

Rusty Parka News

Annual 2012 Report

The goals set out for the 2011 – 2012 season were to continue providing the RPN in electronic format, with hard copies to patrollers requesting them and members of MSAA, with emphasis on a) continue to improve content participation by Central Division Staff and CD patrollers and b) continue to work with the National full time staff to promote NSP sponsors.

I wish to thank our board members and CD staff for the great content submitted this season. Based on the positive comments from patrollers across the division, I can report they appreciate hearing from board members, CD staffers and patrollers. In my opinion our publication is one of the best volunteer-created regular newsletters available, thanks to all of you and your submissions.

Details are reported below-

1. **Hard Copy Subscribers:** We currently have 196 patrollers and MSAA members receiving the RPN as a hard copy, grayscale, print version. This compares to 197 at same time last year. The balance of the division is supplied via electronic version.
2. **Participation:** We had 84 articles submitted (36 Fall 2011, 25 Winter 2012, 22 Summer 2012) by 41 unique authors. This compares to 73 articles by 42 unique authors in 2010 – 2011 season. Nice work everyone! I believe I may have the best support of any program in the Division. Thank you very much.
3. **Software Upgrade Update:** We transitioned from Adobe PageMaker to Adobe InDesign CS5 last season. I reported last year there are time saving-features in the new software. Now that I have nearly one full year of experience with the software I am much more familiar with options to enhance the appearance of the RPN and have begun adding subtle color highlights to some of the standard features.

I consider it a privilege to serve as RPN Supervisor. Thank you for the opportunity. As always, I welcome your comments and ideas for improvement. You may contact me at any time via email at tzimmerman@mitchellmetalproducts.com, phone- office 715-536-7176 ext. 232, cell 715-218-3328 or home 715-2987-9070.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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