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Jim Woodrum, Central Division Director

**CENTRAL DIVISION
DIRECTOR’S NOTES:**

I am sure everyone is enjoying the summer months. As you review the newsletter I would hope you have your schedule for CPR and refreshers on your calendar.

I would also hope many of you are planning to attend the Fall Division Meeting. South Central is putting together a great schedule for the second weekend in September. Please make your reservations early as things will fill up fast.

This past season I visited many areas and had the opportunity to talk with patrollers and area owners/managers. A couple learning’s came out of the visits: patrollers enjoy the camaraderie of fellow patrollers, they enjoy making turns/riding, generally they are not well informed about what happens at National. Nearly to a person every area manager/owner wants their patrollers to continue to build their skiing/riding skills, they want patrollers involved in Accident Investigation, and they want recruiting of younger/new patrollers for the future.

Based on these learning’s, the following recommendations/direction for next year:

- 1) Our skills development sessions at Boyne Highlands and Granite Peak will also include PSIA/AASI certification prep.
- 2) Our skills development sessions will focus on Region Calibration Clinics, i.e. Ohio, Eastern Michigan, Western Michigan, and Northern Michigan at Boyne; Southern, South Central and North Central will be at Granite and Western will have its own (location TBD). This will require that regions have their evalu-

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ation teams identified early and the evaluators attend the clinics.

- 3) We expand the SES clinics to be scheduled at each area throughout the year. Patrols/Regions will need to increase the number of Level II & III's or ask their instructors to do more travel.
- 4) We use the Fall Division Meeting to showcase several patrols that have active recruiting processes that work, i.e., Junior/Young Adult Programs,

Public Relations activity, local college student recruits, etc. Commitments to make presentations at the fall meeting have been made by Perfect North Slopes, Hyland Hills, and Marquette Mountain. We also will offer a poster session for others that have programs that have worked for them.

- 5) We will conduct an Accident Investigation session at the Fall Meeting to bring patrols up to date on the latest and greatest from insurance carriers, MSAA, and NSAA materials.

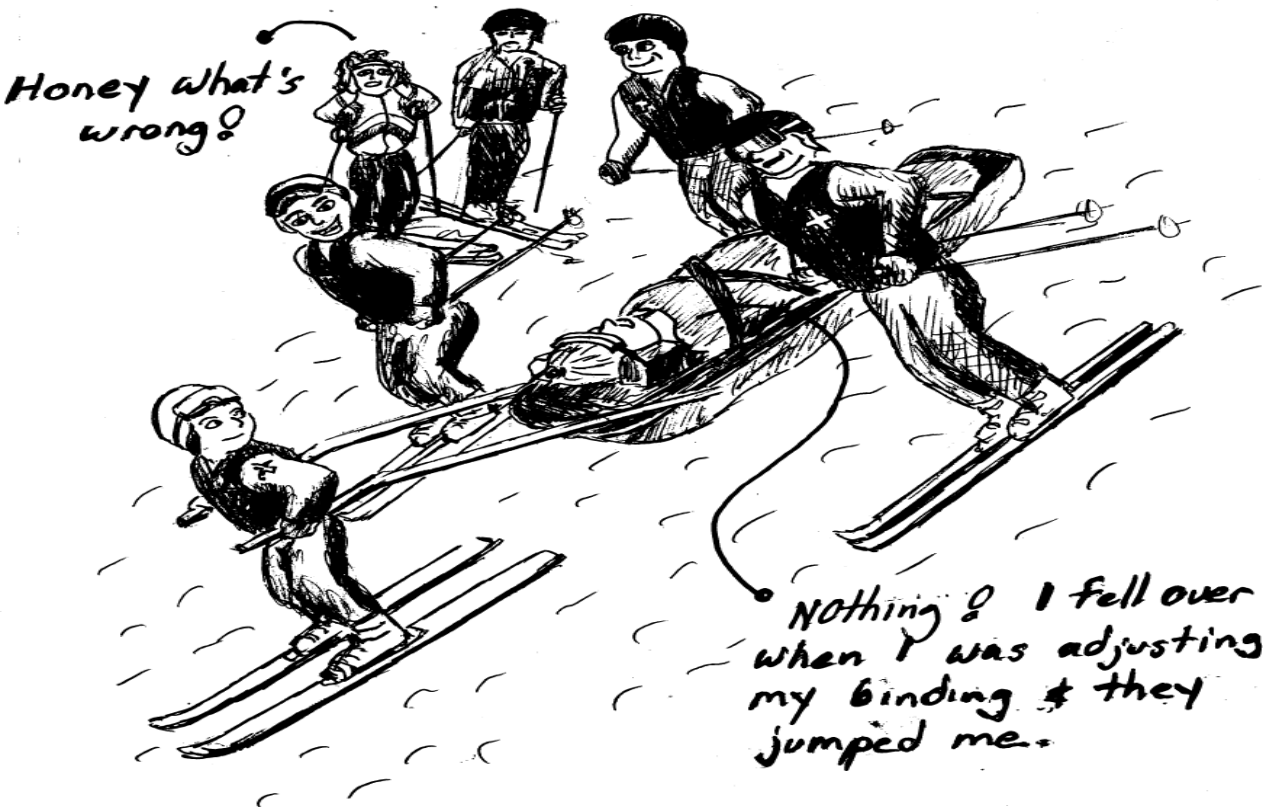
- 6) We will improve our Website to contain the latest materials available to keep patrollers involved and educated on NSP happenings.

This approach will help support the discussion with patrollers and area owners/managers. We look forward to our visit to Milwaukee and discussing our direction for next year. Until then have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Jim

Kasten's Korner

Those Darn Candidates



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Springtime is Time for Recognition

By: Linda Murphy Jacobs, ADD

Springtime always brings the opportunity for the Division leadership team to visit many Region awards banquets. I am always in awe of the amount of time and commitment that are consistent themes of these recognitions. Instructors, trainers, administrators and candidates are recognized for their achievements that go well beyond the daily patrol expectations.

To all of you who go above and beyond the normal schedule, THANK YOU. The instructor volunteers are the core of our organization and are the reason that Central Division



continues to be a strong and viable division within the NSP. We are consistently recognized for our outstanding accomplishments at the National level.

Our instructors and supervisors are a big part of the program planning and maintenance of curriculum for the educational programs that are offered.

For those of you who haven't taken advantage of our educational programs in a while, I would encourage you to do so. Our programs are excellent educationally, reasonably priced and taught by the cream of the crop! Give them a try.

Don't Order the Same Each Time - Get Out There

By: Dan Somalski, ADD

Well it's summer in the landscape business. It's a long way from the frostbite days of January and February. It's hard to even think about winter but I always think about the highlights of the winter past.

The Testing and training clinics held at Boyne Highlands and Granite Peak were great and well attended. There were a lot of program choices and good information passed around.

The different tests held throughout the division were administered well and as far as I can tell the pass rates were high. The certified test was held in Marquette in late Feb. Those UP guys know how to put on an event and make you feel welcome.

All of these events were held at a region or Division level. So if you didn't attend you missed a GOOD time and the opportunity to meet some really great people.



Tom Anderson prepares a UP welcome at the top of the bumps at Marquette Mountain. Staff from around the Central Division hope to welcome you to a Division or Region event this season. Check the Division calendar in the RPN or on the Central Division web site to prepare a plan for the 2008 - 09 season.

You may say at this point "I just want to do my duty shift at my local hill and don't want to get involved in that political thing." I hear that. But by having that attitude you are only sampling a small part of what Ski Patrolling has to offer. And Ski Patrolling is missing out on all you might have to bring to the table as far as your gifts.

Over the past few years I have met the neatest people from around the division. These people have taught me much more than I have taught them, and not all of it pertaining to ski patrol. By staying in your own safe little patrol environment it is like ordering the same thing on the Chinese takeout menu every time. You might be missing something that you might like even better than what you have been ordering. Get out and meet some people.

Yes, this is a call for activism. But who knows, you may like it. Test the waters. Be all you can be. Sample the Whole menu.

See ya on the white and slippery.

Registration: The Key to our Membership

By: Sherwin Van Klompenberg, Division Registration Supervisor

I opened my report to the Spring Meeting of the Central Division BOD with this comment: "To say the least this has been an interesting learning curve." The NSP has a membership of over 26,000 members. Central Division has registered 5,898 members for 2007-2008 (the numbers for 2006-2007 were 6026 patrollers). There were 5,499 reregistering patrollers (compared to 5571 in 2006-2007) and 399 new members (compared to 455 in 2006-2007). We have many different sizes of patrols from a patrol with 1 patroller to patrols over 200 patrollers. We have different sizes of Regions from 320 members to 1226 members.

I want to give my sincere thanks to all of the Patrol Representatives, Registration Coordinators, Region Directors, and anyone else involved in the process for your cooperation, understanding, and patience as we addressed all of the needed issues and problems. I also thank my wife, Kathy. While she had nothing to do with my accepting this position, she willingly assisted me with the ac-

counting piece of this position and demonstrated great patience with the many hours it took me away from her.

