



# Rusty Parka News



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## Division Director's Report



**John Thomas**  
Division Director

First off, Thank You so much for being a Patroller in the NSP. Without YOU as a member, there would not be the organization that we call the NSP. Take a moment and think about your volunteerism, and why you volunteer. In talking to nonmembers of the NSP, many of them ask me, "why would you patrol?", "why do you do what you do?" Thinking about that question, how would most of us answer? Would it be a one or two word response? If you really think about why we volunteer for the NSP, I would argue that the answer is more than one or two words and as varied as each of us. As I think about that question of why I volunteer, my answer is: "Because I love the sport of skiing. I want to make the sport of skiing the best it can be. I want to share my passion of skiing with everyone. I want people in the sport to be safe, and when they do have mishaps or injury, I want to be able to help them safely get to the medical care they need." There are a lot of organizations in this world that lend a helping hand to people in need, similar to what we as NSP members do for the skiing public. Of all of those, I believe we are the best service organization in the world.

To further improve our organization and its visibility, I need your help. I need you to think about why you volunteer as an NSP member for your Ski Area. I need you to share your passion for the Ski Industry with other skiers and tell your Skier Area Owner/Manager why YOU volunteer to help the skiing public. We need to start articulating our passion to those that we work with.

The National Board election will be happening again, as every year, and I'll need your support to make sure we're getting the right people on the Board. The National Board does affect you as an individual ski patroller at your area. You ask why? They make policies and procedures that affect the way we patrol. They make decisions as to how the dues we pay are utilized. They make decisions about the programs that are offered by the Divisions, Regions, and Patrols. They make decisions about our OEC refreshers and how they are delivered. Some decisions are very popular, while others are not. One example is the online refresher that was created and is available to use for patrols seems to be very popular. We are moving to make that

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available. The National Board still has its issues and still needs to be structured correctly. I will continue to work very hard to eliminate the extra politicking that happens at the National level. This politicking does not allow the National Board to make the decisions for the future of this organization. I believe the main purpose of the National Board is to have a vision as to where the future the National Organization should go and work out a path of how should we get there.

I truly hope that you have a great and safe summer. I hope to see you at the Division or Region meetings this fall.

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## Floating Ice, White Legs and More...



**Don Loerch**  
**Assistant Division**  
**Director**

Greetings to our extended NSP family! Congratulations are in order to all for persevering through one of the tougher winters in recent memory. Evidence of the same was still in our face near Marquette over the Memorial Day weekend (see photo below). The only thing more troubling than all the late ice on the lake was my very pale legs in a pair of shorts....

As summer gets into full swing, I'm pleased to report we had a very busy 2013-14 season and of course work is already underway planning for the upcoming season. Many thanks to our dedicated staff of supervisors both new and old for the enthusiasm they've brought to their respective programs.

Looking forward into the months ahead and the 2014-15 season, we've made substantial commitments to evaluate and update a number of programs. These subtle changes will improve our offerings while fostering improved consistency across our Central Division.



Speaking of changes, we'd also like to officially welcome Britt Gustafson to her new role as Skills Development Supervisor. Britt hails from Western Michigan Region and is an accomplished telemarketer with PSIA Level 2 credentials. Her most recent posting has been as the CD Assistant Senior program supervisor. Thank you Britt for stepping forward! While welcoming Britt we clearly owe a huge debt to Sue Hayes as she leaves the Skills team for her new posting as the CD Assistant OEC Program Supervisor. Thank you Sue for all you've done, we know you'll have great success on the OEC side.

Finally, I have a call to arms for those around the Central Division. I hope many of you are familiar with the Dan Somalski charitable trust. The trust was established through the generous contributions of many (patrollers, CD Board of Directors and friends) to honor Dan whom we lost to pancreatic cancer nearly two years ago. For me, as is the case with many, Dan was a friend and mentor. Although he is still greatly missed, his legacy of giving lives on. Now that the business of establishing an endowment is on solid footing, it's time to make sure we reinvested in our members. Please take a moment to visit the short piece included in this issue, it's an open invitation to any member in good standing to apply for sponsorship as they pursue/achieve advanced credentials.

Thank you for listening, best wishes to all for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Don Loerch  
Assistant Division Director

# Summer Time Blues



**Chris Raudabaugh**  
**Assistant Division**  
**Director**

Don't let the off-ski season get you down, or cause undo withdrawal issues. Outside of the warm weather activities that you might enjoy, there are many winter oriented activities that can be done during these summer months that can keep you engaged in the winter sport and the NSP.

