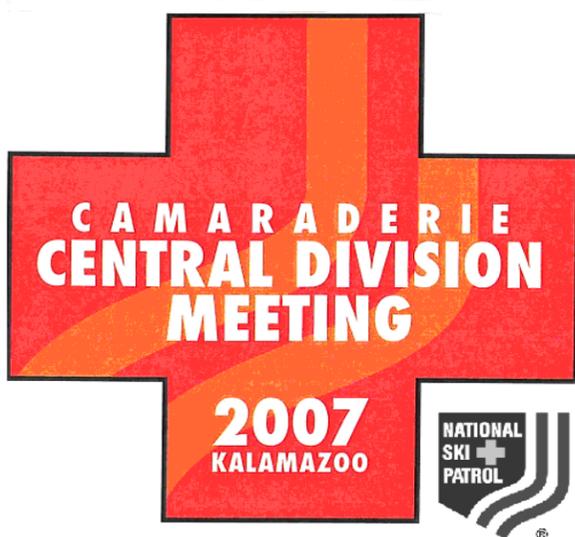




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Jim Woodrum, Central Division Director

CENTRAL DIVISION DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

I personally would like to welcome two new Central Division Board Members to our Division Team. John Thomas is our new Western Region Director, replacing Tom Gray. Our second new member is Derek Werner as our new Eastern Michigan Region Director, replacing Ty Damon. Reelected for his second term is Thomas Rabaglia as South Central Region Director. I also was reelected for my second term as Division Director. Many thanks to Tom Gray for serving as our Western RD for the last six years and Ty Damon as our Eastern Michigan RD for the last three years. We wish you the best as you continue patrolling at your local areas.

We also have several new Division Supervisors that join us this year and we welcome your energy, talents, and continued service to the NSP. They will be introduced by the Assistant Division Directors within this newsletter. To those stepping down from their positions thank you for your dedication and support of our many programs within Central.

I just returned from the Summer National Board meetings held in late June. Lots of changes taking place within the organization. The first is our new NSP Executive Director, Tim White. Tim is replacing Mark Dorsey, who moved over to ASEA, formerly PSIA, as their new Executive Director. Tim has been serving as the National Ski Area Association, Education Director for the last several years. He is clearly familiar with the NSP and has been a great help to our NSP organization and Division serving in that capacity. Unfortunately I also learned that nearly all the staff from the NSP has now moved to the ASEA. Tim has a big job in front of him to fill all the roles with new people, learn his own new Executive Director role, train

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all the new folks and begin working with virtually a new National Board of Directors. I ask each of you to please be patient with things coming from National with this complete turnover in personnel at our National Office. There are bound to be mistakes and misses as a new staff takes over and begins learning their jobs.

A few highlights of the National Board of Directors meeting: 1) the OEC 5th Edition is in the process of being pulled together with a new publication scheduled for early 2009; 2) a national budget was passed that has very little for program development and continues to run with a deficit this year, but no dues increase; 3) Powderfall has been cancelled for

the 07/08 ski season; 4) a new electronic voting system has been voted in by the National Board, (meaning that everyone will now be required to vote electronically, no paper ballots in the future); 5) a new Ski Area Relations Committee was Board approved with initial membership being two Board members, two DD's, and hopefully one or two NSAA members.

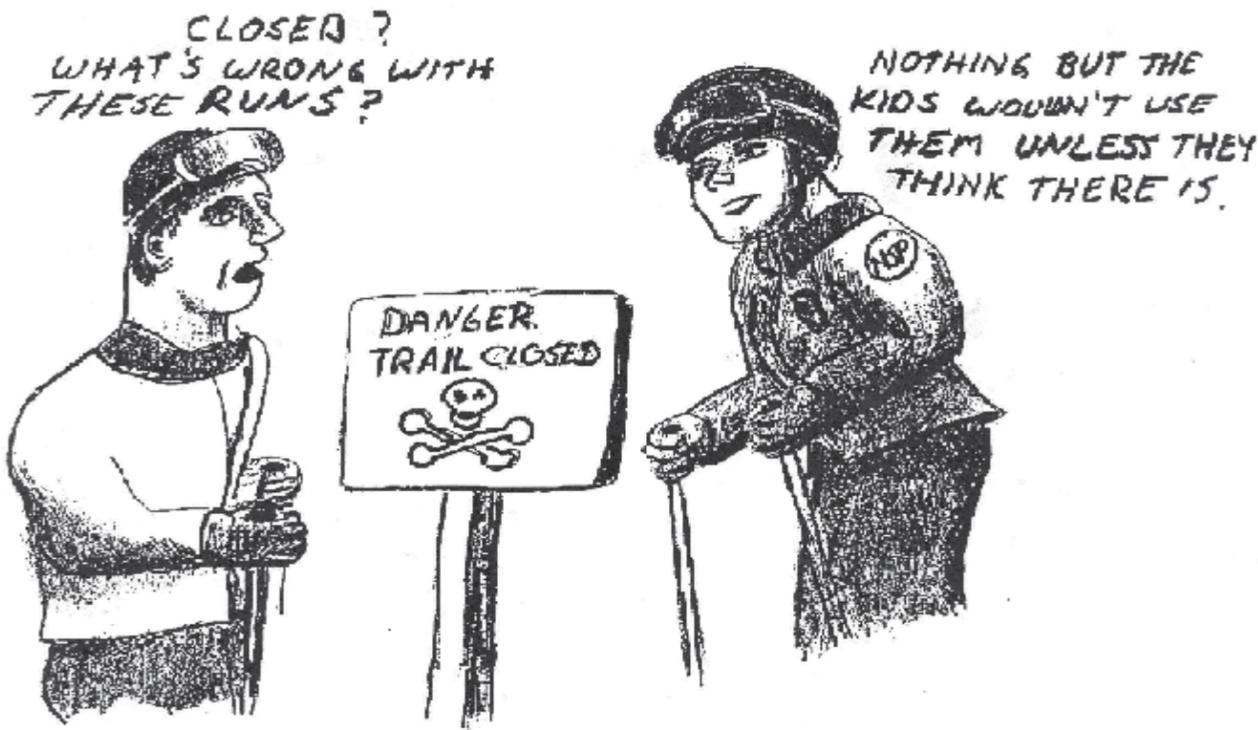
Moving on to things closer to home, our Fall Central Division Board meeting will be hosted this year in Kalamazoo, Michigan by the Western Michigan Region. The particulars are printed later in this publication. There will be activities for all with the highlight being the awards dinner on Saturday night to recognize all the Division and National Award Win-

ners from the Central Division. I highly recommend you come join the Western Michigan team to celebrate our Central award winners and for a great kick off to the new 07/08 ski season.

The Central Division Leadership Team will be meeting with the Midwest Ski Area Association in mid-August. We will be presenting on local patrol and area use of snowmobiles and updating them on the latest NSP changes that area taking place. I will report back to you in the next RPN articles. Please refer to the Central Division website for the most recent changes and happenings within the division.

Jim Woodrum
Central Division Director

Kasten's Korner



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Hello, Goodbye...

By: Linda Murphy Jacobs, ADD

The division has had several members step up and accept the offer to fill the boots of "retiring" supervisors. For the past season we have been searching for the perfect patrollers to take on Senior Program, Patroller 101, Medical and a renewed supervisor role for Auxiliary. There are several introductory articles in this edition that will introduce you to these patrollers more thoroughly.

Jeannine Mogan (Western Region) will be replacing Jay Stubblefield with Patroller 101. Darcy Hanley (Ohio Region) will take on Chris Moe's Senior Program supervision. Steve Werner (Eastern Michigan Region) has

agreed to be our new medical advisor. Rose DeJarnette (Ohio Region) is our new Auxiliary Supervisor. Welcome to all.

I would like to thank our "retiring" supervisors for the outstanding work that they have done for the past few years. Both Chris and Jay have moved their programs forward in the Division, and have received favorable comments from the National level. More patrols than ever are taking advantage of the Patroller 101 program to educate new and existing members. We hear from area managers that they really like this program and encourage it's use! Senior candidates now have a great resource that helps them navigate the continuing education opportunities of the Senior

program. Evaluations and skill expectations are more consistent and standardized throughout the Division.

I learned a lot from how each of our supervisors managed their programs (and life). From Jay that a calm, patient attitude goes a long way in smoothing out the speed bumps that will appear. A sense of humor helps keep the big picture in focus. From Chris, that if you cover up the skunk in the live trap with a blanket, then it won't "go off" before you get it relocated. And that driving the bike is a whole lot better than riding. To both, from me and the members of Central Division, our heart felt gratitude for what you have so generously given.

Thank You CD and Welcome Darcy Hanley

By: Chris Moe
Retiring Division Senior Supervisor

I want to say thank you again to all of you that have participated in the Senior Programs throughout the Division, assisted and supported the development of the Central Division Senior Manual. I have really enjoyed working with all of you and now it is time for me to step out of this role as the Division Senior Advisor and welcome Darcy Hanley as the new Central Division Senior Supervisor.

Take a look at Darcy's article and be ready for a very enthusiastic leader to continue the Senior Program.

I leave you with a reminder of the Central Division Senior Mission Statement: "The mission of the Central Division is to provide guidance to the regions in the administration of the NSP Senior program. The primary goal of the Central Division Senior Manual is to provide a resource to be used to maintain the integrity and consistency of the senior programs across all regions in the division. The division encourages cross-boundary ex-

changes between the regions, the sharing of ideas and resources, and striving for continuous senior program improvement."

Have a great summer and fall and I'll see you on the slopes this winter.

Chris Moe, Past Central Division Senior Supervisor
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New Senior Program Supervisor Steps Up

By: Darcy Hanley, Division Senior Supervisor

A special thank you to the Division Board for giving me the opportunity to step into some VERY! big shoes as the next Senior Program Supervisor. I am very fortunate to follow Chris Moe and hope she will remain close by as I begin to transition into this new position.

There are many good things that have already happened to the Senior Program and of course the most obvious is the manual that

was adopted in its 3rd edition during the fall, 2006 meeting. This is a living document with real patrollers behind it!

We continue to evolve and improve the program. My intent is to visit many of your regions to introduce myself personally and bring added value to the senior program. I value input and welcome communication about what is happening in your region and your thoughts about the senior program.

As before, your very first line of communication is with your region senior advisor, then

your region director who will be in contact with me.

Being a senior patroller certainly brings a new level of personal development into your local patrol and to you personally as a patroller. A patroller seeking senior level is open to new programs, experiences, leadership opportunities and new friendships. Inquire at your local level how to get started. We are ready and willing to assist anyone toward this goal. There will be information available at the fall Region meeting. Please introduce yourself! I look forward to meeting all of you!

Division Medical Supervisor Sends Greetings

By: Stephen Werner MD, Division Medical Supervisor

Greetings to all Central Division patrollers:

I am writing to introduce myself as your newly appointed Division Medical Supervisor.