While I understand that there were significant problems with the process this past year, the massive amount of information that is exchanged through the entire system is also amazing. We may have received our cards later than normal due to problems with staffing and limited software capabilities at the National Office (which I will address in the next paragraph), but we did receive them. The various forms in which I have received materials has also been amazing, i.e. OEC Refresher rosters in place of the National Registration Roster, hand written registrations on course completion forms, and then the normal math errors that make life interesting. Finally, I was astounded very early in the process at the amount of printing and postage that this paper process requires and the significant increase in time that the snail mail procedure takes. Early on I began discussions with our Division Director, Jim Woodrum, and the National Office about the utilization of current technology to create an electronic based registration process.

National Office and the National BOD have clearly recognized that with their current staff levels and their inadequate database system we have a significant problem processing the registrations in a timely manner. To this end, the National Board has appointed an IT Software Committee consisting of National BOD members, NSP members and staff. The committee will make recommendations to the National Board for either creating or obtaining a computer system that will meet the needs of the National Ski Patrol membership for the next 5, 10 years, and beyond in all areas from registration, course registrations, data access, web site, etc. Three members from Central Division serve on this committee: BOD Member Bill Kirksey, BOD Member Bob Know, and myself. This committee was charged with the task of presenting the recommendations to National BOD this June. I specifically served on the Task Force that was responsible for listing the parameters and creating a program for an electronic based registration

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Summer: the Season for Instructor Development

By: Ginny Rodeman,
Instructor Development Supervisor

The season for Instructor Development is in full swing. Instructor Development is one of the other programs that National Ski Patrol offers. It is the course which is the first step to becoming an NSP instructor.

If you take an ID course be sure to get the class number at the beginning of the class. If there is no course number, the course isn't registered with National. If there are any problems, it is easier to check on the course records by knowing what the number was.

That can bring up another problem, course records. Instructors in all disciplines need to submit class records in a timely manner to the National office, the division supervisor for the discipline, and to anyone in the region or patrol who keeps abreast of the patroller in-

formation. If the records don't get to National, the students don't receive credit.

What is new?

1. The process for Instructor recertification has been standardized throughout the US. An Instructor Development Instructor (IDI) must do one of the three within a three year period:

- a. Instructors should attend as a student a full ID course once every three years or,
- b. Teach 2 different modules of ID course and participate in full ID course once every three years or,
- c. Attend an Instruction refresher covering ID topics for

another discipline within the three year period or,

- d. Complete two different modules of the ID CD every year and verify with ID Division Supervisor.
- 2. Some of you have noticed that now in Instructor Development, an ID IT is attending the classes to provide QA. It is now proven that Instructors have been doing a great job.

I hope to see you in a class in the future if you haven't already taken one. If you want to be an instructor in any discipline, or if you are a mentor, want to be a mentor, or if you have an interest in teaching; read The Guide to Mentoring Instructors. It is about 36 pages long. It has the information you are looking for in it. The Guide is downloadable from the Education Programs Instructor Resources on the National Website.

The Senior Program - Why Not!

By: Darcy Hanley
Division Senior Program Supervisor

If you have overheard any conversations about becoming a Senior Patroller it usually involves the question 'Why?' Ok, but what if you respond by saying "Why Not?"

The Senior program is an enrichment of all those skills that drove a passion for becoming an Alpine patroller in the first place.

Remember how you felt the confidence in your OEC skills, or the successful maneuvering of the toboggan or a downhill run that tested all of your alpine skills?

So "Why Not?" go for it! If you are an alpine patroller you will want to look at the region calendar mark down the dates for various senior electives, date to submit the application and the date of the senior evaluation.

Next partner up with a friend who will be there for support, friendship and as a training partner. If you really want to have the magical touch, then let your PR know what you are trying to do. Ask your trainers to work with you and do some dry land sessions using the training DVD. As the OEC classes begin request additional practice scenarios be provided at the senior level. Ask your local senior advisor for the names of senior or certified patrollers who could help benefit you to reach your goal. Ask for local support with on the snow training.

Then stand back, look and listen because the next sensation will be all the support you will receive so training is complete and your test is successful.



The answer to the question, "Why not?" is because I can!

There are going to be many opportunities for trainers, evaluators and mentors in the senior QA process as well. A trial third Division STW will be piloted this season. That event is currently sched-

uled for Dec 6-7 with the location to be determined.

The Division STW at Boyne is scheduled for December 13 and 14.

Granite Peak Division STW will be held December 20 and 21. More information will be forthcoming from Don Loerch.

I challenge each region to double the number of senior candidates for this season!

I challenge local patrols to seek out those alpine patrollers who would engage in the senior program to benefit to their local area. I challenge each local patrol to seek the support of area management to offer support for electives and training!

Why not? The gain goes to the patroller and ultimately to the patrol. Happy summer to all!!

New Ohio RD

By: Bill Currier, Ohio Region Director

It's difficult to focus on ski patrolling at the moment as I sit here writing this article and listening to a weather forecast for 90 deg. temperatures for the first time this year. However, since I will be beginning my tenure as Ohio Region Director on July 1, I wanted to write a brief note to Central Division Patrollers to introduce myself to those who do not know me and to say 'hi' to those who do.

It has been several years since I was a member of the Central Division Staff as Co-Editor of the *RPN* and Division Webmaster. During that time I stayed active in local and Ohio Region activities and was Patrol Representative of Boston Mills / Brandywine. I learned from that experience that being a PR of a 200+ member patrol that was also undergoing a change in area management is a full-time, 24 x 7 job. I found that to be especially challenging since I was also employed full-time in a job that required 100% travel. I learned much from my experience as PR, and I would encourage anyone who aspires to a leadership role in the NSP to become Patrol Representative.

Looking into future, I'm looking to continue and to enhance the great track record of the Ohio Region in the Central Division. I am making a few changes in the region organization to fill the positions of those who wish to move out of the spotlight and to create opportunities for those who either wish to take on different roles or who aspire to larger leadership roles in the Ohio Region. We are already having planning and budgeting conversations for the programs that we will run in the 2008 /2009 season, and they are looking good. We are planning to kick off the season with a fourth annual Patrol Representatives conference in August. This event has been highly successful in bringing together both new and continuing Patrol Representatives and Region Staff for two days of focused conversations on topics of current interest and social activities in an informal setting.

I'm looking forward to my new role and seeing you all in Milwaukee in September.

**Special Notice to NSP Ski
Instructors**

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Contact Jay Zedak at 330-650-2858 or jay@bugbusterinc.com for information on the benefits of membership
You don't want to instruct without first checking out the benefits of membership!

2008-2009 NSP-C Ski & Board School Membership Application



_____ **Renewal Membership** _____ **New Member Applicant**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (B) _____

(Cell) _____ (Pager) _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Patrol Name: _____ Region: _____

Check your current disciplines: _____ Snowboard _____ Nordic Downhill _____ Alpine

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

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

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

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

*A copy of your current membership card & check must be enclosed with application.

*In the event that you upgrade your certification status during the ski season, a new copy of your card must be submitted as soon as possible.

If you are currently Certified Level 1, 2, or 3 Enclose a check for \$60.00 Non Certified members enclose a check for \$70.00 made out to the NSP-C Ski School. Postmarked on or prior to Dec 1, 2008.

Late fee of \$10 will be charged to members if application is not submitted prior to Dec 1, 2008.

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

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

_____ To increase Depth of my disciplines knowledge

_____ To Instruct Senior Candidates this Season

_____ To Evaluate Senior Skiing or Boarding Candidates

_____ To Instruct Basic Candidates and other fellow patrollers

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

_____ Suggested Reading Material

_____ Suggested Video Programs

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

_____ One on one lesson

_____ Other: _____

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c/oJay Zedak

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PSIA Central Ed - Staffer Makes D-Team

Special to the RPN

By: Skip Dickel, PSIA-C/AASI-C President

PSIA Central Division is proud to report that Jennifer Simpson, an Alpine Ski Examiner on Central's Education Staff, has been selected to join the National Alpine Team for the next four years. No other candidate for the Alpine D Team from Central Division has passed the first skiing cut, after for two days, much less the next cut following the third day. From a field of 98 candidates who tried out this past spring, at Mammoth, California, Jennifer is one of only 14 who were selected. After five days (and evenings) of grueling challenges, Jennifer's hard work in preparation, and talent, brought her victory, and great pride to Central Division.



Deb Armstrong, left, former D Team member, Megan Harvey, right, former D Team member, and Jennifer Simpson, central, present D Team Member! Photo courtesy PSIA-C Central Line.

