013-01-12	REFRESHERS	North Central	Granite Peak	S&T Refresher	Chuck Jonas ozzynkat@charter.net
2013-01-12	2013-01-13	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	Nordic SES All skill clinic and evaluation starts at 9 am	peter.wollan@gmail.com
2013-01-12	2013-01-13	TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	BMBW	Region STW	Matt Kim (matthew.kim@insight.rr.com)
2013-01-13	2013-01-13	REFRESHERS	North Central	Granite Peak	S&T Refresher	Chuck Jonas ozzynkat@charter.net
2013-01-13	2013-01-13	REFRESHERS	North Central	Pine Mountain	On Hill Refresher	Russ Reynolds 920-465-0283 rreynolds@new.rr.com
2013-01-13	2013-01-13	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	TES, SES, SNBES	Russ Livermore - (248) 761-8371 or rlivermore3@comcast.net
2013-01-14	2013-01-14	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Indianhead	Nordic SES Telemark Clinic starts at 9 am	peter.wollan@gmail.com
2013-01-15	2013-01-15	DEADLINES	North Central		Powder Lines deadline for winter issue (Banquet Info Due)	Tim Zimmerman 715-218-3328 tzimmerman@mitchellmetalprodu cts.com
2013-01-19	2013-01-19	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Snow Snake	TES, SES, SNBES	Russ Livermore - (248) 761-8371 or rlivermore3@comcast.net
2013-01-19	2013-01-19	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	T/B/D	North Central S&T and Senior Clinic	Jim Grundstrom 906-475-7877 jimgrundstrom@freichevy.com
2013-01-19		TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	Clear Fork	SES/SNES	Matt Kim (matthew.kim@insight.rr.com)
2013-01-20	2013-01-20	CERTIFIED	Northern Michigan	Nubs Nob	Qualification and recertification clinic	rbarber@freeway.net
2013-01-20	2013-01-20	SENIOR	Eastern Michigan	Pine Knob	Senior Ski & Toboggan Pre- Test Clinic	Mike Rhadigan - (586) 335-6996 or rhadclan@gmail.com
2013-01-20	2013-01-20	SENIOR	North Central	T/B/D	Mandatory Senior OEC Clinic	nancy@cdasc.com Nancy or Chris Dobrinski
2013-01-26	2013-01-26	CERTIFIED	North Central	Marquette Mountain	Qualification and recertification clinic	tom@window-outfitters.com
2013-01-26	2013-01-26	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	Marquette	Noque Marquette Marathon	Jim Grundstrom 906-475-7877 jimgrundstrom@freichevy.com

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2013-01-26	2013-01-26	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands Resort	NMR SES & SBES (Sno-Bowl Weekend)	Jim Markey jim_markey@ameritech.net & Bob Anderson bob.anderson@permaloc.com
2013-01-26	2013-01-26	Testing/Training	Ohio	Mad River Mountain	SES/SNES	Matt Kim
2013-01-26	2013-01-27	CERTIFIED	Western	Lutsen Mountain	Qualification and recertification clinic	aktsc@comcast.net
2013-01-26		TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	Paoli Peaks	TES	Rick Jackson RickSki@Live.com
2013-01-27	2013-01-27	CERTIFIED	Southern	Chestnut Mountain	TENTATIVE: Qualification and Certified Program Awareness Clinic (only)	Patrick@lightspc.com
2013-01-27	2013-01-27	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	EMR3 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Roxanne Usewick - roxmu@sbcglobal.net
2013-01-27	2013-01-27	Testing/Training	Ohio	Snow Trails	SES/SNES	Matt Kim