First, I wish to share with you my patrol background. I have just completed my 19th year as a patroller, all of that time spent at Pine Knob Ski Patrol, a few miles from my home in Southeast Michigan. I have been active as an OEC instructor for 18 years, and for the past several years, my wife Karen and I have been co-instructors of record for our local OEC course. We have both been very active in section, region, and some division activities. I served our local patrol as Patrol Director for six years. Somewhere along the way, I

was honored to receive National Appointment # 8006.

Professionally, my background is that of an orthopedic surgeon, with my practice limited to surgery of the hand. This is not such a common specialty, but there are at least two other such specialists in our Central Division. I have been in private practice for 31 years, and I am partnered with two other hand surgeons. All three of us snowboard, and we are the area's biggest proponents of helmets and wrist guards.

As I see it, my duties to you, the patrollers who make up the Central Division, are as follows. I am a resource for the officers and advisors of the division with regard to medical questions that may come up, such as with a merit star nomination. In addition, I offer my medical expertise to OEC supervisors, advi-

sors, instructors, and technicians (that covers just about everyone).

Sometimes a question comes up for which there is no concise answer in the book. Sometimes there are problems with more than one solution. I may not always know the best answer to an outdoor emergency problem, but I have access to a couple of ER doctors who serve as EMS advisors for their respective counties, so I can tap into their expertise, if necessary, and will come up with an answer. Another duty is to attend any meeting of the NSP's national medical committee, should a meeting be convened. This committee is made up of division medical advisors as well as some at large members with EMS expertise.

Please feel free to e-mail me with your medical or OEC questions.

Awards Updates

By: Gregg Reese, Division Awards Supervisor
 Seven of the ten Division Awards Advisors along with the National Awards Coordinator, Myer Avedovech, were in Lakewood in May for an intensive review of the Policies and

Procedures Awards Chapter 10. We spent two 10 hour days going over and suggesting changes that will make the chapter more user friendly yet still conform to the NSP mission and traditions. Myer gave a presentation to the National Board at their meeting this June

and with his input, they will decide what changes (if any) will be made to the chapter this fall.

I can only wait to see what the changes will be.

Central Division Awards by Region

2005-2006 Season	Eastern Michigan	North Central	Northern Michigan	Ohio	South Central	Southern	Southwest	Western	Western Michigan
Alpine Patroller	X			X		X		X	X
Nordic Patroller		X						X	
Student Patroller	X		X	X	X			X	
Auxiliary Patroller				X					
Pro Patroller								X	
Nordic Patrol Rep								X	
Alpine Patrol Rep	X	X	X	X	X				
Instructor	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
Administrator	X			X					
Large Alpine Patrol	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
Small Alpine Patrol		X	X						X
Nordic Patrol		X			X			X	



NSP Outstanding Awards by Division

National Outstanding Certificates Issued 2005-2006 July 1 to June 30												
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Alaska				1				2				3
Central	2	19	2	17	28	19	1	16	21			125
Eastern		20	12	29	37	29	3	20	21	7		178
Europe	2				10							12
Far West	1	14		3	8	6	3	3		1		39
Inter Mt		9	2	2	6	9		1	1	3		33
Northern		5		1	8			2	1	6		23
PNWD	1	7		2	10	6	5	2	4	1		38
Rocky Mt		7		2	12				5			26
Southern			2	2	11	4		2	6	1		28
TOTAL	6	81	18	59	130	73	12	48	59	19		505



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 Last NSP Affiliation: Ski Patrol _____ Registration No. _____
 Region _____ Division _____ Last Yr. Registered _____
 Alpine Nordic National Appointment # _____
 If you wish to associate with a specific ski patrol, please provide that information here _____

Ski Flight 2008 Date Change

Special to the RPN

Ski Flight 2008 dates have been changed because of a conflict with Europe's winter break. Ski Flight is moved to one week earlier or January 26 to February 3.

EUROPEAN WINTER BREAK
CONFLICTING

According to Ski Flight Advisor Jack Melill, suitable hotels, availability of European ski patrols and good pricing was not available during this extremely crowded period. It was also difficult for the European Ski Patrols to arrange any sort of exchange or meetings during this busy period.

SESTERE, ITALY OUR BASE AREA

The group is based in *Serstere, Italy*; the center of the 2006 Winter Olympics and World Cup Races. Our lodging the *Hotel Cavalari* has many rooms with kitchenettes, balconies and some triple or quadruple suites. The hotel is close to the lifts and town facilities. All rooms have private baths, TVs and other amenities. All breakfasts and all dinners will be included at the hotel.

INCLUDED ITEMS IN TOUR

Other included items are: three day lift tickets, a sight-seeing *Torino* tour, or a tour to the medieval walled city of *Briason, France*. An optional *Italian* Cooking class is possible. Another promising tour to a major ski manufacturer may also be scheduled.

Round trip air (Included) will be on *Air France* or *Lufthansa Airlines* via *Paris* (from Chicago, Seattle and other gateway cities) direct to *Torino*.

MEETINGS WITH ITALIAN SKI PATROL

A special day meeting is planned with the *Italian Ski Patrol* and *Rescue Groups* for interested patrollers. Others may ski or take one of the offered tours.

EXTENSIONS TO CHAMONIX OR PARIS

Exciting extensions are available to *Chamonix* for six days of skiing and *Paris*, for a three-day city tour. Other extensions are possible through our licensed travel agent. Request information on the form below.

2008 Central Division Nordic Workshop for All

If you didn't attend this years workshop you have 5 months left to plan for next year. The Telemark Clinic offered on Monday at Indianhead is becoming our fastest growing event, with numbers doubling in size over the Nordic event.

Why you ask? Although Telemark may be a Nordic discipline, it is used primarily at downhill areas and many patrollers are crossing over to free heeling. Plan on attending the 2008 CDNW Clinic on January 12, 13 and 14th, 2008.

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Pam Mason a Bogus Basin, Idaho patroller meets with professional Swiss patrollers for avalanche dog training at base of The Eiger in Switzerland. Dogs are by far the best rescue method in avalanche rescue compared to probing and transceivers. A similar meeting will be held in Torino with the Italian ski patrol and mountain rescue groups.

SPECIAL TO THE CENTRAL DIVISION
Ski Flight 2008 Turin
Jack Melill, Advisor PNWD

TORINO, ITALY OLYMPIC SITES CHOSEN FOR SKI FLIGHT 2008

February 2008 Trip Cost \$1,890*

The Central Division is invited to join the Pacific Northwest Divisions 42nd annual ski exchange and symposium plus a fun ski vacation to Italy.

Enjoy a sensational tour January 2008 to Italy and the 2006 Winter Olympics sites visit the city of Torino and ski Italy and France via the five ski regions known as the Milky Way.

2006 WINTER OLYMPIC SITES

The last Winter Olympics held in the five major resorts, on the border of Italy and France and centered in *Turin*, where once Hannibal crossed the Alps, now savor unlimited skiing (Be sure and carry your passport) and exploring the fascinating ancient city of *Turin*, with its museums, Shroud of *Turin* relic, Olympic sport sites and much more.

We are based near *Torino* in an Olympic Village Sport Center and access the ski areas daily by bus. This allows for a package with an excellent hotel, all breakfasts and some dinners, meetings with the Italian and French ski patrols and other special events, Our base town *Bardonecchia* is only minutes from *Torino* via train or bus for a day of sightseeing.

EXTENSIONS POSSIBLE Exciting post trip extensions are available to Nice, Monte Carlo or as well as an additional ski week in Chamonix, France

CENTRAL DIVISION GATEWAYS The tour is open to all patrollers, family and friends. **Central Division** participants depart from Chicago and return from Torino, Nice or Geneva.

IT'S ALL INCLUDED

- **Deluxe Hotel with bath (Dble. Occpy.)**
- **Round trip Air Fare**
- **Private Motor Coach Transfers**
- **All Breakfasts and some dinners**
- **Meetings with Italian & French Ski Patrols**
- **Escorted to and From Europe**
- **Other Special Events**

Clip and mail for more information

Ski Flight is the official fundraiser for the Pacific Northwest Division.

Start Planning Now for Experience of a Lifetime

By: Ty Damon

In 2010, the Winter Olympic Games and the Paralympic Winter Games return to North America. I worked at the Disabled World Championships in 2001 and the Salt Lake Olympics in 2002, and I urge you to consider signing up as a volunteer for either of these incredible events.

- Olympic Winter Games: February 12-28, 2010
- Paralympic Winter Games: March 12-21, 2010

The organizing committee will need a team of 25,000 volunteers to help with both events. While some volunteer positions call for specific skills and experience, many will need only enthusiasm, dedication and a commitment to the 2010 Game's values of team, trust, and excellence.

There are volunteer positions as varied as performing race course maintenance at the ski venues, assisting with logistics at the

athlete village or working inside at clerical tasks. The point is, there is something for everyone. There will be an application, screening and interview process in order to best match prospective volunteers with the



available positions. And while it is very unlikely you would be able to actually "patrol" at the games, the fact that you are a patroller puts you far ahead of the average person in being considered for any Olympic volunteer

position.

Volunteers for the 2010 Winter Games will be responsible for:

- Attending all required orientation and training sessions (to begin in 2008)
- Providing their own accommodation during the Games
- Arranging and paying for transportation to Vancouver. (Upon arrival volunteers will be able to utilize the Games Transportation System)
- Providing the necessary documents required to volunteer during the Games

Preference will be given to candidates who are able to commit to work for the duration of the Games. The application process to volunteer for the 2010 Winter Games will begin in 2008. The application form will be available on-line at www.vancouver2010.com. I suggest you go there NOW and register for their e-mail newsmaintenance you will know immediately when volunteer sign-ups start.

Capture the Energy: CD Auxiliary Program

By: Rose DeJarnette, Division Auxiliary Supervisor

Take another look at the Central division Auxiliary program. It is one more option for patrollers wanting to develop leadership skills needed for participation in their organization at a higher level. Many of your areas currently have auxiliary patrollers. Are you really utilizing them as the valuable resource that they are?

There is no typical auxiliary. Some of them ski, while others choose not to ski. They run your aid room, stock supply shelves, even do

the ordering, provide patrol administrative assistance, hold both local patrol leadership positions as well as upper level leadership positions. The list of things they can do and ways they can contribute is endless. What many choose to not do is pull a sled and or ski; all other skill requirements are the same. Some of our Senior Auxiliary Patrollers do participate in sled handling. They are registered as Senior Auxiliary Patrollers with the National office but through agreements with their local area management continue to function as alpine patrollers on the local level. These people have chosen the Senior Auxiliary option to enhance leadership skills and provide

entry into patrol leadership positions at home and even on the national level.

Take another look at this resource, the auxiliary patroller. Like all other classifications of patrollers, they come from all walks of life and have so much to offer. Many are attorneys, teachers, medical personnel, engineers, private business owners, computer wizards, carpenters; the list is endless. Help them to help you by encouraging leadership development through the Central Division Senior Auxiliary program. Capture the energy; utilize all of your resources.