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Current Active



Membership

Roster

Member	PSIA Level	Discipline	Region	Member	PSIA Level	Discipline	Region
Barbu, Catalin	Level II	Alpine	Eastern Michigan	Koch, Mark	Level II	Alpine	Ohio
Barthel, Linda	Level III	Alpine	Eastern Michigan	Krankowski, Dennis	Level I		Ohio
Casaceli, Mike	Level II	Alpine	Eastern Michigan	Logan, MacIennan		Alpine	Ohio
Gaffney, Mary	Level I	Alpine	Eastern Michigan	Loveless, Bryan	Level I/Level II	Alpine/Snowboard	Ohio
Gaffney, Tim	Level I	Alpine	Eastern Michigan	Mardis, Charles	Level I	Snowboard	Ohio
Gorton, Rebecca	Level I	Alpine	Eastern Michigan	Maslar, Dennis J.	Level I	Alpine	Ohio
Hall, Sarah	Level I	Alpine	Eastern Michigan	McDermott-Hall, Dia	Level I	Alpine	Ohio
Hanczaryk, Janice	Level III	Alpine	Eastern Michigan	McGoff, Fredda	Level I	Alpine	Ohio
Hope, Scott	Level I	Snowboard	Eastern Michigan	McGoff, John J.	Level II	Alpine	Ohio
Knox, Robert	Level I	Alpine	Eastern Michigan	McNitt, Richard	Level I	Alpine	Ohio
O'Connell-Bennett, April	Level III	Alpine	Eastern Michigan	Melnyk, Orest M.	Level II	Alpine	Ohio
Sellenraad, Patrick	Level I	Alpine	Eastern Michigan	Mihuta, Dale R.	Level III	Alpine	Ohio
Taylor, Glen	Level II	Alpine	Eastern Michigan	Moss, Dan	Level II	Alpine	Ohio
Anderson, Tom	Level III	Alpine	North Central	Oka, Pete	Level II	Alpine/Snowboard	Ohio
Blume, Jeffery	Level I	Alpine	North Central	Raudabaugh, Chris	Level I/II	Alpine/Snowboard	Ohio
Dahl, David	Level I	Alpine	North Central	Reed, Barb	Level I	Alpine	Ohio
Engelman, Bob	Level III	Alpine	North Central	Reed, Mike	Level I	Alpine	Ohio
Grundstorm, Jim	Level I	Alpine	North Central	Ritzi, Robert		Snowboard	Ohio
Hanson, Kerry	Level II	Alpine	North Central	Rosselot, Bob	Level II	Alpine	Ohio
Holdridge, Pete	Level II	Alpine	North Central	Schmit, Greg	Level II	Alpine	Ohio
Jonas, Charles	Level I	Alpine	North Central	Smith, Robert F.	Level II	Alpine	Ohio
Keating, John	Level III	Alpine	North Central	Southwick, Troy	Level I	Alpine	Ohio
Meyers, Robert	Level I	Alpine	North Central	Spector, Michael	Level I	Alpine	Ohio
Salonen, Robert	Level II	Alpine	North Central	Tavanner, Tom		Alpine	Ohio
Zimmerman, Tim	Level I	Alpine	North Central	Tavanner, Tom	Level I	Telemark	Ohio
Cornell, Michael	Level III	Snowboard	Northern Michigan	Titus, Tammy		Alpine	Ohio
Herlick, Hank	Level I	Alpine	Northern Michigan	Vickroy, Jim	Level I	Alpine	Ohio
Loerch, Donald	Level II	Alpine	Northern Michigan	Vining, John	Level I	Alpine	Ohio
Longfellow-Jones, Mike	Level I	Alpine	Northern Michigan	Whitt, Marie	Level II	Alpine	Ohio
Markey, Jim		Alpine	Northern Michigan	Woodrum, Jim		Alpine	Ohio
Moe, Chris	Level III	Nordic Downhill	Northern Michigan	Worley, Tom	Level III	Alpine	Ohio
Moreen, Mike	Level II	Alpine	Northern Michigan	Wyatt, Kathleen	Level I		Ohio
Mottern, Jim			Northern Michigan	Zedak, Jay	Level III/II	Alpine/Snowboard	Ohio
Murphy-Jacobs, Linda	Level II	Alpine	Northern Michigan	Gesteland, Eric	Level I	Alpine	South Central
Norris, Annaka	Level I		Northern Michigan	Ortega, Anthony		Alpine	South Central
Somalski, Dan	Level III	Alpine	Northern Michigan	Rabaglia, Thom	Level I	Snowboard	South Central
Woodcock, Carl			Northern Michigan	Schmitz, Matthew	Level III	Snowboard	South Central
Allen, George	Level I	Alpine	Ohio	Benhart, Michael			Southern
Arnold, Amy	Level I	Alpine	Ohio	Busick, David	Level II	Alpine	Southern
Benzing, Beverly	Level II	Alpine	Ohio	Cobble, Brian	Level III	Alpine	Southern
Burns, Jim			Ohio	Davidson, Leonard			Southern
Choudhury, Rudy			Ohio	Dick, Bill		Snowboard	Southern
Cleary, Frank	Level I	Alpine	Ohio	Faes, Natalie	Level I	Alpine	Southern
Coffman, Roger			Ohio	Heichelbech, Bruce		Alpine	Southern
Cole, John	Level III	Alpine	Ohio	Henderson, Eric	Level III	Alpine	Southern
Collins, Mathew	Level III	Alpine	Ohio	Kahn, Corky	Level II	Alpine	Southern
Crowl, James	Level II	Alpine	Ohio	Martschinke, Charles	Level III	Alpine	Southern
Dolson, Silvia			Ohio	Morgan, Leah H.	Level II	Alpine	Southern
Dyer, Chris			Ohio	Vaerewyck, Mike	Level I	Alpine	Southern
Fischer, Lester		Alpine	Ohio	Williams, Tony		Alpine	Southern
Fogt, Mark		Alpine	Ohio	Ball, William Elden	Level III	Alpine	Southern
French, Andrew	Level I	Alpine	Ohio	Derr, Noel	Level I	Snowboard	Southern
French, Jonathan	Level II		Ohio	Pike, Dennis	Level I	Alpine	Southern
Gerdes, Ron	Level II	Alpine	Ohio	Andrews, Jim	Level III	Alpine	Western
Gerdes, Yvette	Level I	Alpine	Ohio	Anthonisen, John	Level III	Alpine/Snowboard	Western
Hammons, Sandi	Level II	Alpine	Ohio	Gray, Thomas	Level I	Alpine	Western
Hanley, Darcy	Level II	Alpine	Ohio	Gullickson, Jeff	Level II	Alpine	Western
Hiser, Kimberly	Level I	Alpine	Ohio	Kelly, Wendy	Level III	Alpine	Western
Hooper, Bob	Level I	Alpine	Ohio	McLeod, Cindy	Level I	Alpine	Western
Hooper, Karen	Level I	Alpine	Ohio	McLeod, Jim	Level II	Alpine	Western
Humphrey, Ed			Ohio	Mundy, Steve	Level II	Alpine	Western
Ives III, Layton	Level II	Alpine	Ohio	Thomas, John	Level II	Alpine	Western
King, Rick	Level II	Alpine	Ohio	Mayberry, Robert	Level I	Snowboard	West. Michigan
Knickerbocker, Tom		Alpine	Ohio				

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2007 - 2008 Division STW Photo Essay

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process. The timeline is to be ready for at least two Divisions (Southern and Central) to pilot an electronic registration process this coming fall. The parameters of this process are the following:

- The Patrol Director/Representative will generate the process, i.e. there will not be any individual registration.
- National Funds will go to National, and Division/Region/Section Funds will go directly to Division.
- The Process will have all forms available to Patrol Representatives electronically.
- The Process will have a temporary file so that the Patrol Representative can work on their submissions at different times to complete.
- The Registration submission will pass through the Division Registration Coordinator for approval. Cards will not be printed until checks have been

received at both National and Divisions.

- The Patrol Representative will not be able to submit until all numbers and funds are accurate.
- A long term goal is to have an electronic payment option such as 'pay pal' made available although we have chosen to remain with checks as we pilot this process.
- To develop electronic training materials to guide the patrol representatives through the process.

This electronic process will address a number of issues:

- It will significantly expedite the process so patrollers will get their cards in a reasonable response time. We will establish expected turn around times for both Division Registration Coordinators and National Office which will be no more than two-four weeks from the time that the patrol

representative sends the material and checks to cards issued.

- It will significantly reduce staff time at the National Office, i.e. since the Patrol Representative will fill out New Members & Transfer Forms electronically, National Staff will not have to manually input 100's of these forms.
- It will increase accuracy of records.
- It will save Central Division alone over a \$1,000 in printing and postage costs.

The Central Division and Staff are committed to having some version of an electronic registration in place. We are working diligently with the IT/Software Committee to make it happen. Watch for e-mail updates and/or postings on the National Web Site or the Central Division Web site.

Again, thank you for all of your assistance and patience throughout this process.



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Central Division Fall Meeting 2008

September 5 - 7 Milwaukee, WI



Meeting Headquarters: Hilton Milwaukee City Center

Reserve your room: 414-271-7250

or via the web at www.hiltonmilwaukee.com

Use hotel code NSPA when booking your room.