2013-01-27	0000-00-00	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands Resort	NMR TES (Sno-Bowl Weekend)	Jim Markey jim_markey@ameritech.net & Bob Anderson bob.anderson@permaloc.com
2013-01-27		TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	PNS	TES	Sandi Hammons (hammons@insightbb.com)
2013-02-01	2013-02-01	OEC	Northern Michigan	TBD	NMR OEC SEM Clinic Paperwork Submission Deadline	NMR OEC Administrator
2013-02-01	2013-02-01	OEC	Northern Michigan	TBD	NMR OEC SEM Clinic Paperwork Submission Deadline	NMR OEC Administrator
2013-02-01	2013-02-01	SENIOR	Eastern Michigan	Mail/E-mail	Senior SEM Scenario Skill Sign-off Deadline	Rae Ann Ruddy - (248) 672-7511 or raeruddy@comcast.net
2013-02-01	2013-02-01	SENIOR	Northern Michigan	TBD	NMR OEC SEM Clinic Paperwork Submission Deadline	NMR OEC Administrator
2013-02-02	2013-02-02	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	Wolf Track Rendezvous 42K Marathon	Betty Adams 715-588-7731 mbadams008@gmail.com
2013-02-02	2013-02-02	Testing/Training	Ohio	Paoli Peaks	SES/SNES	Matt Kim
2013-02-02		TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	Snow Trails	TES	Bill Harkins (Bharkins@idealelectricco.com)
2013-02-03	2013-02-03	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Brighton	EMR2 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Dave Petrak - (810) 227-8430 or dpetrak@a2gov.org
2013-02-03	2013-02-03	TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Pine Knob	EM1 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Jeff Jurcak - jeffandlaurie@yahoo.com
2013-02-03	2013-02-03	Testing/Training	Ohio	PNS	SES/SNES	Matt Kim
2013-02-09	2013-02-09	SENIOR	Eastern Michigan	Boyne Mtn.	Senior Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Mike Rhadigan - (586) 335-6996 or rhadclan@gmail.com
2013-02-09	2013-02-09	Testing/Training	Ohio	Big Creek	SES/SNES	Matt Kim
2013-02-09		TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	BMBW	TES	Tom Ciranna (234-380-1039)
2013-02-10	2013-02-10	OEC	Northern Michigan	TBD	NMR OEC SEM Clinic	NMR OEC Administrator
2013-02-10	2013-02-10	SENIOR	Northern Michigan	TBD	NMR OEC SEM Clinic	NMR OEC Administrator
2013-02-10	2013-02-10	Testing/Training	Ohio	Boston Mills	SES/SNES	Matt Kim
2013-02-10		TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	Alpine Valley	TES	Dave Puruczky (dtilemann@att.net)
2013-02-13		TESTING/TRAINING	Ohio	Clear Fork	TES	Randy Beecham (randlyn@embarqmail.com)
2013-02-17	2013-02-17	AWARDS	North Central		Awards Submission Deadline	Marcia Locher rlocher@charter.net 715- 341-8934
2013-02-17	2013-02-17	MTR	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	MTR Level II - Class Session	Chuck White - cwhite@kettering.edu
2013-02-20	2013-02-20	AWARDS	Northern Michigan	Toledo, OH	NMR Individual Awards Deadline (appointment, Stars, MSA, DSA, etc.)	Virginia Rodeman rodewoman@yahoo.com
2013-02-20	2013-02-20	DEADLINES	Northern Michigan	Toledo, OH	NMR Individual Awards Deadline (Appointments, Stars, MSA, DSA, etc.)	Virginia Rodeman rodewoman@yahoo.com
2013-02-23	2013-02-23	AWARDS	North Central	T/B/D	Awards Meeting at Senior Event	Marcia Locher rlocher@charter.net 715- 341-8934
2013-02-23	2013-02-23	NORDIC	North Central	Hayward, WI	Birkebeiner Marathon: Patrollers Needed	nanimm@aol.com 906-482-3833