Division Nordic Seminar Jan. 12 - 14, 2008

By: David Squires, Division Nordic Supervisor

The dates are set for Jan 12, 13 & 14th, 2008 for the Division Nordic Seminar. This date will work with most people and will not interfere with the Nationals at Houghton like it did this year. What I want from you, my fellow patrollers, is some feedback. What do you want to see at the clinic, work on or do; i.e., back to basic, toboggan, orienteering and map reading, Basic and Senior Testing, etc. The Telemark Clinic is scheduled for Monday @ Indianhead at this time. Start time is scheduled for 9:00 AM for all events. Have a safe summer and I'll see you this winter. Some of the feedback I've received so far is as follows.

"Just had one idea, which would be a rescue/ evac.

Wondering what the cost would be.....?

I'd like to work on skills, both basic and Senior Level skill sets."

"How about a simulation of a situation where we have to use all our 'skills': a lost Nordic skier who has injuries when found and needs to be extricated and transported back. (orienteering, search, rescue, injury treatment, building and belaying of toboggans and toboggan travel) That should fill a fun day!"

"Rescue - shelters, belay, improvised toboggans Downhill ski techniques OR Downhill toboggan without handles-4 rope control."



"I have never been to Minocqua and I have no idea where it is. I am interested in learning more about transporting injured skiers to

safety. I've never seen a toboggan that I wanted to carry all day and would work. I would like to learn more about skating."

"Thank you for the notice. I am the Intermountain Nordic Advisor and do not have a clue where this place is that you will be having your clinic. If you will, give me some more details and maybe I can start planning to attend."

"Our Nordic program needs a lot of help if it's all right, I will be asking some dumb questions about your program and such. Everything you've listed would be worthwhile for me. I'd enjoy hearing a brief ski waxing review."

"I do appreciate being included in your Division Seminar. Greg France Eastern Division Nordic Supervisor"

"Thanks for the info. Central Division has always done a great job on the Nordic seminars both winter and summer. I have brought many things back to PNW from my stint in Central."

This is your Seminar. Help me give you what you want. Start planning now on attending and bring a friend or two.

Fall 2007 Division Meeting - Camaraderie

September 7 – 9, 2007
Kalamazoo, MI.

Registration Form

Patroller: _____
NSP # _____
Address _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____
Spouse/Guest: _____ (All Registration confirmations will be sent by E-Mail)

	Cost	Quantity	Total
MEALS			
Friday Night Dinner at the (THE AIR ZOO) (Includes free Admission to The Air Zoo all weekend with Dinner ticket)	\$28.00	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch is on your own			
Saturday Awards Banquet at Radisson Hotel Saturday Continental breakfast is provided. Sunday breakfast is on your own	\$35.00	_____	_____
ACTIVITIES AND CLOTHING			
Friday Golf 9 Holes at "The Prairies Golf Course	\$25.00	_____	_____
Logo Meeting Shirt (Please indicate quantity by size)			
Women's Sizes:			
SM _____ MD _____ LG _____ XL _____	\$32.00	_____	_____
2X _____ 3X _____	\$35.00	_____	_____
Men's Sizes:			
SM _____ MD _____ LG _____ XL _____	\$32.00	_____	_____
2X _____ 3X _____	\$35.00	_____	_____
PATROLLER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES			
Saturday (September 8, 2007)			
CPR Recertification (1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 5:00pm)	\$10.00	_____	_____
Adaptive Skier (Kurt Arnold Speaker) (2:00pm to 3:00pm)	N/C	_____	_____
Day in the Life of a Flight Nurse: (Robert Mayberry RN) (3:00 pm to 4:00 pm)	N/C	_____	_____
Dr. William Fales (1:00pm to 2:00pm)	N/C	_____	_____
Dr. Brian Plaisier (2:00pm to 3:00pm)	N/C	_____	_____
Division Treasurers meeting (4:00pm to 5:00pm)	N/C	_____	_____
Early Bird Registration fee (Postmarked before August 10, 2007)	\$25.00	_____	_____
Late Bird Registration Fee (Postmarked after August 10, 2007, No Exceptions)	\$35.00	_____	_____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

(Note please make checks
Payable to NSP Western MI. Region)

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Arriving (please check one) Auto _____ Air/Kalamazoo Airport _____
Arrival Information: (Transportation will be available from and to the airport)

Airline _____ Flight # _____ Arrival Time _____ Date _____

Departure Information:

Airline _____ Flight # _____ Departure Time _____ Date _____

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“A Meeting by Patrollers For Patrollers”

Friday Early Bird Welcome



The Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum

Saturday Events

General Business Meeting of Central Division

Featured Afternoon Speakers

William D Fales, MD, FACEP
Brian R. Plaisier, MC, FACS
Robert T. Mayberry, RN, CFRN, EMT-P

Sessions

The Adaptive Skier
BLS Re-Certification

Dinner and Awards Banquet at
Elegant Downtown Radisson
Hotel



Sunday Events

Traditional Patrol Rep Breakfast

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Camaraderie in Kalamazoo

September 7 - 9, 2007

September 7 – 9, 2007
Kalamazoo, MI.

CENTRAL DIVISION



DIVISION DIRECTOR

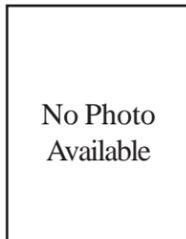
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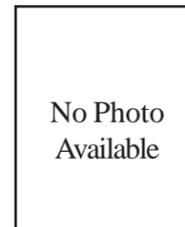
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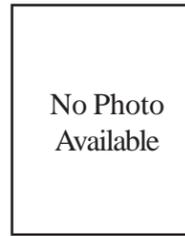
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Line of Sight Journey of a Lifetime

Editor's Note: Starting May 23, 2006, Quinn Baumberger took on an unsupported, self-funded bike journey from the northern-most point (accessible by bicycle) in the Americas to the southern-most point: Prudhoe Bay, Alaska to Terra Del Fuego, Argentina, ending Feb 23, 2007. His goal: to raise \$19,500 for the research of macular degeneration. One dollar for each mile. He was inspired to raise the funds by his grandfather who was stricken with the disease. You may learn more about his adventure at www.lineofsightproject.com. His father, Brad Baumberger was a Central Division patroller at Standing Rocks and Granite Peak ski areas in Wisconsin. Brad returned to Alaska following his journey to live and board in Alaska.

By: Brad Baumberger

The fall prior to our trip, my son came up with the idea, He had been thinking about it since a friend of his did it two years ago. I just thought it would pass like a lot of other good ideas. Bike from Prudhoe Bay, Alaska to the tip of South America.

When he told my wife, she said " maybe Dad will go with you for the Alaska portion of the trip. He's always wanted to go up and see it."

I told her to look at the map and see where Prudhoe Bay is. I also told her to check out the distance from there to a reasonable destination south I could fly back home from. Well we did and found Prudhoe Bay to Juneau. Although you have to take a ferry to Juneau from Haines. There is also a little problem in between called Yukon Territory, we would have to traverse. A slightly populated but very spacious province of Canada. Twice the size of Montana with the total population of 30,000. 22,000 of which live in one city.

My son Quinn, 22 rock climber/pro snow boarder/ in very good shape versus Dad 49, electrician/ ski patroller/ old/ out of shape, on a bike trip across some of the most remote and rugged road in North America. Did I mention 425 miles of gravel?

When I looked into it a bit more and found out there were a couple trout streams in between, I jumped at the idea. All I had to do was get the time off work, get all the equipment needed for a cross country bike trip, Oh yeah, I would have to get into some semblance of physical condition suitable to ride.

I began by cross country skiing everyday possible the prior winter. Then I started to bike as much as I could in the cold weather to get used to it. I found that 20 degrees was quite comfortable while exerting myself. I then started to ride the 20 miles to work and home in all weather conditions just to prove I was nuts. I still had a few extra pounds with me but decided it would be necessary for stored energy on the Dalton highway

We also ran into a small transportation problem, getting to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska with our bikes. What we ended up doing was to mail our bikes to a very nice postmaster in Prudhoe/ Dead Horse. She received our bikes and put them in a warehouse. Now the next problem: how do we get there? A plane ticket from Fairbanks to Prudhoe Bay, \$800. I don't think so. A bus ride on a tour bus? No, they do not start running until June. We wanted to be through the arctic before June because of the great mosquito hatch. The only solution was, of course hitch hike. I have not tried that since

college. It might be kind of fun.

I flew into Fairbanks Alaska on May 20th a day after my 27th anniversary and six days before my wife's birthday. That is pushing the envelope I must say. I met Quinn, my son at the Super 8. We had very little sleep but were up at 6:00 AM for the continental breakfast and on the road with our thumbs in the air. Very exciting. Let the hitch hiking begin.

Ride number one: 12 miles. Wow this is cool.
Ride number two: 8 miles. Not too bad.
Ride number three: 5 miles. Come on!
Time is now 2:00 PM.

Ride number four: one Alaskan hippie and a recluse named Marty. They were shopping at the local dump and on their way home. We were invited to supper but declined. We were dropped off at Marty's homestead. A garage sale gone wild, no running water or electricity. He brought us each a can of soda and told us where to hitch from, just up the road. Even Marty thought we were out of our minds. The road is not fit to travel in a truck much less a bike.

Our next ride was with a female optometrist from the army base in Fairbanks, she was on a joy ride to see where the Dalton highway began. This ride was 50 miles and got us to the Dalton about 7:00 PM. 13 hours and only 420 miles to go. When she was to drop us off she asked that we just ride back to Fairbanks with her and give it up before something bad happened to us. She offered us food, water and a cell phone call home to our next of kin. We thanked her and declined on all accounts.

Our next ride, believe it or not was Roy, in his parents motor home. He was going 35 miles. This took us two hours. We lost various items out of the cupboards and broke the coffee pot, which shattered on the floor. Nice road, can't wait to ride my bike through here.

Our next ride took us to Yukon river, another 30 miles but this time we made it in about 20 minutes. When I opened my eyes, we were there, shaking. I needed a short 5 mile walk with a 50 pound pack just to calm my nerves. Then came our guardian angels. Frank and Kirby. Two truckers hauling fuel oil to Prudhoe Bay. This took us 18 hours and was bone jarring. We saw rain, sleet, mud, chuck holes and yes we chained up to get through Atigun pass. A 5800 foot pass in the Brooks Mountains. At one point, as we slid backwards down the pass, Kirby looked at me and said " hold on, and welcome to Alaska." I had one hand on the door knob looking for a place to land. There was none so I stayed in.

We arrived in Prudhoe at about 7:00 PM on the 22nd. We didn't even take the offer for a free meal from Kirby and Frank. We wanted to get our bikes, put them together and hit the road.