Meeting Registration Form and Additional Information Available On
Central Division Web Site www.nspcentral.org
South Central Web Site www.nsp-southcentral.org
Or contact Mike Bernico at (262)521-6002

Schedule of Events

Friday 9/5

Motorcycle Tour of Eastern Wisconsin and the Lake Michigan area

Friday Night 9/5

Dinner and a Ball Game. Dinner at Miller Park and watch the Brewers vs. the Padres.

Saturday 9/6 Events

Central Division Meeting
Central Division Board Meeting
CPR Recertification
Instructor Development
Instructor Continuing Education
Toboggan Enhancement
Mountain Travel and Rescue 1
Low Angel Rescue.
OEC Instructor Trainer (IT) Meeting
Guest Speakers

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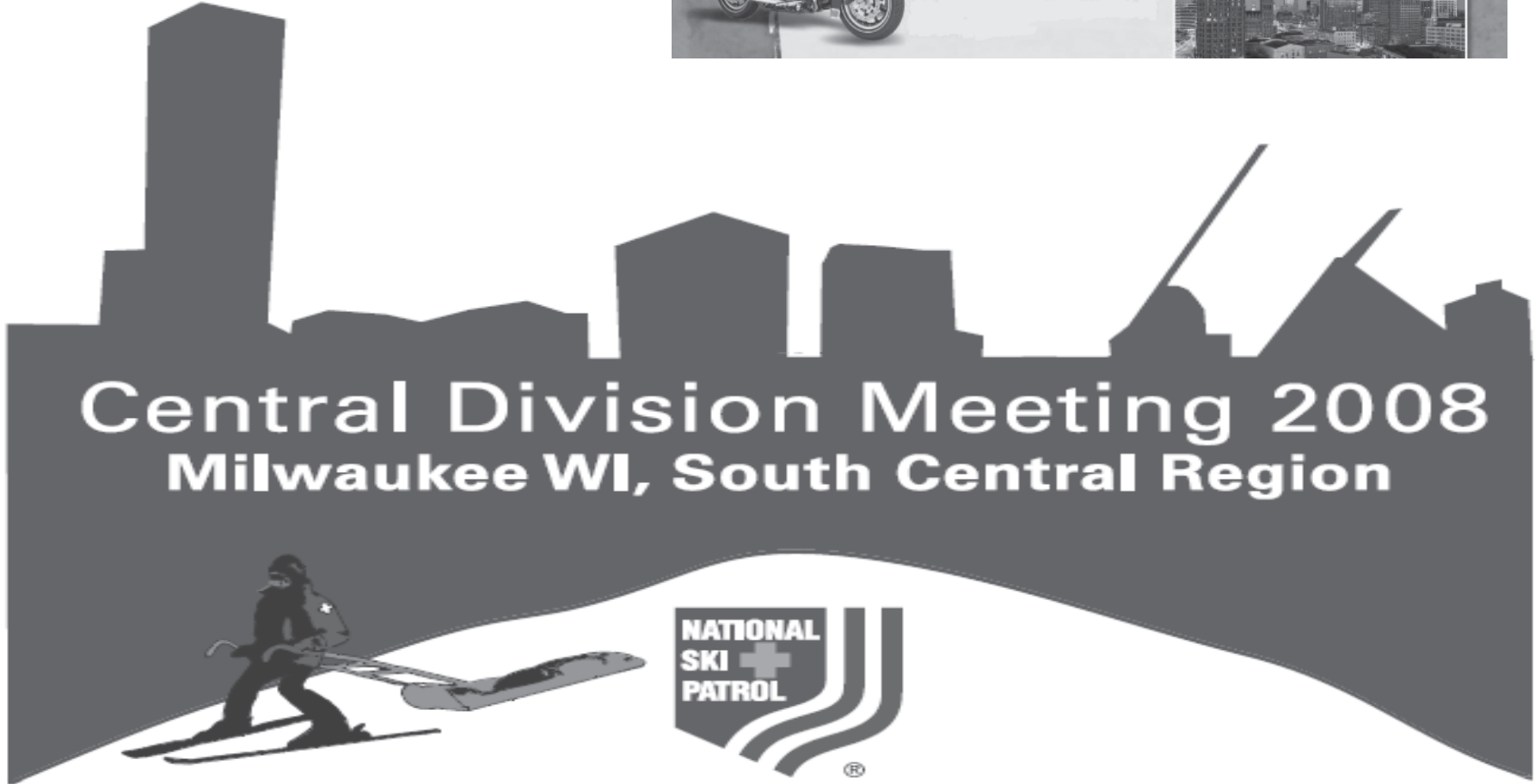
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Saturday Night 9/6

Awards Banquet. Dinner at the Hilton.

Sunday 9/7 Events

Patrol Representatives Breakfast.
Central Division Board Meeting



Why Your Member Information is so Important

By: Gregg Reese, Division Awards Supervisor

All patrollers should check their member page regularly, because there might be some important information that may be missing from their page and that missing piece of information could prevent them from getting a well deserved award

Most ski patrollers in the United States belong to a ski patrol. That patrol has been asked to exist and is supported by the management of the ski area. Those individuals who join that patrol will spend a great amount of time performing services for that patrol such as first aid, crowd control, or fund raising activities as agents of management of that area.

Over the years, many patrols and patrollers have elected to become members of the National Ski Patrol (NSP), a non profit organization specializing in education and training members of the outdoor emergency care community. If we go on the NSP website we will find a clearly defined Statement of Purpose outlining the National Ski Patrol's Core Values, Vision and Mission.

The Core Values consist of excellence, service, camaraderie, leadership, integrity and responsiveness

The Vision Statement of the NSP is: "to be recognized as the premier provider of training and education programs for emergency rescuers who serve the outdoor recreation community."

The Mission Statement of the NSP states: "The National Ski Patrol is a member-driven professional organization of registered ski patrols, patrollers and others, both paid and vol-

unteer. The NSP supports its members through credentialed education and training in leadership, outdoor emergency care, safety and transportation services, which enables members to serve the community in the safe enjoyment of outdoor recreation."

Now how does this fit into the awards program?

The NSP has an awards program honoring individual registered patrollers and patrols in good standing who perform outstanding service for the NSP programs within the framework of the National Ski Patrol mission- that is awarding patrollers for what they have done in furthering the NSP credentialed training and education.

Here is how our member page has a direct bearing on awards:

1. All NSP awards are for registered patrollers only
2. All awards can only be presented to patrollers in good standing.
3. Some awards such as medical purple, blue, green or yellow merit stars are based on lifesaving using NSP taught skills.
4. Other awards such as non medical merit stars, Meritorious Service, Distinguished Service, Appointments, Outstandings, Distinguished Service and other lifetime recognitions are greatly dependent upon patroller course information, instructor information, instructor trainer information, phase two information and awards information

There are three levels of patrollers. If you have successfully attained the requirements for any of the patroller classifications, make sure they are recognized.

Does your member page show you as one of these classifications of patrollers?

Basic patroller: alpine (ski/snowboard), auxiliary, Nordic
Senior patroller: alpine (ski/snowboard), auxiliary, Nordic

Certified patroller: alpine (ski/snowboard)

If not, and you have reached one of these classifications have your patrol rep help you rectify this.

Next, carefully check your member page to make sure no additional information is missing or inaccurate.

Since all NSP awards can only be issued to patrollers in good standing, check first to make sure your member page shows that your dues have been paid and your refreshers completed.

The first section on your member page includes such things as your name, address, date joined, dues paid and member classification. The second section of information is for courses taken along with the dates and includes such things as refresher information as well as classes. The third section is instructor information. The fourth section is instructor trainer information. Finally, the fifth section is Phase II information. Each area can be corrected if any information is wrong.

Now get to your member page and check it out. Go the National Ski Patrol website, www.nsp.org.

On the left side of the home page, you will see the first column says member services. Click on this and you will open a page that says member log in. You will type in your NSP membership number and if you do not already have a password, the site will help you get one. This is very user friendly.

Once you have entered your membership number as well as the new password, your member page will open and you can see all your information.

REMEMBER

If there is any wrong information on your member page such as inaccurate member status, missing course information, etc. immediately contact your patrol representative. The error can be corrected.

Rusty says:
"Join the NSP"



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If you wish to associate with a specific ski patrol, please provide that information here _____
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It's Time to Think Avalanche

By: Dale Mihuta, Division Avalanche Supervisor

Avalanches occur more frequently in the Midwest than most people realize. Almost all of them a result of overloading a slope with man made snow. It doesn't take just a steep slope to set one off. Water erosion, poor surface preparation and snow with major crystal differences are the usual culprits. Every area should have at least one person on the patrol that is aware of the physical dynamics that produce avalanches.

The really good news is that an avalanche education is a Senior elective. The best part is it makes you all the safer in the fastest growing component in the ski/boardng industry; backcountry adventures. The backcountry experience offers unencumbered access into the wilderness and unspoiled snow conditions.