For those that are interested or currently engaged in the certified program, now is the time to practice and learn. The 9 modules of the exam are made up of mostly skills and learning that don't necessarily need cold and snow to brush up and become experts in that area. Low angle rescue, OEC, and Avalanche to name just a few topics that can be practiced now. Contact your local, Region, Division Certified Advisor (or any certified patroller) to setup practice sessions for any of modules. No reason to wait until the cold is here and you have the snow calling your name!

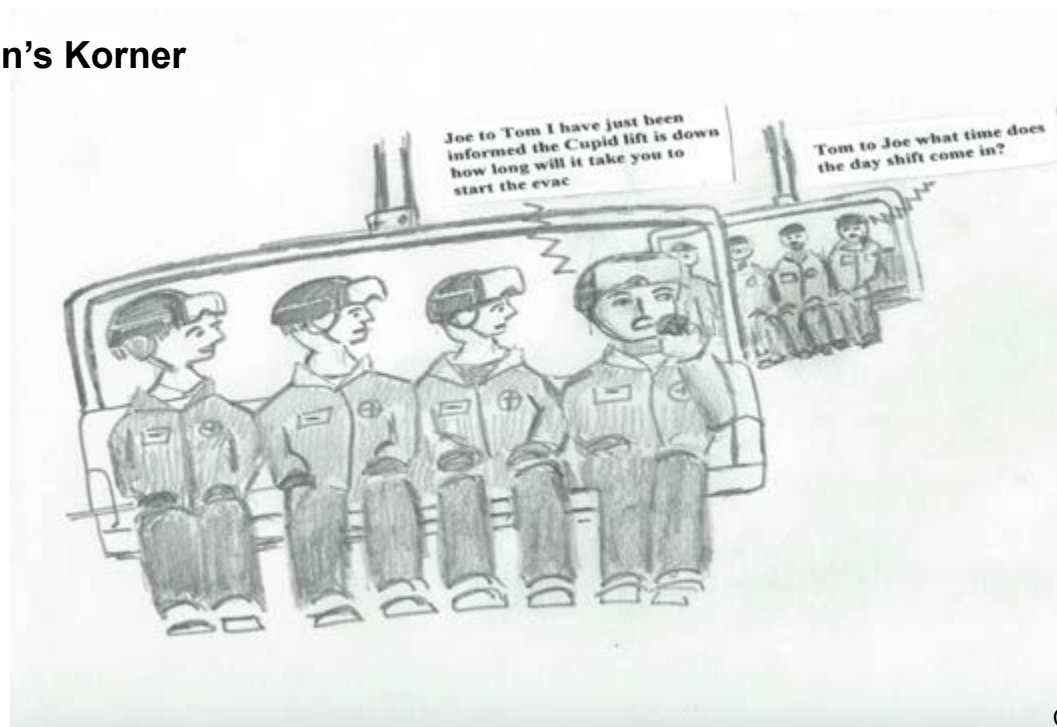
NSP-C ski school had another successful season with many patrollers obtaining their Level 1,2 and 3 credentialing as ski/snowboard instructors. These exams are not necessarily all about riding/skiing skills. You need to know your stuff...and teach your stuff! Now is the time to read the PSIA/AASI study guides and instructor manuals. Get with a learning group to discuss topics about teaching and learning. You can reach out to your local, Region, Division Advisor to see about getting something like this underway for the 'no-snow' months. Your local ski area ski school might be a great resource for this learning as well.

In June, our patrol is hosting a region MTR field course. This course can be held anytime of the year. See if your Region MTR advisor has any courses lined up this summer.

Needless to say, this time of year is typically OEC time. If you are an instructor, sign up to teach a chapter. Every different chapter you teach only makes you a better patroller. If you are not an instructor, then seek out the Instructor Development course and start the mentoring process.

Lots of opportunities for you to relieve those NSP withdrawal symptoms. Don't hesitate to check your Region/Division calendars for upcoming activities.

## Kasten's Korner



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# Region Reports

## Eastern Michigan Region



**Mike Schons**  
**Eastern Michigan**  
**Region Director**

The season may be over, but here in the Eastern Michigan Region we are still busy planning and preparing for the 2014 Division Fall Meeting, but more on that in a moment.