2013-02-23	2013-02-23	SENIOR	North Central	Mont Ripley (tentative)	Senior Eval	nancy@cdasc.com Nancy or Chris Dobrinski
2013-02-23	2013-02-23	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan	Mt. Holiday Ski Area	NMR Section #3 Basic On-Hill Proficiency Evaluation	Rod Kivell rj.kivell@att.net Jeff Summers jfreerides@aol.com
2013-02-23	2013-02-23	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan	TBD	NMR Section #2 Basic On-Hill Proficiency Evaluation	Peter Toundaian peter.toundaian@sbcglobal.net Chuck Thomas chuckthomas4@yahoo.com
2013-02-23	2013-02-24	SENIOR	Ohio	BMBW	Senior Test	Tom Tavenner (tom@tavgroup.net)
2013-02-24	2013-02-24	SENIOR	North Central	Mont Ripley (tentative)	Senior S&T eval	



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2013-02-24	2013-02-24	SENIOR	Northern Michigan	Boyne Mountain Resort	NMR Senior On-Hill Proficiency Evaluation	Jim Markey jim_markey@ameritech.net & Bob Anderson bob.anderson@permaloc.com
2013-02-24	2013-02-24	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan	Boyne Mountain Resort	NMR Senior On-Hill Proficiency Evaluation	Jim Markey jim_markey@ameritech.net & Bob Anderson bob.anderson@permaloc.com
2013-02-24	2013-02-24	CERTIFIED	Southern	Chestnut Mountain	Certified Qualification and Recertification Clinic	p_perlman@hotmail.com
2013-03-01	2013-03-01	AWARDS	Northern Michigan	Toledo, OH	NMR Outstanding Awards Submission Deadline	Virginia Rodeman rodewoman@yahoo.com
2013-03-01	2013-03-01	DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	E-mail	Awards Write-ups Deadline (All Patrols)	Joe Johnson - (810) 445-5090 or j@jw3.com
2013-03-01	2013-03-01	DEADLINES	Northern Michigan	TBD	NMR OEC SEM Paperwork Submission Deadline	NMR OEC Administrator
2013-03-01	2013-03-01	DEADLINES	Northern Michigan	Toledo, OH	NMR Outstanding Awards Submissions Deadline	Virginia Rodeman rodewoman@yahoo.com
2013-03-01	2013-03-01	OEC	Northern Michigan	TBD	NMR OEC SEM Paperwork Submission Deadline	NMR OEC Administrator
2013-03-01	2013-03-01	SENIOR	Northern Michigan	TBD	NMR OEC SEM Paperwork Deadline	NMR OEC Administrator
2013-03-01	2013-03-03	MTR	Eastern Michigan	Fredrick, MI	MTR Fundamentals & Level II - Field Session	Chuck White - cwhite@kettering.edu
2013-03-02	2013-03-02	NORDIC	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	Lakeland Loppet Ski Race	Betty Adams 715-588-7731 mbadams008@gmail.com
2013-03-03	2013-03-03	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Ski Brule	Candidate S&T Evaluation	Joe Matuszak 920-865-7608 jmt00z@aol.com
2013-03-03	2013-03-03	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Granite Peak	Candidate S&T Evaluation	Bruce lattoni bruceiattoni@mindspring.com
2013-03-03	2013-03-03	TESTING/TRAINING	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands Resort	NMR Section #1 Basic On-Hill Proficiency Evaluation	Carl Woodcock carl.woodcock@sbcglobal.net Dan Dryden drphoton@yahoo.com
2013-03-07	2013-03-09	CERTIFIED	Northern Michigan	Nubs Nob & Boyne Highlands, Harbor Springs, MI	Certified Evaluation and annual meeting	mjones1@ford.com
2013-03-09	2013-03-09	NORDIC	North Central	Calumet, MI	Great Bear Chase Marathon	karenendries@hotmail.com
2013-03-09	2013-03-09	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	Ski Brule	Ski with a Patroller / Patroller Appreciation Day	Joe Matuszak 920-865-7608 jmt00z@aol.com