To take an Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue (AFR) course or a Level 1 Avalanche course contact your regional avalanche advisor. If you do not have an advisor we are offering five divisionally supported courses

strategically located around the division. See below for contact information.

Kristi Olson (Minneapolis Area), live2skimountains@hotmail.com
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Todd Morgan (Boyne Mountain Area), toddcmorgan@hotmail.com
Derek Werner (Southern Michigan, Brighton), Derek.werner@usa.net
Kim Garrett (Ohio and Southern Indiana, PNS), kwgarr@aol.com

Once you have completed an AFR or Level 1 course you have met the prerequisites for the Advanced Avalanche Course (level 2). This year the advanced course will again be held in Utah for a week. The course is scheduled for March 7th through the 14th. The areas we work out of are Snowbasin, Brighton, The Canyons, Powder Mountain and Park City. If you have aspirations of being a big mountain patroller then this course is a must. Patrollers with avalanche and mountaineering knowledge are usually the first hired. For more information contact me at dmihuta@fuse.net or my cell phone (513) 919-3129.

Get Involved

By Rose DeJarnette, Central Division Auxiliary Supervisor

Patrolling is people, camaraderie, friendship and just plain old fun. No matter what your skill classification, with the ski season well underway there are plenty of opportunities to participate in NSP activities.

If you are an auxiliary patroller who likes to ski or would like to learn, now is the time. Central Division has many excellent ski instructors ready to help you on the snow. Maybe your personal goal is to become an Alpine Patroller. The ski and toboggan enhancement seminars are great opportunities for you to improve your skills and meet your personal goals. If it is OEC skills you want to work on, keep your eye open for OEC Enhancement Seminars or better yet, contact your local OEC representative and offer to participate in organizing an enhancement seminar. Mountain Travel and Rescue, Avalanche, Instructor Development; there are so many things to do. All of these offerings are considered senior program electives.

Becoming an instructor in any discipline is also considered a senior elective.

Auxiliary patrollers pursuing Senior will need four electives as well as successful completion of the Senior Emergency Management Clinic followed by the Aid Room Management Module (ARM).

This module is designed to enhance patroller leadership and management skills in the aid room environment. It has replaced the Patroller Enrichment Seminar (PES) as a requirement for Senior Auxiliary. Patrollers who took PES will not need to take the Aid Room Management Module unless they so desire.



to participate in an Aid Room Management (ARM) module. You can also visit the Central Division web. There you will find a link to the Auxiliary page as well as an online survey. Stand up and be counted by submitting the survey.

There is something for everyone this time of year, so get involved; enjoy the winter season, enjoy patrolling!

In Memoriam

Don Schumacher

Don Schumacher died about 8:30 pm on Friday June 6, 2008. Don, age 61, had been battling cancer for an extended time. He recognized and welcomed visits from old friends until the end. Nancy Kohlrieser, MRM patrol, wrote, "He has missed his ski patrol connection for the last two years and always planned to be back. He certainly has been with us in spirit"



Don was a member of Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol since 1984 and, until the 2007-2008 ski season, he was the Ohio Region's Legal Advisor. During his many years (from 1990 or before) as the Region Legal Advisor he briefed the Region Board about changes to the Ohio Code and court rulings which could affect ski area and individual patroller legal liability. He set up an immediate notification system for getting information about actual and potential legal cases involving ski patrols or patrollers so that he could provide timely advice about the steps that should be taken to minimize adverse legal exposure. No matter what his current professional case load, he provided expedited responses to patrols about any potential or actual legal liability case. He was involved in writing the policies and procedures set up by his patrol for handling grievances. These were later used as a model by other patrols. Don gave generously his time, talent and friendship to patrolers and is remembered with respect and affection by all who knew him.

Don was the president of the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. With 34 years of legal experience, he was well known in the courthouse and had extensive experience in representing some of Ohio's worst criminals.

Donald Schumacher is survived by a daughter, Stacie Cisco, and three grandchildren.

Please see Additional Memorials Page 15

Nordic '09

By: David Squires, Division Nordic Supervisor

With up to two feet of fresh powder this year, the Central Division Telemark SES was a success with great skiing and exceptional instruction provided by Dan Clausen of the PSIA Nordic Demo team including a DVD presentation of the Team's trip to Japan for the J.T.A. (Japanese Telemark Association).

Next year's clinic is scheduled for Jan 12th, 2009.

Contact David Squires at sharky@tekstar.com or (218) 849-7132 for information and registration.

OEC - Culture of Quality

By: Karen Hadden, Division OEC Supervisor

What's up with frost the last week of May? Not sure if all of you had a layer of frost on your newly planted flowers, but in Michigan we were still getting frost in the last week of May. On the positive side, perhaps we are in for a good old-fashioned winter? Seriously, by the time you read this I hope you are enjoying warm weather and fun summer activities. Of course when summer arrives the OEC staff directs their attention to planning refreshers. Many regions have their region calendars completed along with dates for their refreshers and OEC classes.

Let's take a few minutes and review our refresher requirements. It is not only ethical, but it is also part of our patrolling Code of Conduct (NSP P & P

Manual) to keep our OEC cards current by attending a yearly refresher as well as a Basic Life Support (CPR) class for healthcare providers. Our membership is a privilege accorded those who meet and maintain the qualification for membership. But most importantly, Deb Endly and I believe refreshers are an issue of professionalism. We feel all patrollers internalize and expect a culture of quality for our customers. To do less is unethical and in conflict with our Code of Conduct.

All patrollers who wish to remain active and those so will be going inactive must complete a full refresher. OEC instructors teaching at a refresher must complete the full refresher at their instructor refresher. There are many dates for completing refreshers in the Central Division. There is only one option to completing a refresher and that is

doing a refresher. Taking or helping at an SEM, taking a Basic Final (other than challenging the final plus paying the fee), or teaching at OEC Classes does not count as completing a refresher. Deb and I understand there could be situations (military duty, illness, etc) that could hinder the completion of a refresher. These situations will be few and can be handled on an individual basis with the patroller's Region OEC Advisor, Patrol Director and Region Director. Of course Deb and I are always available to assist.

Please see below for our quarterly OEC update. We will be working toward adding this to the Central Division Web site, but we will also continue to publish it in the RPN. Have a fun and safe summer.

OEC CONNECTION CENTRAL Summer 2008

Deb Endly (Central Division Lead OEC Supervisor) and Karen Hadden (Central Division Assistant OEC Supervisor) have a goal to communicate all OEC updates/information in timely fashion. This will be the key to quality care for our patients, to enable high performance teams, to build relationships and to value all individuals. We will make this communication short and sweet, but we hope informative.

To be cost effective and to promote a high quality OEC Program Deb and Karen will be dividing the OEC responsibilities in the Central Division. Deb will be west of Lake Michigan and Karen will be to the east of Lake Michigan. Deb will be the point person for the following Regions: Western, South Central, North Central, Southern and Administrative. Karen will be the point person for: Western Michigan, Northern Michigan, Ohio and Eastern Michigan. This is not to say we won't 'cross pollinate', but each of us will be better able to meet your needs with defined Regions.

OEC Supervisor Teleconference April 24, 2008 2000 EDT. Highlights:

- The Outdoor First Care course is being rewritten for the NSP's Mountain Host Program. Goal to be ready for the 2008-2009 ski season. We will be reviewing the rewrite.
- Draft IT Manual passed the National Education Committee. This committee looking at the structure of this manual to see if it would be useful for other programs.
- National Education Committee. Larry Bost chair. Committee developing joint ventures with other programs. Each Division Director asked to recommend a person with educational credentials to sit on this Committee. Training Curriculum will use outline format.
- Scenarios. Not changing test bank at this time. Each Division to send 3 new Basic testing Scenarios to Deb Endly ASAP.
- Senior Manual. Need a standard across the Nation. Some Divisions have great manuals. Will ask these Divisions for assistance in writing. Will not start this until fall of 2008 or later.
- 5th Edition. Need to meet or exceed the first responder curriculum. Survey is being collated and will be presented at a later date. Chapters have been realigned and redundant information deleted. Looking at a 2010 release date. There will be an advanced skills section. This will not be used for testing, but will be there in case the ski area requires the skill(s) and it is in line with state law.
- Standard Midterm. Won't be considered until after the 5th Edition is doing well.

Refresher Reminders:

- All patrollers who wish to remain active and those who will be going inactive must complete a full refresher.
- OEC Instructors teaching at a refresher must complete the full refresher at their instructor refresher. If they complete part of the refresher, they have the option of completing the missing elements at the refresher and teaching part of the day.
- There are many dates for completing refreshers in the Central Division. There is only **one** option to completing a refresher and that is doing a refresher. Taking or helping at an SEM, taking a Basic Final, (other than challenging the final plus pay the fee), or teaching OEC Classes does not count as completing a refresher.
- All refreshers must be registered and QA'd by OEC IT. This also applies to 'make up refreshers'. OEC IT's need to be in contact with the IOR to assist them and 'iron out' any concerns before the instructor refresher.