We met the post master, Les and she showed us to our disassembled bikes and went back to work. She would be there until 9:00 PM. Plenty of time to put them together and take a few pictures. Well, putting together a bicycle at 8:00 PM with no sleep for two days was like trying to teach a 4 year old calculus. At one point I looked over to Quinn and he was staring at his tire like a hog looking at a wristwatch. We did get them together but none too sone. Les finished work and took some pictures of the crazy guys from Wisconsin for her board

and got us a room at the local man camp. Named so because it housed about a thousand oil field workers. It was clean, warm and had so much food Quinn couldn't sleep.

We got up early and ate breakfast, showered and packed for the trek. Quinn filled his saddle bags with sandwiches from the mess hall. Upon seeing the load I had on my two wheeler I promptly loaded up my back pack with anything that wasn't vital and shipped it back home. After seeing that road first hand, I knew a heavy load was out of the question.

We hit the Dalton highway at 11:00 AM sharp so excited we were waving at truckers, cheering and acting more or less like a couple of school kids. With just two miles under our belts, disaster struck. A trucker came by kicking up a wall of gravel causing Quinn to cut me off. This move sent me on to the Dalton hard on my left elbow. Thinking I dislocated my shoulder I winced in pain. After further examination, just a boo-boo.

We traveled about 60 miles the first day. Doing so, I found my bike seat was extremely uncomfortable. Finding a place to camp was also a problem. The arctic tundra is very wet. Thus the reason for all the geese nesting there. An unimaginable number of foul were swarming like bees ahead, along side and behind us. Caribou herded along the road too. I was ever searching for a musk ox but never saw one.

The physical part of the ride to this point was not too bad. Heck I had not even shifted gears yet. But the mental part. Mile after mile of flat grey/ brown tundra. This is very unlike Lambeau field. But very frozen. The temperature was a blustery 20 degrees. This was cruising weather for me. The next few days were very similar. Ride all day, eat and look for dry ground to camp on. Nothing more, nothing less. We were beginning to see the Brooks mountains in the distance. They looked very unassuming from here.

On the third day we were approaching the hills



The author at the Arctic Circle

and thought we would be climbing but, they were still a day away. We camped on a little stream that night. I couldn't wait to wet a line. Nothing happening. I tried everything in the fly box and never raised a fish. The camp was great, the coffee was supreme.

First chore of the next morning was a two mile climb. I dug into the saddle, grit my teeth and started up. I kept my head down and only looked up occasionally to check my progress.

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When I reached the top I got a drink and caught my breath. When I looked back my son was a half mile down the road, struggling to get up. He lives in Mammoth, CA, a place that consistently gets 700" of snow a year. Although he is in excellent condition from hiking, climbing and snow boarding. He did not have his biking legs yet. When he reached the top he climbed off his bike and lay flat on the road and said "Dad, you are the man"

I have never felt better then this moment. Although short lived, it was my time. He promptly got his cycling legs and proceeded to wait for me.

The mental part of the Dalton was over and we stated climbing up into the Brooks mountains. This, with it's breathtaking views was some of the most amazing beauty I've ever seen. With the beauty came the pain and drudgery of the constant climbing. Hills with names like finger mountain, roller coaster and beaver slide just to name a few. One such hill, beaver slide could be seen from several miles away. It was long and about a 12% grade. By the time I got to the base of it I was psyched out. I just had to put my head down and let my mind wander as I climbed. This was the only hill along the way I just couldn't get up without walking. I even tried going back and forth across the road like switchbacks but eventually still ran out of steam.

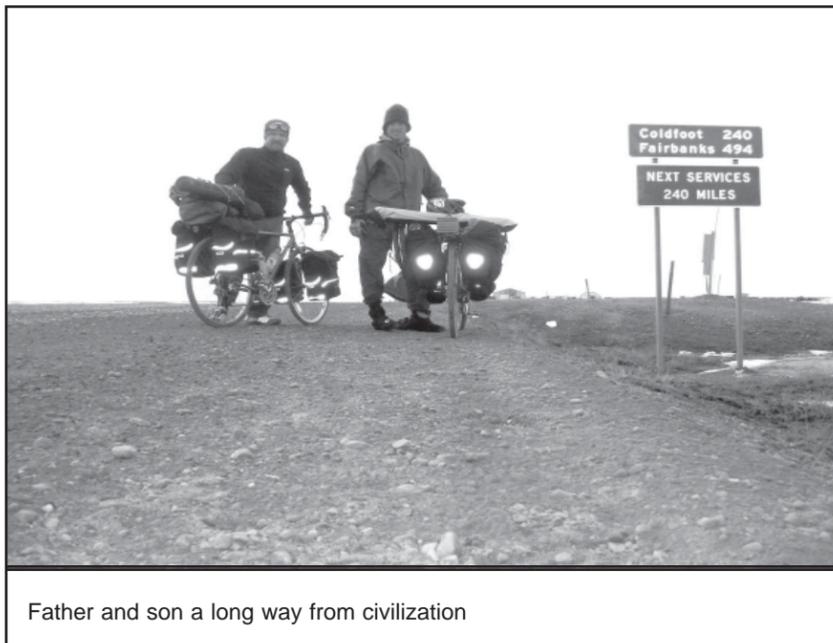
We fished, camped and fished some more on our way out of the Arctic. I only wished I could have spent more time there. We seemed to be on a mission at this point of the trip. Our only conveniences thus far were: A burger and fries at Coldfoot, and a Yukon burger at Yukon river.

I had my first flat just past Yukon river, I didn't know it at the time but, this was just the start of it for me. Quinn told me the brand of tire to get. Did I listen? I had a total of 14 flats, Quinn had one and that was only because he ran over a staple. It got to be a contest to see how long it would take. I got the entire job down to about 7 minutes, with the patch.

After the Dalton Highway, things were pretty routine. Get up, do a little fishing, wake up Quinn, make breakfast (oatmeal), break down camp and hit the road. We didn't talk much, we had it down to a science. Everything had a place and it had to be there. When we were about 50 miles out of Fairbanks, we decided to stop in and visit our old recluse friend Marty, who had been so kind on the way up with advice and a soda. When we got to the garage sale, he was at the end of the driveway waiting with a cold twelve pack of beer. Upon seeing us drive up his words will stay with me forever. "I told them S.O.B's you two would make it" He'd been getting daily updates of our progress with passing truckers. He was about as genuine as a man can be. He was truly happy for us as demonstrated by hugs and beers. He then

gave us a tour of the spread. A one room log home no electricity or water but treasures all around. From junk cars to old computers, adding machines, and tractors to flower vases. All lined up in a hodge podge along the driveway to the house. As I said before "a garage sale gone wild." After sampling a couple Alaskan beverages we hit the road for Fairbanks. Good bye Marty, you're the greatest.

In Fairbanks we hit the grocery store hard and stocked up on peanut butter and oatmeal. We treated ourselves to fresh (as fresh as it gets in Alaska) fruit. It had only been nine days but it seemed like a month. We updated the web page and called my wife who was on pins and needles awaiting our call. Her voice was the nicest thing I'd heard since I left. Just as soon as we got to Fairbanks I was ready to leave. Too many people. We stayed the night at Billy's Hostel. Soft bed and hot showers with coffee all night long.



Father and son a long way from civilization

We were on the road again in the morning, after a quick stop at the bike shop for more tubes and some brake repairs on both bikes, headed for North Pole to see Santa and pick up post cards for all the little guys back home. Just the other side of North Pole we hit rain, not being totally nuts we saw a cold beer sign and stopped in. After a cold one and some story we learned of Rosie, the crazy lady from England, who was jogging around the world. She started in 2003. She had been through Europe and the Soviet union, took a plane from Siberia to Nome and pulled a sled from there until she ran out of snow. She then had her sled converted to a cart and pulled that. She had been through two days earlier and heading our direction. They also told us of a small camping area with shelter out of the rain just down the road 10 miles.

When we got there and settled under an awning by the washroom waiting for the rain to let up we noticed a little smoke from a camp fire. Further investigation revealed another crazy person on a bike. Although his English wasn't any better then our French we communicated. Sylvain was from France and had been on his own journey. For 10 months he had been alone biking across, France, Spain, India, Tibet, Australia and landed in Anchorage. He was now on his way to Vancouver, B.C. which is the route Quinn was taking. We were now three. He was very interesting and a heck of a cyclist. We enjoyed each others company to the point it seemed like we belonged together.

Just out of the beautiful little village of Dot Lake we spotted something in the road ahead. After fixing another flat we investigated. Yes you guessed it, it was Rosie. She was jogging down the road, pulling her little 100 pound cart. A blond women of slight build, 59 years young. I might add she was tougher then nails and twice as rugged. Her son and the BBC were meeting her in Tok, a small berg at the start of the Alcan highway.

In the next three weeks we ate together, fixed my flats together, got chased by a moose together, watched a black bear circle our camp, explored the Yukon territories together, and just had a great time. I tried to teach him how to catch fish and he honed our cycling skills. We spent a few days in Haines Junction, NWT. While we were there they had a bluegrass festival going on. Plenty of music and friendly Cannucks to go around. But just like that it was time to go our separate ways. Quinn and Sylvain towards Whitehorse and the now lone ranger to Haines. Parting with Sylvain was tough but saying good bye to my son was tougher yet. He was now headed on the journey of a life time. From Pudhoe Bay to Tierra Del Fuego, Argentina. Ten months of cycling to look forward to, mostly alone. He's doing this to raise awareness and funding for Macular Degeneration research. A disease that effects the line of sight in mainly the elderly. He became interested when his Grandpa Joe contracted the disease about seven years ago. Quinn is only 22 years old but, you have to admire his determination and tenacity. Check out his web sight at www.Lineofsightproject.com He keeps it updated with stories and pictures of his journey. The little 1400 mile piece of the journey I was on is hardly worth mentioning as he traveled on 19500 miles.

I was off on my way, alone, teared up, and going up hill for an estimate of 80 miles through the part of the world with the densest population of bears in the world. The trip was a total of 158 miles to Haines where I would camp, fish and rest before getting on the ferry to Juneau and a plane home. I left a 9:00 AM thinking it would take me about two and a half days. With the uphill course and a stiff head wind maybe more. I had no watch with me so I just kept pedaling cussing the wind as I went. About 40 miles into it I saw my first grizzly, about 30 feet from the road. A sow and cub were grazing on some green grass. I instantly felt the hair on my neck stand up and began hyperventilating. With my mouth so dry I could spit cotton, I sped out of claw range and scrambled for my camera. When I found it they were off into the trees. The next several hours were more of the same, cuss the wind and struggle uphill. I camped where I thought I was on top of the pass thinking tomorrow would be mostly downhill. It was cold and lonely at the top. I laid out my bivvy and slept like a dead man for what I thought was several hours. When I woke I had to get started right away because of the cold. My hands and feet were numb and being above the tree line, I had no fire wood. I cruised through the pass and down, out of the Yukon through a section of British Columbia and back into Alaska through customs. I was greeted by a young customs agent who wondered where I camped last night. I told him on top of the pass, "Wasn't it cold?" He invited me in to wash up and have a cup of coffee.