2013-03-09	2013-03-09	SENIOR	Eastern Michigan	Pine Knob	Senior Aid Room Module	Jodie Fuller - (989) 781-2962 or jf4seasons@aol.com
2013-03-09	2013-03-09	SENIOR	Eastern Michigan	Pine Knob	Senior SEM Evaluation	Rae Ann Ruddy - (248) 672-7511 or raeruddy@comcast.net
2013-03-09		OEC	Ohio	BMBW	Senior OEC Evaluator Calibration Clinic	Dave Baumlein (dbaumlie@insight.rr.com)
2013-03-10	2013-03-10	AWARDS	Northern Michigan	TBD	NMR Awards Committee Meeting	Virginia Rodeman rodewoman@yahoo.com
2013-03-10	2013-03-10	MEETING	Northern Michigan	TBD	NMR Awards Committee Meeting	Virginia Rodeman rodewoman@yahoo.com
2013-03-10	2013-03-10	MEETING	Northern Michigan	TBD	NMR OPS Committee Meeting	Dick Jacques rjacques@ameritech.net
2013-03-10	2013-03-10	OEC	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands Resort	NMR OEC SEM Evaluation	NMR OEC Administrator
2013-03-10	2013-03-10	SENIOR	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands Resort	NMR OEC SEM Evaluation	NMR OEC Administrator
2013-03-10	2013-03-10	OEC	Ohio	BMW	Senior OEC Test	Dave Baumlein (dbaumlie@insight.rr.com)
2013-03-13	2013-03-13	AWARDS	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	Awards Review Meeting	Joe Johnson - (810) 445-5090 or j@jw3.com
2013-03-14	2013-03-14	DEADLINES	Northern Michigan	Royal Oak, MI	NMR Spring Newsletter Article Deadline	Candy Jacques NMRNewsletter@aol.com
2013-03-23	2013-03-23	MTR	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	MTR Level I - Class Session	Chuck White - cwhite@kettering.edu
2013-04-01	2013-04-01	DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	E-mail	Administrator Report Deadline	Derek Werner - (248) 342-1970 or derek.werner@usa.net
2013-04-01	2013-04-01	DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	E-mail	Expense Report Deadline	Sharon Hazen - rhazen@comcast.net
2013-04-19	2013-04-21	MEETING	North Central	Waters of Minocqua	Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet	Les Robinson 715-325-3025 lrobin@wctc.net
2013-04-20	2013-04-21	MTR	Eastern Michigan	Independence Oaks	MTR Fundamentals & Level I - Field Session	Chuck White - cwhite@kettering.edu
2013-04-27		MEETING	Ohio	Mad River Mtn	Spring Meeting & Banquet (date to be confirmed)	Bill Currier (curriewd@gmail.com)
2013-05-02	2013-05-02	MEETING	Eastern Michigan	Genesys Conv. Center	Spring Meeting (Patrollers Welcome)	Derek Werner - (248) 342-1970 or derek.werner@usa.net
2013-05-04	2013-05-04	AWARDS	Northern Michigan	Cedar River Hotel - Bellaire, MI	NMR Awards Banquet	Virginia Rodeman rodewoman@yahoo.com
2013-05-04	2013-05-04	BANQUET	Northern Michigan	Cedar River Hotel - Bellaire, MI	NMR Awards Banquet	Virginia Rodeman rodewoman@yahoo.com
2013-05-04	2013-05-04	MEETING	Northern Michigan	Cedar River Hotel - Bellaire, MI	NMR Spring Board of Directors Meeting	Dick Jacques rjacques@ameritech.net

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2013-05-11	0000-00-00	BANQUET	Eastern Michigan	EMR1	Awards Banquet	Jeff Jurcak - jeffandlaurie@yahoo.com
2013-09-22		MEETING	Ohio	Liberty Township Fire Hall	Region Fall Meeting (date to be confirmed)	Bill Currier (curriewd@gmail.com)

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