Fall Division Meeting:

- Deb and I are considering having a ROA breakfast on the Sunday AM of the Division Meeting, Sept. 7, 2008. This would give us a few hours to get to know each other and share ideas. Stay tuned for more information.

We hope you have enjoyed our first OEC CONNECTION CENTRAL update. Feel free to contact Deb (ezcompany2@msn.com) and/or Karen (karenhadden@mei.net) with questions/concerns.

Rusty Coats and Vests Available

The Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Patrol is going Red. We have a substantial inventory of new, unworn Mountain Uniforms Rust coats and vests, as well as a 250+ patrollers who own Rust coats.

If interested please contact Rick Kirby at rkirby@kichler.com or via phone at 216.904.4281

2008 - 2009 Central Division Calendar

AVALANCHE
Sep 21 W Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue,Welch Village
Nov 29 EM Avalanche I, Pine Knob, Derek Werner
Mar 20-29CD Division Avalanche II Course, Utah, Dale Mihuta

AWARDS
Sep 21 OH Region Awards Workshop, Lori Ringley
Nov 1 OH NSP Appointment Nominations, Postmark Deadline, Richard Nau
Jan 19 WM Awards to Section, Patrick Mulvihill
26 WM Awards to Region, Patrick Mulvihill
28 WM National Appointments due, Tom Norton
Feb 14 OH Deadline Region Awards, Lori Ringley
15 NC Awards Deadline for Outstandings, Appointments, and Stars, Marcia Locher
28 NC Region Awards Meeting, Granite Peak, Marcia Locher

CERTIFIED
Jan 4 OH Certified Pre- & Re-Qualification Clinics, PNS, Dan Moss
11 OH CertifiedACT Training (TENTATIVE), BMW, Jay Zedak
Feb 20 Certified Clinic, Chestnut, IL
26-28 Certified Evaluation Boyne Highlands & Nubs Nob, MI, Mike Longfellow-Jones

DEADLINES
Aug 1 EM Individual Patrol Financial, Reports Due,
8 NC Patrol financial reports due to Section Chiefs, Sarah Hull
11 NC Patrol & Section financial reports due from Section Chiefs to Region Treasurer
29 NC Consolidation of Section financial reports into Region report Sarah Hull
Sep 1 S Patrol Financial Reports Due, Randy Johnston
1 EM, Section Consolidated Financial Report Due, Sharon Hazen
15 NC Fall Issue Powder Lines Deadline, Tim Zimmerman
16 CD RPN Fall Deadline, Tim Zimmerman
30 OH DOWNHILL deadline, Max Davis
Oct 1 EM Region Consolidated Financial Report Due
20-21 S Leadership Seminar
31 W Deadline Fall 2008 Newsletter, Maggie Herman
Dec 1 CD Registration packets due to Sherwin
2 OH DOWNHILL, Winter Issue deadline, Max Davis
15 CD RPN Winter Deadline, Tim Zimmerman
31 WM Section I Section Chief election nominations close
Feb15 WM Section I ballots out, Erica Krol
27 W March Awards Deadline, Tom Gray
Mar 4 EM Region Awards Due, Dennis Heeger
7 WM Section I ballots due, Erica Krol
9 WM Blue and Gold, info due, Colleen Wolfer
17 OH DOWNHILL Spring Issue Deadline, Max Davis
Apr 1 EM Annual Region Administrator Reports Due, Derek Werner
1 EM Annual Region Expense Reports Due, Sharon Hazen
May5 OH DOWNHILL Awards Issue Deadline, Max Davis
31 W Supervisor Expense Vouchers Due, Jim Irvine
June 1 NC Summer issue Powder Lines deadline, Tim Zimmerman

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT
Aug 16 EM, Instructor Development, Mt. Brighton, Jerry Rodeman
Sep 29-30W Instructor Development Course Patrol, Bob Iverson
Mar16 & 18 OH Instructor development Classes, Brandywine, Janet Glaeser/Freddie Shima
Apr 5 EM Instructor Development, Mt. Holly Lynn Hunt

MEETINGS
Aug8-10OH Patrol Rep Retreat, Columbus, OH, Jim Vickroy
Aug 10-13 MSAA Boyne, MI
22 S Board Meeting Budget
Sep5-7 CD Division Meeting, Milwaukee

19-21 W Region Fall Meetings /Awards Banquet, Welch Village Patrol, John Thomas, Sue Hayes
21 OH Ohio Region Board Fall Meeting, tba, Bill Currier
27 NMR Fall Board of Directors Meeting, Robert Lechtanski
Oct 1 EM Fall Region Meeting, Flint, Mich. Derek Werner
5 EM Pine Knob General Meeting, Pam King
11 NC Region Fall Board Meeting Ski Brule
15 WM Region meeting 7 pm, Brann's
Jan 7 WM Region meeting, Brann's
Mar 11 EM Region Awards Review Meeting, TBD, Dennis Heeger
18 WM Region meeting
Apr 3-5 CD Division Spring Meeting
14-18 NSP Education & Leadership Conference Snowbird, Utah
17-19 NC Region Spring Banquet, Minocqua, David Dahl
25 S Annual Region Meeting, Section 1
25 OH Region Spring Meeting & Awards Banquet, Bill Currier
26 OH Patrol Awards Banquet, Snow Trails, Dave Baumlein
May 2 WM Region Meeting/Banquet, Section 1, Bittersweet
2 OH Patrol Banquet, MRM, John Norris
6 EM Region Spring Meeting,TBD, Derek Werner
16 EM Region Awards Banquet, TBD

MOUNTAIN TRAVEL AND RESCUE

Sep 20-21W Mountain Travel and Rescue Fundamentals, Welch Village, Daryl Coons
Oct 18 S MTR Level 1, Swiss Valley, IN
9 EM MTR I & Fundamentals, Mt. Brighton, Jerry Rodeman
Nov 1 -2 NC Basic MTR , Mont Ripley Randy Tufts
Dec 15 EM MTR II Classroom, Mt. Brighton, Jerry Rodeman
Jan 25-27EM MTR II Field Session, TBD, Jerry Rodeman
Feb 22 OH Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue, BMW, Jay Zedak
28 –1 Advanced MTR, UP of Mich, Randy Tufts

NORDIC

Jan 10 W Mesabi East Invitational, Giants Ridge
10-11 CD Nordic SES, Minocqua Winter Park
12 CD Division Nordic Telemark Clinic, Dave Squires
TBD EM Nordic S &T Workshop & Refresher, Pine Haven, Jon O'Dell
17 W Pepsi Challenge, Giants Ridge
Feb 7 W Region Nordic SES, Peter Wollan
8 W Mora Vasaloppet, Mora, MN, Bill Lappen
13 W MN State HS League X-C Championship, Giants Ridge
14 W Minnesota Finlandia, Bemidji, MN
21 American Birkebeiner
28 NC Lakeland Loppet, MWP Betty Adams
Mar 8 NC Great Bear Chase, Calumet Barb Wheeler

OEC

Jul 9 SC, OEC Classes Begin, Mike Bernico
18 WM Bittersweet/ TR OEC class begins Dan Goldberger, Jen Squires
Aug 2 EM OEC Class Begins, Mt. Brighton, Dick Poole
10 EM OEC Instructor Recertification, Mt. Holly, Mike Case
16 S OEC Kick off Lisle, IL - Four Lakes
21 W Christie Mtn. OEC candidate class begins, Paul van Natta
24 WM OEC class begins, Caberfae, Cassie Proctor, Tim Kirch
Sep 27 W Welch Village OEC Refresher, Dave and Jane Schaller
27 W Wild Mtn. OEC Refresher , Dale Scheufner
Oct 16 WM OEC midterm Section II, TBD
Nov 8 WM Bittersweet/ TR OEC final, TR, Jen Squires and Dan Goldberger
8 EM R1 OEC Final, Alpine Valley, George Gilin
8-9 OH OEC Practical Final, BM, Janet Glaeser/ Freddie Shima
Dec W Christie Mtn. OEC Candidate Final Exam, Christie Mtn., Paul van Natta

6 EM OEC Enhancement Seminar - Splint ing, Alpine Valley,Marilyn Gilin
6 WM Caberfae, OEC practice clinic
7 WM Caberfae, OEC final exam1
6 EM OEC Enhancement Seminar - Traction Splinting, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin
Jan 9 EM OEC Enhancement Seminar - Vitals/ Oxygen, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin
Mar 2 EM OEC Class Begins, Mt. Holly, Steve Meek