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New Faces Join Skills Development Team

By: Linda Barthel, Skills Development Supervisor

There is a buzz of excitement in the air with the addition of three new program supervisors to the skills development roster!

Introduction to Ski Patrolling-PAT 101

Jeannine Mogan joins us in the leadership role for Introduction to Ski Patrolling. The Introduction to Ski Patrolling program is one of the most critical programs in the development of our newest patrollers. Any patrol with a candidate class should be registering a PAT 101 course. This is a powerful course that is module based and designed to train the new patroller to meet the needs of their local ski area. Jeannine was instrumental in working



Jeannine Mogan

at the national level in the development of this course and we look forward to the addition of her insights and experiences to a very important program.

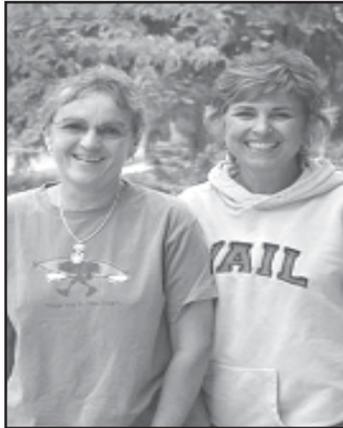
Auxiliary Program

The Auxiliary Program will gain a renewed vitality with Rose DeJarnett in command. The auxiliary patroller is an incredible asset to any patrol. There seems to be some confusion out there regarding the auxiliary program and with her experience in all aspects of the program Rose will be an outstanding resource and advocate for the auxiliary patroller.

Senior Program

The Senior Program has found a new commander in Darcy Hanley. The senior pro-

gram is an outstanding opportunity to expand the patrolling experience with the added bonus of with meeting new patrollers along the way. With the complete senior manual in place Darcy will carry out the task of maintaining the quality of the program across all



Rose DeJarnette and Darcy Hanley

the regions. Her enthusiasm for the program is infectious! Look for her at various region senior events throughout the division!

Thanks for a Job Well Done!!

The skills development program acknowledges the outstanding work of two individuals as they step down from their division supervisor positions.

Jay Stubblefield, Introduction to Ski Patrolling



Jay Stubblefield

When the division implemented the Introduction to Ski Patrolling supervisor position Jay Stubblefield was a perfect fit. Jay has been involved with the program right from the beginning. He is the Instructor of Record for the very first registered PAT 101 program in the national database. Jay was instrumental with introducing the program to the division.

Chris Moe, Senior Program

Chris Moe entered her supervisor position with nothing more than a small program seed in place. What she managed to cultivate blossomed into the complete Central Division Senior Program Manual. Chris took the program to heights never even imagined!!



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Help Wanted

Skills Development Program Assistant Supervisor. Looking for an individual with the desire to join the skills development team as assistant supervisor. The individual will enter the program as an assistant with the expectation of stepping into the position following one or two years. Candidate must have experience within various alpine programs and a working knowledge of all the different components under the skills development umbrella. For additional information contact Linda Murphy-Jacobs (murph4@earthlink.net) or Linda Barthel (barthel@umich.edu).

Fascinating Exhibit Gets Under Your Skin

By: Ty Damon

I recently had the opportunity to tour an extraordinary exhibit at the Detroit Science Center— OUR BODY: THE UNIVERSE WITHIN. The exhibit, which has been displayed around the world, uses actual human bodies to show the intricacies of human anatomy. The bodies, specimens and organs have been preserved using a process known as polymer impregnation, which allows you to see all the body parts just as they are, rather than models or photos.

The exhibit has multiple displays that highlight all the bodies systems in three dimensions: circulatory, skeletal, nervous, digestive, muscles and skin.



Image courtesy The Universe Within Touring Co LLC

I learned a lot from the displays and was able to see and understand the intricacies of tendons and ligaments, for example, which I never realized just from looking at pictures in books. This is a chance to get an inside look at the human body that previously had only been available to Medical professionals and scientists.

The display is in Detroit until Labor Day, and is worth the road trip from anywhere in the Division. The next city after Detroit has not been announced, but check www.ourbodytheuniversewithin.com for the schedule. Tickets are \$24.95 for adults, \$22.95 for seniors, \$19.95 for students and include admission to the rest of the science center. www.detroitsciencecenter.org 313-577-8400.

An Excellent Experience

By: Dale Mihuta, Division Avalanche Supervisor

It is a beautiful morning and is predicted to be a good day according to the weather forecast. You swing by your friend's house to pick up some more essentials and you're off to the trail head. You figure you're going to walk in and climb the southwestern spine of Goosehead Mountain and ski the cirque to the bowl below. You've done it before. Three hours later you're sipping wine and eating a sandwich at the top taking in the view and the deep powder that awaits you. You can afford to be patient because there isn't another soul within miles. Lunch is over and after a brief discussion with your friend about contingencies and rules you're off. The powder is 6 percent and

is pluming into your face. The exhilaration is incredible. You walk back out to the trail head with another awesome experience. The best part of all of this is that it's free in every sense of the word.

I've just described for you why backcountry and yo-yo skiing has become the fastest growing component in snow sports. Who wants to spend all that \$\$\$ and put up with the crowd! I will warn you that if you want to enjoy the backcountry you had better prepare yourself. This same trip could have ended in tragedy if you're not prepared. You're going to need avalanche courses and some basic mountaineering skills.

On a weekend in September the Central Division Avalanche Group will be visiting your

region and putting on an Avalanche Fundamental and Rescue Course (AFR). This course is a basic course and serves as an introduction to the avalanche environment. The course takes a long day. The advanced course is a week long and is done in the Wasatch Range in Utah. The Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue Course costs about \$40 and includes the book "Snow Sense". Remember that each of these courses are Senior Electives.

If you are interested in learning more please contact either Kristi or myself at:

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Notes from the Trailhead: See You at the Summit

By: Rick King, Division MTR Supervisor

As with all things, there is a beginning, middle, and end. This will be my last report from The Trailhead...at least as the Central Division MTR Supervisor. Late this season, I was asked to step into the position of the National MTR Program Director. It has been a pleasure working with everyone from all areas and levels and I look forward to continuing our work in the MTR program from another angle.

I would like to take a moment and thank the leadership that has supported the MTR program and helped me drive the MTR program to what it is today. Thank you to Jim Woodrum, Brian Cobble and Dan Somalski for supporting the program from the top of the division. Thank you to MTR leadership from the region

levels, Ken Anderson, Daryl Coons, Sam Frank, Ron Gerdes, Janet Glaeser, Rae Gommel, Barb Hartman, Robert Kowalski, Ray Martodam, Gary Mauritzson, Michael McIntire, Mindy Mitchell, Marty Monsma, Jerry Rodeman, Jerry Simpson, Saundra Stringer, Tim Troutt, John Wachter, Michael Walenta, Chuck White, Dave Zeager, Dave Zorowski, and all the others that helped put on the programs and lead their regions in MTR courses. I wish could name all of you.

It is this group of people that has helped grow the MTR program from roughly 60 instructors to nearly 100 instructors over the last five years and now leads the country by having one quarter of all the MTR instructors, here in the Central Division, not to mention running the courses that yield nearly one third of

the students for all the MTR courses in the country. HUGE numbers for our little program.

What can you expect in the future for the MTR program? In one word, Growth. The Division MTR Advisors and I have met and discussed a plan to work towards, over the next three to five years. We are looking to update the MTR Manual, create new programs such as an MTR Enhancement Seminar (this will allow Low Angle Rescue clinics to finally get the course credit everyone was asking for) and Distance Learning programs, looking to reach out to other organizations to build interest from the non-patrollers to patrollers. It won't happen overnight but with the dedication from patrollers like what we have in the Central Division I feel confident we will make change happen.

Instructor Development Always in Season

By: Virginia Rodeman, Division Instructor Development Supervisor

I hear patrollers say, "Well, it was a good 'season,' but I'm glad the 'season' is over." What "season"? It occurs to me that there really is not a "season" for ski patrol. If I look into the calendar, I see that our education programs run all year. As a matter of fact, we appear to be in the "season" for instructor development and OEC classes. This season usually starts in the spring and ends in the

fall. Regardless of the "season," someone is prepared and teaching skills for courses. Why not get involved? Instructor Development classes are the first step. Find one close to you and discover what it is all about.

Instructor Development is the first step on your way to becoming an instructor. It could be described as the "nuts and bolts" of the task. You will learn about the environment, types of learners, levels of learning, the objectives, and a six pack (if you take the tradi-

tional class). It is not a teaching class. If you remember the Phase II classes did that, but there is now a mentoring process in which you work one on one with an instructor until you are ready that may be two times it may be six times until you feel comfortable. At that time an IT comes to observe you. After that, you are on your way to working in what ever discipline you prepared: Toboggan Handling, Mountain, Travel and Rescue, Avalanche, OEC, Instructor Development, or Nordic, Enjoy your "season."

Journey from page 11

This was some of the most spectacular scenery of the trip. Lush rain forest and snow capped mountain peaks as far as one can see. I've never seen so many bald eagles anywhere. I followed the Chillkat river into Haines. Upon arrival I booked a room at Summer's Inn B&B. After a shower I looked at the clock. It was noon. I covered the 158 miles in a day and a half. So I took a nap. I booked the room for two nights but, the next day I got restless and had to move. I told the manager I'd be back in a couple days to use my second night.

I rode the trusty steed 12 miles north to Chillkoot lake and camped, fished the river and mostly fed the very assuming mosquitoes. I used 100% deet, which worked for about 10 minutes and had to be reapplied.

They seemed to like it. I was only safe in the bivvy, hold up like a scared rat. A ranger then stopped by to let me know I probably shouldn't be camping there in a tent as they have a lot of problems with bears. He told me I'd have to leave if anything occurred. He did not have to convince me to leave.

While there I met a real nice couple from Germany, who invited me over for a beer to hear my story. They told me they were going to Vancouver. I mentioned my son and the Frenchmen were going that way if they see them I instructed them to say "Hi.". He told me if they saw them they would go one better, "We'll feed them and give them something to drink."

The rest of my adventure isn't worth mentioning. The mix up at the ferry station, the

40 dollar taxi ride or even the night at the sleaziest hotel I've ever seen. Getting home was the best part of the journey. The crowd at the airport, the cheers, the banners. Dream on. My wife had to work and my son Jeff from Minnesota picked me up and said "Dad you look terrible, how much weight have you lost?" I did notice my pants had a bit more slack. When I left I was a svelte 200lbs; upon return 170.

My son Quinn called me the following week and said "Did you meet a couple from Germany?" Yes, they fed him and gave him drink and some more food for the road. This journey helped restore my faith in mankind. I could keep writing for a long time just about the wonderful, generous people we met along the way. All we had to do was tell them our story.

2007 - 2008 Central Division Calendar

AVALANCHE			29	NMR	Fall Board of Directors Meeting, Robert Lechtanski	6	EMR	OEC Enhancement, Splinting, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin
Oct 6-7	SWR	Avalanche Fundamentals, Great Bear	Oct 3	EMR	Fall Meeting, Patrollers Welcome, Derek Werner	8	NMR	Basic OEC Final Exam, Mt. Holiday, Dan and Mary Velikan
Dec 1	EMR	Avalanche 1, Derek Werner	6	EMR	Pine Knob General Meeting, Pam King	8	WR	OEC Eval, Spirit Mnt, Paul van Natta
AWARDS			13	NCR	Fall Region Board Meeting, Brule, David Dahl	9	WMR	OEC Final, Caberfae Peaks, Cassie Proctor
Jan 21	WMR	Awards Due to Section, Kathy Young	17	WMR	Region Meeting, Branns, Tony Wolfer	15	NCR	OEC Final, Mt Ripley, Aaron LeLonde
28	WMR	Awards Due to Region, Kathy Young	Nov 8	OR	Hill Captian's Meeting, Snow Trails, Dave Baumlein	16	EMR	OEC Enhancement, Traction Splinting, Marilyn Gilin
28	WMR	National Appointments Due, Sue Brann	Jan 9		Region Meeting, Branns, Tony Wolfer	22	NCR	On Hill Refresher, Granite Peak, Darin Westover
Feb 9	SR	Awards Deadline, Mike Benhart	Mar 12	WMR	Region Meeting, Branns, Tony Wolfer	Jan 6	NCR	Sec 4, On Hill Refresher, Darin Westover
20	NCR	Award Deadline, Carolyn DeJongh	29	CD	Division Spring Meeting, Chicago	7	NCR	Sec 4, On Hill Refresher, Darin Westover
22	SR	Awards Meeting, Location TBD	Apr 4-6	WR	PD/PR Retreat, Buck Hill	11	EMR	OEC Enhancement, Vitals/Oxygen, Marilyn Gilin
Mar 1	NCR	Awards Meeting, Granite Peak, David Dahl	18-20	NCR	Spring Board Meeting/Awards Banquet, Minocqua, David Dahl	15	EMR	OEC Enhancement, Back Board, Marilyn Gilin
5	EMR	Awards Due, Dennis Heeger	26	OR	Spring Board Meeting/Awards Banquet, Loc TBA	21	EMR	OEC Enhancement, CPR On the Hill, Marilyn Gilin
8	OR	Awards Nomination Review, Loc TBA, Chris Raudabaugh	19	WR	Spring Board Meeting, Buck Hill, Kirsten Hammarburg	Mar 3	EMR	OEC Class Begins, Mt. Holly, Steve Meek
12	EMR	Awards Review Meeting, Dennis Heeger	May 3	SR	Board Meeting, Location TBD	23	OR	OEC Class Begins, BMBW, Brandywine, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima
Apr 10	NCR	Certificates and Bravos Due, Carolyn Dejongh	3	WMR	Region Meeting, Sec 3, Tony Wolfer	Apr 1	OR	OEC Class Begins, Snow Tails, Bill Harkins
25	WR	Awards Deadline	7	EMR	Spring Meeting, Derek Werner	MOUNTAIN TRAVEL AND RESCUE		
May 2	WR	Awards Committee Meeting, Hinckley, Mary Engstrom	12	EMR	Spring Awards Banquet, Dave Petrak	Sep 22-23	WR	MTR Fundamentals, Wabasha, Daryl Coons
CERTIFIED						REFRESHERS		
Jan 6	OR	Certified Pre-Qualification Clinic, PNS, Guy Day	Oct 6-7	SWR	MTR Fundamentals, Great Bear	Aug 12	EMR	OEC Recertification, Mt. Holly, Ellen Burchfield
13	WR	Certified Qualifying Clinic, Recert, Lutsen, Terry Spohn	Nov 11	EMR	MTR 1 & Fundamentals, Mt. Brighton, Jerry Rodeman	19	WMR	Sec 1 Instructor Refresher, Bronson Center, Dan Goldberger
18-20	OR	Advanced Certified Training, PNS, Guy Day	Dec 15	EMR	MTR II Classroom, Mt. Brighton, Jerry Rodeman	26	NCR	OEC Refresher, Big Powder Horn, Earl Halverson
26-27	NCR	Certified Qualifying Clinic, Marquette Mnt, Greg Kerwin	Jan 12-13	SR	MTR 1, Glacial Park, IL	26	WMR	Instructor Refresher, Caberfae Peaks, Cassie Proctor, Deann Jenkins
Feb 8	SR	Certified Clinic, Chestnut Mnt	25-27	EMR	MTR II Field Session, Jerry Rodeman	Sep 7	WR	OEC Instructor Refresher, Coffee Mill, Mike Prigge
28-	CD	Division Certified Exam, Marquette Mnt	Mar 7-8	SR	MTR II, Porkies	7	WR	OEC Instructor Refresher, Giants Ridge, Devvie Cersine
Mar 2				NORDIC		8	WR	Chari Evac, Coffee Mill, Grant Jensen
DEADLINES				Jan 1-5	NCR	8-9	WR	OEC/CPR Refresher Chair Evac Giants Ridge, Dave Furin
Jul 31	EMR	Downhill Edge Articles Due	8	WR	Nordic Senior National Championship, Houghton, MI, Barbara Wheeler	9	NCR	OEC Refresher, Blackjack, Bob Lehman
15	NCR	Powder Lines Articles Due, Tim Zimmerman	26	NCR	Mesabi East Invitational, Giants Ridge	9	NCR	OEC/Chair Evac Refresher, Indianhead, Walt Hess
31	NCR	Patrol Financial Reports Due, Sarah Hull	Feb 16	WR	Noquemenon Nordic, Marquette, Nancy Imm	9	WR	OEC Refresher, Coffee Mill, Mike Prigge
31	WR	Patrol Financial Reports Due, Jim Irvin	21-23	NCR	Minnesota Finlandia Race, Bemidji	13	WMR	Sec 2 Instructor Refresher, Cannonsburg, Mike Fick
Aug 1	EMR	Patrol Financial Reports Due to Section Chief	Mar 1	NCR	Birkebiener Nordic Race, Hayward, Barb Wheeler, Steven Konkel	15	EMR	Sec 1 OEC Instructor Refresher, Alpine Valley, Orysia Novajovsky
3	NCR	Patrol Finance Reports Due to Section Chief, Sarah Hull	Mar 9	NCR	Lakeland Loppet, Minocqua Winter Park, Betty Adams	15	NMR	OEC Refresher, Schuss Mt, Virginia Rodeman
10	CD	Early Registration Due for Fall Division Meeting	OEC		Great Bear Chase, Calumet, Barb Wheeler	15	NCR	OEC/Chair Evac Refresher, Camp 10, Gren Rudd
10	NCR	Section Chief Finance Reports Due, Sarah Hull	Jul 9	EMR	OEC Class Begins, Alpine Valley, George Gilan	15	NCR	OEC/Chair Evac Refresher, Brule, Joe Matusak
15	WMR	Subunit Financial Report Due, Larry Klose	Aug 1	EMR	OEC Class Begins, Mt. Brighton, Dick Poole	15	WMR	Sec 1, OEC Refresher, Bronson Gilmore Center, Dan Goldberger
31	SR	Southern Cross Articles Due	7	OR	OEC Classes Resume, Snow Trails, Bill Harkins	16	NMR	OEC Refresher, Mt Kato
Sept 1	EMR	Section Financial Reports Due, Sharon Hazen	13	WMR	OEC Class Begins, Bittersweet, Timber Ridge, Dan Goldberger, Britt Gustafson	16	WR	OEC Instructor Refresher, Otsego Ski Club, Roger Perreault
15	CD	RPN Fall Deadline, Tim Zimmerman	19	SR	OEC Kick Off, Four Lakes, IL, Nancy Fudali	16	WMR	Chair Evac, Snowstar, L. Davidson
29	OR	DownHill Deadline, Max Davis	26	WMR	OEC Class Begins, Caberfae Peaks, Cassie Proctor, Deann Jenkins	16	WR	Chair Evac, BLS Refreshers, Bittersweet, Dan Navis
Oct 1	CD	Region Financial Reports Due, Mary Green	Sept 1	NMR	Basic OEC Course, Mt. Holiday, Dan and Mary Velikan	16	WR	Chair Evac, BLS Refreshers, Timber Ridge, Sue Brann
Nov 15	OR	DownHill Deadline, Max Davis	4	WR	OEC Course Begin, Buck Hill, Kerstin Hammarberg	16	SWR	OEC Refresher, Fun Valley
Dec 1	WR	Patrol Registrations Due	4	WR	Coffee Mill OEC Course Begins, Mike Prigge	18	WR	OEC Refresher, Mont du Lac, St. Lukes, Rita Bovee
1	CD	Postmark Deadline, Nat'l, LCA, DSA Awards	4	OR	OEC Instructor Recertification, PNS, Rose DeJarnette	19	WR	OEC Refresher, Mont du Lac, St. Lukes, Rita Bovee
Jan 7	CD	RPN Winter Deadline, Tim Zimmerman	5	NCR	OEC Course Begin, Mt Ripley, Aaron LeLonde	19	WR	OEC Refresher, Spirit Mnt,
15	NCR	Powder Lines Articles Due, Tim Zimmerman	5	OR	OEC Classes Resume, BMBW, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima	22	EMR	Sec 3 OEC Instructor Refresher, Snow Snake, Mark Kuehl
Feb 28	EMR	Downhill Edge Articles Due	15	EMR	Sec 1 OEC Instructor Refresher, Alpine Valley, Orysia Novajovsky	22	SWR	OEC Refresher, Mt LaCrosse
Mar 10	OR	DownHill Deadline, Max Davis	15	NMR	Schuss Mt Fall OEC Refresher, Schuss Mt, Virginia Rodeman	23	EMR	CPR & Chair Evac Refresher, Snow Snake, Mark Kuehl
Apr 1	EMR	Annual Region Adm Reports Due, Derek Werner	15-16	WMR	OEC Practical, Crystal, Sherwin Vanklumpenberg	29	NMR	Fall OEC Refresher, Gaylord High School, Roger Perreault
1	EMR	Annual Region Expense Reports Due, Sharon Hazen	16	NMR	OEC Instructor Refresher, Otsego Ski Club, Roger Perreault	29	EMR	OEC Instructor Refresher, Mt. Holly, Lynn Hunt
May 31	WR	Expense Vouchers Due for 07/08	16	OR	OEC Instructor Refreher, MRM, John Norris	29	EMR	Sec 2 OEC Refresher, Mt. Brighton, Diane Henry
Jun 1	NCR	Powder Lines Articles Due, Tim Zimmerman	16	OR	OEC Instructor Refresher, MRM, John Norris	29	WR	OEC Refresher, Elm Creek/Hyland/Viking Nordic, Terry Spohn, Jeannine Mogan, Renee Johnson
30	EMR	Activity Logs due to Administrators	22	EMR	Sec 3 OEC Instructor Refresher, Snow Snake, Mark Kuehl	29	SR	OEC Refresher, Pines, Sabrina Sarver
INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT			22	OR	OEC Refresher, BMBW, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima	29	NCR	OEC Refresher, Mt Ripley, Patti Asselin
Aug 23	EMR	Instructor Development, Mt. Brighton, Jerry Rodeman	29	NMR	Fall OEC Refresher, Gaylord High School, Roger Perreault	29	OR	OEC Refresher, Alpine Valley, Pat Aquila, Dave Watkins
Mar 15-	OR	Instructor Development, On Line Course,	29	EMR	OEC Instructor Refresher, Mt. Holly, Lynn Hunt	29	OR	OEC Refresher, PNS, Sandi Hammons, Lori Ringley
Apr 6	EMR	Instructor Development, Mt. Holly, Ellen Burchfield	Oct 1	NCR	OEC Course Begins, Porcupine Mnt, Jerry Linn	29-30	WMR	OEC Refresher Weekend, Caberfae Peaks, Deann Jenkins
15		Alida Moonen	Nov 3	WMR	Bittersweet/Timber Ridge, OEC Final, Dan Goldberger, Britt Gustafson	30	EMR	Sec 2 CPR & Chair Evac Refresher, Mt Brighton, Diane Henry
17	OR	Instructor Development, Brandywine, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima	3	OR	OEC Practical Final, Snow Trails, Bill Harkin	30	SR	Chair Evac, Swiss Valley, Tom Smith
19	OR	Instructor Development, Brandywine, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima	10	EMR	Sec 1, OEC Evaluation, Alpine Valley, George Gilin	30	SR	OEC Refresher, Four Lakes, Randy Johnston
MEETINGS			10	EMR	OEC Eval, Coffee Mill, Mike Prigge	30	NCR	AHA CPR Refresher, MTU, Mt Ripley, Bohemia, Patti Asselin
Aug 5-8	CD	MSAA Seminar, Chestnut Mnt, Chuck Martschinke	10-11	OR	OEC Practical Final BMBW, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima	30	OR	OEC Refreher BMBW, Janet Glaeser, Freddie Shima
11-12	OR	Patrol Rep Retreat, Loc TBA, Jim Vickroy	11	SWR	OEC Final, Snow Creek	30	OR	OEC Refresher, Snow Trails, Bill Harkins
Sep 7-9	CD	Central Division Fall Meeting, Kalamazoo, MI	17	SWR	OEC Final, Mt Kato	Oct 6	EMR	Sec 1, OEC Refresher, Orysia Novajovsky
14-15	SR	Patrol Rep Seminar, Location TBD	29	WMR	Sec 2, OEC Final, Dani Doolittle	6	NCR	OEC Refresher, Marquette Mnt, Jim Grundstrom
21-23	WR	Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet, John Thomas, Mike Prigge	Dec 1	WR	OEC Eval, Spirit Mnt, SMDC	6	NCR	Sec 4 OEC Refresher, Granite Peak,
23	OR	Ohio Board Meeting, Loc TBA, Chris Raudabaugh						