REFRESHERS

Aug 17 WM Section I instructor refresher, Bronson Gilmore Center
23 Big Powderhorn OEC Refresher & Chair Evac
24 WM Caberfae instructor refresher, Caberfae
27 EM Chair Evac Trainers Clinic,Mt. Holly, Matt Stilson
Sep 6 NC Blackjack OEC Refresher
6-7 W Giants Ridge, OEC & CPR, Chair Evac, ReNae Magajna
9 EM Pine Knob OEC Instructor,Pine Knob, Orysia Novajovsky
10 EM CPR & Chair Evac Instructor, Pine Knob, Pam King
13 NMR Schuss, Virginia Rodeman
13 EM Alpine Valley OEC Instructor, Alpine Valley, George Gilin
13 NC Ski Brule OEC refresher, Chair Evac , Joe Matuzak
13 NC Indianhead OEC Refresher
14 NMR Fall OEC Instructor Refresher, Otsego Ski Club, Tena Lechtanski
TBD EM Chair Evac Training Candidates/ Hosts, Mt. Holly Keith Hal, John O'Dell
20 WM Section I Refresher, Bronson Gilmore Center, Dan Goldberger
20 EM R3 OEC Refresher, Snow Snake, Mark Kuehl
20 W OEC Instructor Recertification, Welch Village, Kathy Glynn
20 OH OEC Instr Refresher, Alpine Valley, Dave Walker
21 WM Chair Evac and BLS, Timber & Bittersweet
21 EM CPR & Chair Evac Refresher, Snow Snake, Mark Kuehl
27 NMR Fall OEC Refresher, Gaylord High School, Tena Lechtanski
27 EM Instructor Refresher, Mt. Holly, Lynn Hunt
28 EM R2 OEC, Mt. Brighton, Diane Henry
21 SC, Mt LaCrosse
25 WM Section II Instructor Refresher, TBD, Dani Doolittle
27 SC, Highlands of Olympia
27 WM Caberfae
27 OH OEC/CPR Refresher, BMW, Janet Glaeser/Freddie Shima
28 WM Chair Evac and BLS,Caberfae, Tim Kirch
28 WM Crystal, Instructor Refresher, Jackie Bottomley
28 SC Tyrol
28 S Four Lakes, Raging Buffalo, Bret Duesdieker
28 EM CPR & Chair Evac, Mt. Brighton, Diane Henry
28 OH OEC Refresher, MRM, John Norrisine
28 OH OEC Instr Refresher, Bill Harkins
29 NC Marquette Mountain CPR, Jim Grundstrom
30 NC Marquette Mnt,CPR Class Jim Grundstrom

Oct 1 NC Marquette Mnt, CPR Refresher, Jim Grundstrom
4 SC Alp Valley
4 EM, Alpine Valley OEC, George Gilin
4 EM CPR & Chair Evac, Pine Knob, Steve & Karen Werner
4 W Afton Alps OEC Rrefresher
4 W Christie Mtn. Instructor & Chair Evac, Paul van Natta
4 W Trollhaugen OEC Refresher & Chair Evac, Phil Dorholt
4 OH OEC Instructor, PNS, Sandi Hammons
4 NC Marquette Mnt OEC, Jim Grundstrom
4 NC Sec 4 OEC, UW St. Point, Keith Robinson
5 S Swiss Valley, Tom Smith
5 EM OEC Refresher , Pine Knob, Orysia Novajovskyom
5 EM General Meeting & CPR, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin
5 OH OEC Refresher, Snow Trails, Bill Harkins
5 OH OEC/CPR, Alpine Valley, Dave Walker
5 OH OEC/CPR, BMW, Janet Glaeser/ Freddie Shima
5 Sec 4 Chair Evac, Granite Peak, Keith Robinson
11 SC Nordic Mt
11 WM Section II Chair Evac and BLS

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- 11 WM Crystal Refresher, Jackie Bottomley
- 11 W Spirit Mountain OEC Refresher,Jim Gearns
- 11 OH OEC/Chair Evac, Paoli Peaks, Bruce Heichelbech
- 11-12 EM Chair Evac & Work Party, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin
- 12 OH OTH Refresher, MRM, John Norris
- 12 WM Section II Refresher
- 12 WM Crystal, Chair Evac and BLS
- 12 S Sundown, Kay Heller
- 12 S Snowstar, Leonard Davidson
- 16 EM OEC/CPR Make-up Refresher, Pine Knob, Steve & Karen Werner
- 18 W Christie Mtn. Patrol OEC CPR , Paul van Natta
- 18 S Snow Creek, Jerry Roberts
- 18 SC Cascade
- 18 S Chestnut Mtn., Rebecca Iske
- 18 EM CPR & Chair Evac, Mt. Holly, Lynn Hunt
- 18 OH OEC Instructor Recert, Snow Trails, Blair Schwartz
- 18 NC Norway Mnt /Sec 3 OEC, Harry Lauritsen
- 18 NC Mont Ripley / Mt Bohemia OEC, Don Close/ Patty Asselin
- 18-19 OH OEC and Rescue Refresher, PNS, Sandi Hammons
- 19 W Christie Mtn. Chair Evac, Dennis Potter
- 19 S Snow Creek CPR & Chair Evac
- 19 S Wilmot Mtn., Christopher Morris
- 19 EM OEC Refresher, Bendle High School, Lynn Hunt
- 19 NC Mont Ripley / Mt Bohemia CPR, Don Close/ Patty Asselin
- 24 W Lutsen OEC Instructor Refresher, Susan Mullenix, Kim Brown
- 25 W Lutsen OEC Refresher and Chair/Gondola Evac, Susan Mullenix, Kim Brown
- 26 S Section 5 at Seven Oaks, OEC & CPR, Boone, IA, John Upah
- 26 S Grand Geneva,Nancy Fudali
- Nov 2 S Hidden Valley, info@hvsp.org
- 2 NC Make up OEC, MWP, Betty Adams
- 5 EM Instructor Recertification Clinic, Pine Knob, Lynn Hunt
- 9 SC Devils Head
- 12 OH OEC - Cuyahoga Nordics, Boston Mills Daryl Knauss
- Jan 4 EM Make-up Chair Evac, Snow Snake Mark Kuehl
- 4 EM TES, SES, SBES, Telemark Enhancement, Mt. Holly, Tim Gaffne
- 20 EM OEC Enhancement Seminar - Backboard. Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin
- 20 EM OEC Enhancement Seminar - Backboard, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin
- 21 W Christie Mtn. On-Hill Refresher, Dennis Potter
- 23 W Christie Mtn. On-Hill Refresher, Dennis Potter
- 25 W Christie Mtn. On-Hill Refresher, Dennis Potter

SENIOR

- Nov22-23NC Ski Brule, SES, Joe Matuzak
- Dec 1 EM Senior Ap Deadline,Derek Werner
- 1 NC Senior Ap Deadline, Don Close
- 6 WM SEM Clinic, Bittersweet, Dave Corey
- 6 OH SEM, Snow Trails, Jim Vickroy
- Jan 1 WM Senior Hill sign up due, Brit Gustafson
- 1 S Senior Application Deadline
- 3-4 W Senior Alpine Examiners' Clinic, Afton, Mike Nies
- 10 SC, On hill calibration, Cascade
- 10 WM Senior Eval Calibration Clinic, Caberfae
- 10 W Senior Alpine Precourse, Afton, Mike Nies
- 11 WM Senior Hill Warm Up, Caberfae
- 11 SC, On hill clinic, Cascade
- 11 EM Sr. Candidates Ski & Tob Pre-Test Clinic, Pine Knob, Derek Werner
- 17 SC, OEC clinic, Tyrol
- 17 W Senior Alpine Precourse, Lutsen, Mike Nies
- 24 W SEM Precourse, Mary Pritchett, Kathy Glynn
- 24 OH DEADLINE for Senior Ski & Toboggan Ap Dennnis Maslar
- 31 EM Senior ESM Scenario Skill Sign Offs Due, Ellen Burchfield
- 31 W Senior Alpine Precourse, Wild Mtn, Mike Nies
- Feb 1 SEM final, Bittersweet, Dave Corey
- 7 W SEM Precourse, Mary Pritchett, Kathy Glynn
- 7 OHDeadline Senior Event Sign-ups Due, Dennis Maslar
- 8 EM Reg 1 Sr. Ski & Tob Evaluation, Boyne Mt., Derek Werner
- 15 SC, On hill eval, Cascade
- 20 NC SEM Eval Calibration, Granite Peak, Greg Kerwin
- 21 WM Senior Hill Bump Clinic,Crystal Mtn, Brit
- 21 SC, OEC eval, Tyrol
- 21 S Senior Hill Evaluation, Chestnut, IL
- 21 W Senior Alpine Evaluation, Mike Nies

- 21 OH Region Senior Event, BM, Dennis Maslar
- 21 NC SEM Eval, Granite Peak, Greg Kerwin
- 22 NMR Senior Ski & Toboggan Exam, Nub's Nob, Aren Fairchild & Jim Parker
- 22 WM Senior Hill Final, Crystal Mnt, Brit
- 22 NC Senior S&T Eval, Granite Peak, Don Close
- Mar 6 NMR OEC SEM Paperwork Deadline, Tena Lechtanski
- 7 S SEM Evaluation Hidden Valley, MO
- 7 W SEM Eval, Mary Pritchett, Kathy Glynn
- 8 EM SEM. Eval, Mt. Brighton, Mike Case
- 14 S SEM Evaluation Grand Geneva, WI
- 22 NMR SEM Evaluation, TBA, Tena Lechtanski