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6	WR	Darin Westover	10	WR	Senior S&T Evaluation, Loc TBA, Mike Nies	Nov 1-4	SR	Ski Sale, Rosemount, IL
7	EMR	OEC Refresher, Welch Village, Chip Kurt	10	OR	Senior Skills Check Off Due, Dennis Maslar	3	NCR	Marquette Mt Ski Swap, Jim Grundstrom
7	EMR	CPR & Chair Evac Refresher, Alpine Valley, Steve and Karen Werner	18	WR	SEM Pre-course, Loc TBA, Mary Pritchetti, Kathy Glynn	3	WR	Ski Swap, Christie Mnt, Dennis Potter
7	EMR	CPR Refresher, Gen Meeting, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin	22-24	NCR	Senior S&T Clinic/Eval, Marquette Mnt, Jim Grundstrom	3-4	EMR	Ski Swap, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin
7	SR	OEC Refresher, Swiss Valley, Tom Smith	23	NCR	SEM Evaluation, Marquette Mnt	3-4	OR	Ski Swap, PNS, Sandi Hammons
7	NCR	Sec 4 Chair Evac, CPR Refresher, Granite Peak, Darin Westover	23	OR	Senior Event, Loc TBA, Dennis Maslar	4	OR	Ski Swap, MRM, John Norris
7	OR	OEC Refresher, MRM, John Norris, Kim Hiser	24	NMR	Senior S&T Eval, Boyne Mountain, Aren Fairchild and Jim Parker	4	OR	Hut Clean Up, MRM, Snow Trails, Keith Neals
7	OR	OEC Refresher, PNS, Sandi Hammons, Lori Ringley	24	WMR	Senior S&T, Crystal Mnt., Chip Knappen	5	SR	Ski Sale Tear Down, Rosemount, IL
7	OR	OEC Refresher, Snow Trails, Bill Harkins	Mar 8	WR	SEM Evaluation, Loc TAB, Mary Pritchetti, Kathy Glynn	10-11	OR	Ski Swap, Snow Trails, Bob Wilson
7	OR	OEC Refresher, Alpine Valley, Pat Aquila, Dave Watkins	9	NMR	SEM Evaluation, Otsego Ski Club, Roger Perreault	17	EMR	Ski Swap, Mt Holly, Shannon Rains
12	WR	OEC Refresher, Buck Hill, Kerstin Hammarburg	9	EMR	SEM Evaluation, Mt. Brighton, Ellen Burchfield	Dec 8	NCR	Brule Ski Patrol Ski Swap, Joe Matusak
13	EMR	Chair Evac and Work Party, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin	TESTING / TRAINING					
13	SR	OEC Refresher, Chestnut Mnt, Mike Foley	Aug 26	EMR	Chair Evac Trainers Clinic, Mt. Holly, Matt Stilson	Feb2-3	NCR	Badger State Winter Games, Darin Westover, Steven Konkell
13	WR	OEC Refresher, Spirit Mnt, Jim Gearns	Dec 8-10	CD	Div. Ski Trainer Workshop, Boyne, Invite only, Linda Barthel	23-24	OR	Winter Carnival, Snow Trails, Dave Baumlein
13	WR	OEC Refresher, Buck Hill, Kerstin Hammarburg	14	NCR	Toboggan Training, Camp 10, Gren Rudd	Mar 2	OR	Alumni Day, MRM, Rick Schleit
13	WR	OEC Refresher, Wild Mnt, Dale Scheufner	15-16	SR	STW, Chestnut Mnt.	9	OR	Spring Carnival, PNS, Sandi Hammons
13-14	WMMR	Sec 2, Refresher Weekend, Cannonsburg, Mike Fick	15-17	CD	Div. Ski Trainer Workshop, Granite Peak, Invite only, Linda Barthel	Apr 27	OR	Patrol Picnic, Snow Trails, Dave Baumlein
13-14	WMMR	Refresher Weekend, Crystal Mnt, Sherwin VanKlompberg	16	EMR	Ski Trainer Workshop, Trainers Only, Pine Knob			
13-14	SWR	Refresher Weekend, Sundown	Jan 4	NCR	Toboggan Training, Camp 10, Gren Rudd			
14	EMR	Chair Evac and Work Party, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin	5	NMR	Instructor Calibration Clinic, Schuss Mt, Aren Fairchild			
14	SR	Chair Evac, Chestnut Mnt, Mike Foley	5-6	WR	Senior Hill Examiner Clinic, Mike Nies			
14	OR	On Hill Refresher/CPR, MRM, Jim Norris, Kim Hiser	5-6	SWR	TES, Mt Kato			
14	OR	OEC Refresher, Paoli Peaks, Bruce Heichelbech	5-6	OR	STW, PNS, Moss-Schmidt			
20	EMR	CPR & Chair Evac, Mt. Holly, Lynn Hunt	6	NMR	Training Clinic, Schuss Mt, Aren Fairchild and Jim Parker			
20	NCR	Sec 3 OEC Refresher, Norway Mnt, Harry Lauritsen	6	EMR	TES, SES, SBES, Telemark Enhancement, Mt Holly, Tim Gaffney			
20	WR	OEC Refresher, Christie Mnt, Paul van Natta	6	WMMR	Region STW Clinic/Eval Calibration, Caberfae Peaks, Chip Knappen			
20-21	SWR	Refresher Weekend, Snow Creek	11-13	CD	Women's Seminar, Chestnut Mnt., Anne Blaedow			
21	EMR	OEC Refresher, Bendle HS, Lynn Hunt	12	OR	TES, Alpine Valley, Patrick Acquila			
21	SR	OEC Refresher, Snowstar, L. Davidson	12-13	CD	Division Nordic Clinic, Minocqua Winter Park, David Squires			
21	SR	OEC Refresher, Wilmot Mnt, Christopher Morris	12-13	OR	STW, BMBW, Moss-Schmidt			
21	WR	Chair Evac/Meeting, Christie Mnt, Paul van Natta	12	NCR	Region S&T Enhancement, Brule, Jim Grundstrom			
22	WR	OEC instructor Recertification, Kathy Glenn	14	CD	Division Telemark Clinic, Indianhead, David Squires			
27-28	SWR	Refresher Weekend, Great Bear	19	OR	SES, Alpine Valley, Patrick Acquila			
28	SR	OEC Refresher, Grand Geneva, Nancy Fudali	25	NCR	Night Chair Evac, Camp 10, Gren Rudd			
Nov 3-4	SWR	Refresher Weekend, Hidden Valley	26-27	SR	SES, Chestnut Mnt.			
4	NCR	Make-Up OEC Refresher, Minocqua Winter Park, Betty Adams	26	NMR	SES, Boyne Highlands, Aren Fairchild, and Don Loerch			
7	EMR	OEC Instructor Recertification, Pine Knob, Nycha Schlegel	26	OR	SES, MRM, John Norris			
14	OR	OEC Refresher, Cuyahoga Nordic SP, Daryl Knauss	26	OR	SES, Snow Trails, Dave Baumlein			
18	EMR	OEC/CPR Make Up Refresher, Steve Werner	27	NMR	TES, Boyne Mountain, Aren Fairchild and John Wallace			
Dec 9	WR	Chair Evac, Spirit Mnt, Ron Thorn	27	OR	SES, Snow Trails, Dave Baumlein			
15	WR	Chair Evac, Spirit Mnt, Ron Thorn	Feb 2	EMR	TES, SES, SBES, Telemark Enhancement, Mt. Brighton, Tim Gaffney			
Jan 6	EMR	Make-Up Chair Evac, Snow Snake, Mark Kuehl	2	OR	SES, PNS, Sandi Hammons			
30	WR	On Hill Refresher, Christie Mnt, Dennis Potter	2	OR	TES, Paoli Peaks, Bruce Heichelbech			
Feb 3	WR	On Hill Refresher, Christie Mnt, Dennis Potter	2-3	SWR	SES, Hidden Valley			
10	WR	On Hill Refresher, Christie Mnt, Dennis Potter	3	NMR	Sec 1 Basic Evaluation, Boyne Highlands, Mike Cornell			
SENIOR								
Oct 13	NMR	SEM Enhancement - Backboarding, Mt. Holiday, Roger Perreault	3	EMR	Sec 1 S&T Eval, Pine Knob, Mike Schons			
Nov 3	NMR	SEM Enhancement - OEC Stations, Mt. Holiday, Roger Perreault	3	OR	SES, Paoli Peaks, Bruce Heichelbech			
Dec 1	EMR	Senior Applications Due, Derek Werner	9	SR	S&T Evaluation, Chestnut Mnt.			
1	OR	SEM, Brandywine, John Vining	9	WR	Nordic SES, Elm Creek, Peter Wollan			
22	WR	Senior Pre-course 1 North, Mike Nies	10	SR	TES, Chestnut Mnt.			
23	WR	Senior Pre-course 2 North, Mike Nies	10	WMMR	Sec 2, Basic On Hill Eval, Cannonsburg, Jack T Katerberg			
16	WMMR	SEM Clinic, Cannonsburg, Mike Fick	10	WR	Candidate On Hill Eval, Christie Mnt, Dennis Potter			
Jan 5	NMR	SEM Enhancement - OEC Stations, Mt. Holiday, Roger Perreault	10	OR	TES, PNS, Sandi Hammons			
6	NMR	Otsego/Mt. Holiday S&T Training, Otsego	10	EMR	Sec 2 Basic S&T Eval, Mt. Brighton, Dave Petrak			
6	NMR	SEM 12PM OEC Mock Exam, Otsego Ski Club, Roger Perreault	17	EMR	Sec 3, Basic S&T Eval, Mt. Holly, Mark Gaffney			
10	WR	Senior Pre-course 3A, Buck Hill, Mike Nies	17	NMR	Section # 2 Basic Eval, Otsego Ski Club, John Wallace and Rich VanDam			
12	WR	Senior Pre-course North, Mike Nies	23	NMR	Sec 3 Basic Eval, Mt. Holiday, Pat Troop and Jeff Summers			
13	EMR	Sr Candidate S&T Pre-Test, Derek Werner	24	EMR	Sec 3, Basic S&T Eval, Apple, Mark Gaffney			
15	WR	Senior Pre-course 4A, Buck Hill, Mike Nies	OTHER EVENTS					
17	WR	Senior Pre-course 3B, Buck Hill, Mike Nies	Jul 21-28	EMR	Ann Arbor Art Fair, Dick Thalacker			
19	OR	Senior Applications Due, Dennis Maslar	Aug 18	NCR	Trail Round-Up, Nine Mile, Steven Konkell			
20	WR	Senior Pre-course, Loc TBA, Mike Nies	Oct 12-14	OR	Ski Swap, BMBW			
15	WR	Senior Pre-course 4A, Buck Hill, Mike Nies	13	WR	Coffe Mill/Steeplechase Ski Swap, Dean Brandt			
22	WR	Senior Pre-course 4B, Buck Hill, Mike Nies	20	EMR	Ski Swap, Midland Community Center, Mark Kuehl			
24	WR	Senior Bump Clinic, Loc TBA, Mike Nies	20-21	EMR	Ski Swap, Mt. Brighton, Dick Thalacker			
26	NMR	Otsego/Mt. Holiday S&T Training, Otsego	27-28	EMR	Ski Swap, Pine Knob, Pam King			
26	NMR	SEM 12PM OEC Mock Exam, Otsego Ski Club, Roger Perreault	30-31	SR	Ski Sale Set Up, Rosemount, IL			
26	WMMR	SEM Eval, Cannonsburg, Mike Fick						
26	WR	SEM Pre-course, Loc TBA, Mary Pritchetti, Kathy Glynn						
26-27	SWR	Senior Experience, TES, Loc TBA						
27	WMMR	Senior Hill Workshop, Crystal Mnt., Shawn Rhoda						
29	WR	Senior Bump Clinic II, Loc TBA, Mike Nies						
Feb 1	NMR	OEC SEM Paperwork Deadline, Roger Perreault						
1	EMR	OEC SEM Scenario Skills Sign Offs Due, Ellen Burchfield						
8-10	EMR	Senior S&T Evaluation, Boyne Mt., Derek Werner						
9	OR	Deadline Receipt of Senior Applications, Dennis Maslar						
9-10	SWR	Senior S&T Evaluation, Loc TBA						

In Memoriam

On November 16, Paoli Peaks Ski Patrol lost one of its finest, Jose Dekeyser. Jose suffered a heart attack at the age of 54. He was born in Milwaukee and his family also lived in Green Bay, WI. Perhaps that is where Jose learned to love the cold and the snow!

In 1964 they went south to Bardstown, NY and Jose, like all good boys in that era, graduated from Nelson County High School in 1970. Following high school, Jose went out to see the world and he landed in Louisville. Jose was married to Debbie for 13 years. It was after they divorced that he joined the patrol.

Jose worked for Omikron Construction as a carpenter and a remodeler. More recently, Jose was a rope guy, building his successful Skywalker Window Cleaning business, cleaning the high rises of Louisville. He even dropped into the Kentucky Center for the Arts at the Mayor's New Year's Eve Bash as the phantom, to help promote the Phantom of the Opera when it first came to town. Jose was a Kentucky Colonel.

Many saw his trademark red shirt on a daily basis among the windows. He did 10 drops two days before he died. Jose supervised many a chair evacuation training for our patrol. He had just received his 20 year pin at the fall refresher. Several Southern Crosses had been presented to Jose over the years. Additionally, Jose loved to go to Chicago and volunteer at the swap. In his spare time, Jose tended bar in downtown Louisville and played pool. He loved to dance, too. Simply, Jose loved talking to people.

Jose was an extremely important man at the Peaks. He had been the Thursday night slope leader and served on the board, not just the snow board. Whenever there was a big job to be tackled, Jose was right in there, not only giving directions but wearing the tool belt. He was a very gifted visionary and loved to build and fix things. Our patrol room was among his constant projects. Jose had also worked at Sunlight in Glenwood Springs, CO.

Jose was a friend to all, and, therefore, had many friends. We were his family. He never remarried but dated Rita Pence for 13 years. He is survived by Rita, her three children, and his parents, Gerald and Anaticia DeKeyser of Louisville. He was a genuine, truly kindhearted person, and we know where he is now. We hate that he was so suddenly snatched from us and we will miss his smile and good humor.

Becky Sharp - Paoli Peaks Ski Patrol

Submit calendar events to our Division Web Master at mgilliland@charter.net

To view the most up to date version of the Division calendar and to view other events scheduled within the Division log on to the Central Division web site at www.nspcentral.org and click on the calendar icon.

Dates and times subject to change! Call ahead to confirm.



SEPTEMBER 7 - 9, 2007

KALAMAZOO, MI.

HOSTED BY THE NSP WEST MICHIGAN REGION

“A MEETING BY PATROLLERS, FOR PATROLLERS”

FRIDAY



Early bird special events, followed by a “Welcome reception and dinner at the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum—(Air Zoo). Socialize and have dinner while touring the Air Zoo Museum. Come and see the new space exhibit and get up close and personal with a dazzling gallery of U.S. Navy aircraft from days gone by. As a bonus for attending the (Air Zoo) dinner you will receive a free pass to return anytime over the meeting weekend and tour even more of the museum. Visit (www.airzoo.org) for more details and information

SATURDAY

General Division business meeting in the morning, along with breakout sessions in the afternoon aimed at (enhancing your patrolling skills)

Speakers and Afternoon sessions:

William D Fales, MD, FACEP: Dr. Fales is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine and a Diplomat of the American Board of Emergency Medicine. He is the Director of the Kalamazoo County Medical Authority. His Extensive Experience in pre-hospital care began over twenty years ago as a paramedic and firefighter.

Brian R. Plaisier, MC, FACS: Dr. Plaisier is a staff surgeon on Bronson Hospital’s Trauma/Surgical Critical Care/Burn Program. He is Board Certified in General and Critical Care Surgery. He is the past Director of Bronson’s Trauma Surgery service. Dr. Plaisier is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery at Michigan State University and has received numerous professional honors and awards.

The Adaptive Skier: Many members of the Arnold family are active patrollers at the Bittersweet Ski Area in Western Michigan Section I. Kurt Arnold is an adaptive skier. Their presentation is not only an excellent learning experience but a tribute to all adaptive skiers.

Day in the Life of a Flight Nurse: Robert T. Mayberry, RN,CFRN, EMT-P is a patroller at TimberRidge Ski Area in Western Michigan Section I. Bob is the Western Michigan Region Snowboard Advisor and a Flight Nurse with West Michigan Air Care out of Kalamazoo, MI. He will be joined by members of the Air Care for an enjoyable and educational presentation.

BLS Re-Certification on the new standards: Get your CPR done before the refreshers this fall. AHA BLS Instructors will be on hand to assist you with your re-certification.

DINNER AND AWARDS BANQUET: Saturday evening will host the Division Annual Awards Dinner held at the very elegant Radisson Hotel in downtown Kalamazoo. The West Michigan Region will do our best to keep the after dinner program short so that you may enjoy the evening with your fellow patrollers either at the Radisson or other local entertainment places within walking distance of the Radisson Hotel.

SUNDAY

Traditional Patrol Rep Breakfast, a chance for you to talk directly with the organization’s National and Division leadership.

HOTEL & KAZOO

The Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites, is located in the center of Downtown Kalamazoo, will serve as the meeting headquarters. We have secured a block of (80) rooms for Friday and Saturday nights at a special rate of \$119.00 per night. Reserve your room early so that you do not miss out on your stay at this very elegant hotel for the Division Meeting this Fall. You can reserve your room by calling the Radisson at 1-866-660-0968 and make reference to the West Michigan National Ski Patrol Meeting for your special room rate. You may also visit the Hotel Web Site to see what they offer at (www.radissonkz.com).



Bring your family or a guest as Kalamazoo has a wide range of restaurants cultural attractions, nightspots, several micro-breweries, a comedy club, shops within walking distance of the Radisson Hotel. There is so much to see and do in Kalamazoo, MI. along with our meeting that you will want to bring the family and or guest and enjoy the fun filled weekend. You may want to check out the many things available in Kalamazoo at (www.discoverkalamazoo.com) for more information.

If you have any questions you may contact either David Menke at (dmenke@useatr.com) or Jim Williams at (dogtrot@chartermi.net) or call David Menke at (616)-245-4919 and let them know it is about the Ski Patrol Division Meeting in Kalamazoo, MI. You May also visit our Web Site at (www.nspc203.org) for additional information and a copy of the registration form.

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