TESTING/TRAINING

- Dec 6-7 CD Division STW Minnesota
- 13 W TES, Andes Tower Hills, Ron Sluka
- 13-14 CD Division STW Clinic, Boyne
- 16 EM Region STW, Pine Knob, Tim Gaffney
- 20-21 CD Division STW Granite Peak
- 27 OH TES, BMW, Thomas Ciranna
- Jan 3 NMR Instructor Calibration Clinic, Boyne Highlands, Aren Fairchild
- 3-4 OH Region Ski & Toboggan Workshop, PNS
- 4 WM TES Section I Toboggan Instructors,TR, Shawn Rhoda
- 4 NMR Training Clinic, Boyne Highlands, Aren Fairchild & Jim Parker
- 10-11 S TES Hidden Valley, MO
- 10-11 CD Central Division Women's Clinic, Perfect North Slopes
- 10-11 OH Region Ski & Toboggan Workshop, BMW, Thomas Ciranna
- 17 WM Tentative SES, Cannonsburg, Chip Knappen
- 17 OH SES/SNES, Snow Trails, Dave Baumlein
- 17 OH TES, Paoli Peaks, Bruce Heichelbech
- 17 OH TES, Alpine Valley, Patrick Acquila
- 18 WM SES, Timber, Chip Knappen
- 18 OH SES/SNES, MRM, John Norris
- 24 WM SES, Nubs, Chip Knappen
- 24 NMR Ski Enhancement Seminar, Boyne Highlands, Aren Fairchild
- 24 OH SES/SNES, PNS, Sandi Hammons
- 24 OH TES, MRM, John Norris
- 24 OH TES, Snow Trails, Dave Baumlein
- 24-25 S TES Snow Creek, MO
- 25 NMR TES, TBA, Aren Fairchild & John Wallace
- 25 WM TES, Boyne Mtn, Shawn Rhoda
- 25 OH SES/SNES, Paoli Peaks, Bruce Heichelbech
- 31-1 S Region SES, Chestnut IL
- Feb 1 NMR Section 1 Candidate Eval, Boyne Mn, Carl Woodcock & Mike Cornell
- 1 EM TES, SES, SBES, Telemark Enhancement Mt. Brighton, Tim Gaffney
- 1 EM Region 1 Basic Ski & Tob Eval, Pine Knob, Mike Schons
- 6 OH TES, PNS, Sandi Hammons
- 6-7 OH Telemark SES, Holimont-NY, Dave Walker
- 7 OH SES/SNES, Big Creek, Dave Walker
- 8 W Christie Mtn. Candidate Hill Test, DennisPotter
- 8 WM Candidate Hill test, TBD, Section II and Timber Ridge, Jack Katerburg and John Ritsema
- 8 OH PSIA - Development Training, Snow Trails, Amy Arnold
- 15 WM TES, Pando, Shawn Rhoda
- 16 EM Reg 2 Candidate Ski & Tob Eval, Mt. Brighton, Dave Petrak
- 16 EM Reg 3 Candidate Ski & Toboggan Eval, Mt. Holly, Mary Gaffney
- 21 NMR Section # 2 Candidate Evaluation, Otsego Ski Club, John Wallace
- 21 NMR Section # 3 Candidate Eval, Shanty Creek, Pat Troop & Jeff Summers
- 22 W TES, Christie Mtn, Ron Sluka
- 23 EM Reg 3 Candidate Ski & Toboggan Eval, Apple, Mary Gaffney
- 23 EM Nordic Candidate Ski & Toboggan Eval, Pine Haven, Bruce Thill, Jon O'Dell
- Mar7 WM Caberfae Candidate Hill, Tim Kirch/Dave Worfel

OTHER EVENTS

- Sep 27 W Christie Mtn. "Leaf it to Rush" Bob Moe

- Oct 18 EM Ski Swap, Midland Community Center, Midland, Mark Kuehl
- 17-19 OH Open House and Ski Swap, Alpine Valley, Pat Acquila
- 17-19 OH Open House & Ski Swap, BMW
- 18-19 EM Ski Swap, Mt. Brighton, Dick Thalacker
- 23-26 S Ski Sale
- 25-26 EM Ski Swap, Pine Knob, Pam King
- Nov 1 NC Marquette Mountain Race Team Ski Swap, Jim Grundstrom
- 1-2 EM Ski Swap, Alpine Valley, Marilyn Gilin
- 1-2 OH Ski Swap, PNS, Sandi Hammons
- 2 OH Ski Swap, MRM
- 6-9 WM Section II Ski Swap, Cannonsburg
- 8 W Christie Mtn. Ski Swap and Raffle, Dennis Potter
- 9 OH Ski Swap & Open House, Paoli Peaks, Bruce Heichelbech
- 13-15 WM Section I Ski Swap, Wings Stadium
- 15 EM Mt Holly Ski Swap, Mt. Holly, Shannon Rains
- Dec 13 NC Ski Brule Ski Patrol Ski Swap Joe Matuzak
- Feb 7-9 EM Motown Winter Blast, Detroit, Ty Damon
- 21-22 OH Winter Carnival, Snow Trails, Dave Baumlein

In Memoriam Dick Carrick

Cannonsburg Ski Patrol lost a great friend and 10-year patroller when Dick Carrick, 71, unexpectedly died on February 28 while on vacation in Florida. Dick's passion was helping others. He was a member of three shifts and had logged over 200 hours this season. Before joining the patrol he had spent 18-years as a volunteer EMT with Rockford Ambulance. Dick loved to be with his family and friends. He lived life to the maximum and enjoyed every moment. His motto was "If you rest, you will rust."



On March 8, a tradition began when 50 patrollers participated in a torch parade in Dick's memory. Patrol Director, Mike DeVriendt stated, "So many families and friends of patrollers throughout the midwest attended. We wanted to remember all of those who have given and volunteered so much for a sport they love. It was a great tribute that started in Dick's memory and spread to all of the volunteer NSP members that have passed on to ski the powder under blue skies."



Submit calendar events to our Division Web Master at chris@raudabaugh.net

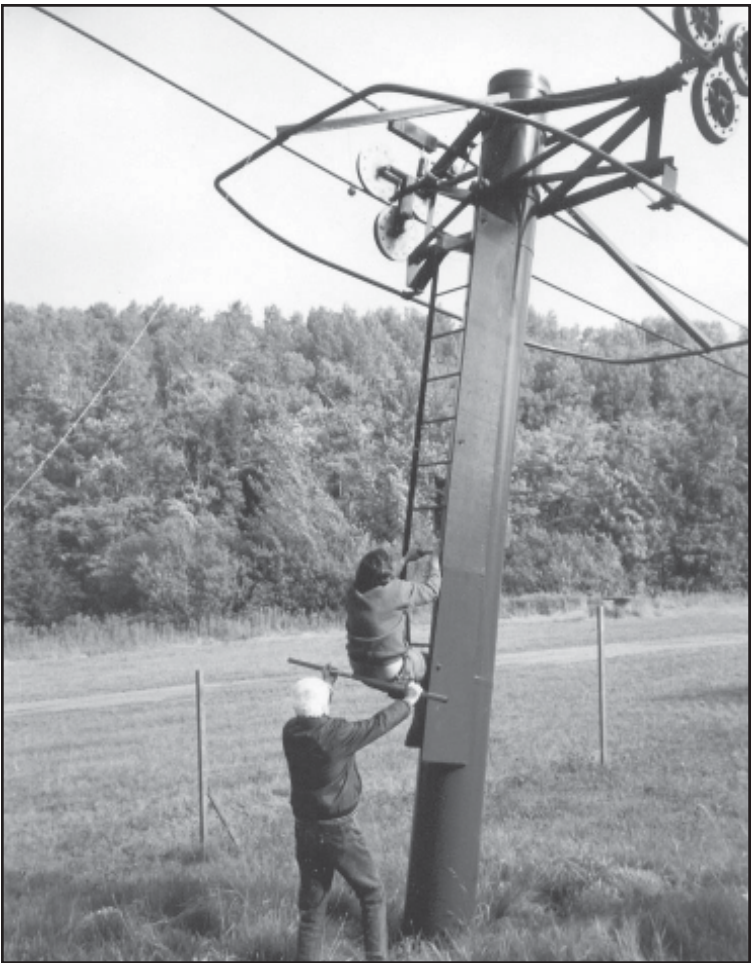
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Dates and times subject to change! Call ahead to confirm.



Tail Rope

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This issue's Tail Rope photo feature comes to us courtesy of Blackjack Mountain in Michigan's UP
An early technique for getting the belay rope away from tower hazards

*Send a digital copy of your favorite old patrol photo to the RPN
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