This year EMR held an educational event every weekend from January 1st to March 1st. We held the largest on-hill and off hill senior evaluations in the division and are looking forward to repeating these numbers next season!

We now have four new Senior Patrollers, Congratulations to Marty Boatman, Allison LaVene, Phyllis Sano and Rae Ann Ruddy.

We also would like to congratulate Tony Banner, Tim Bright, Kevin Dietrich, Dave Boboltz, Steve Miller, Peter Lee, Rob Smith and Tim Quinn on achieving their Senior Alpine Patroller classification.

While the Administrators are evaluating last seasons events and are planning next seasons schedule, everyone is pitching in for the Fall Meeting.

We have confirmed the Greektown Hotel as the hosting venue. If you are looking for electives, we will be holding classes during the event such as Certified Patroller Awareness and Instructor Development. There will also be numerous activities such as on Friday, golf at the Fieldstone County Club and a scenic motorcycle ride to a lighthouse and cider mill. Friday evening will be capped off with an original Greek meal in Greektown. For all the information and event registrations, please go to the link on the Central Division website or [nspemr.org](http://nspemr.org) and click on the division meeting tab. On that tab page you will find links to the hotel and links to all the event registrations.



## North Central Region



**Les Robinson**  
**North Central**  
**Region Director**

I want to congratulate all the winners for NSP awards in all the regions, all the merit stars, outstandings, COA's, nationals, and locals. Great job all not only those who won but all who patrolled, we had a fabulous year on the snow in the Midwest. Be sure and attend the division awards in Detroit this September look it up at <http://nspemr.org/2014-central-division-meeting>

This is the time of year to be riding bike, running, walking, doing things to keep us in the kind of shape we ski patrollers need to be, also time of the year to consider who will be running for the National board election. We would like to see a larger voter turnout for the division next fall that would give us a bigger voice from the central division. So with that said get online and check to make sure your information is up to date at national and you will be able to vote. If anyone needs help for getting online; get in contact with help at the national office to fix problems getting online here is a contact for you; 303-988-1111 ext. 2640 or email [support@nsp.org](mailto:support@nsp.org)

We do have many events at the region level please look them up at the division calendar <http://www.nspcentral.org/calendar.php>



# Ohio Region



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

Summer's almost here; Region Banquet, Patrol Banquets and other post-season events are complete, and Ohio Patrollers are now golfing, biking, hiking, planning vacations, etc. Ski Patrol – what is that?? However, some of us poor 'schmucks', i.e. PR's, Region Staff, and the RD of course, continue to stay abreast of what's happening, planning for the next season, completing the year-end financial report, and looking forward to the Division meeting in Sept. 'No rest for the weary' as the saying goes.

On June 30, 2014 the curtain will fall on yet another chapter in the history of the Ohio Region. Yours truly will step down as RD and Guy Day will step up into the role of Ohio Region RD. I could write all kinds of things about what we achieved during my six-year tenure as RD, but that would probably be boring to most of you since you all likely know much of what was accomplished anyway. Also, I think it's more important to focus of the future rather than dwell on the past. However, I will say that the past six years have been the most rewarding for me in the 35+ years that I have been an active ski patroller. I hope my region staff feel the same way and that they have grown personally and professionally during the time they served the Ohio Region. Also, I believe that we achieved the primary objective of the current administration which was to create opportunities for Ohio Region patrollers to advance into Region, Central Division and National NSP leadership roles. It's worth noting that there are two National Board members from the Ohio Region (one current and one past); three National program directors; and seven Central Division Staff members. My challenge to the new RD and his staff is to continue to create those opportunities as well as to continue to be proactive in hosting national and division programs in the Ohio Region. Also, the new RD and his staff should continue to look for innovative ways to encourage new patrollers to join Ohio Region patrols. Unfortunately, Region membership has remained basically constant during the past six years while two patrols were lost and the remaining two Nordic patrols struggle to maintain their membership. I will welcome the opportunity to sit back as Past RD and watch the new administration work towards achieving their goals. Also, I will be available to help wherever I'm wanted.

My sincere thanks to all who helped me along my journey.

# Western Region



**Jeannine Mogan**  
**Western Region**  
**Director**

The Western Region had a very cold, yet successful 2014 winter season. All of the ski areas closed down several times due to record low "high" temperatures. The weather did not keep patrollers from training hard to reach new levels.

Congratulations to the following patrollers who have completed all or a portion of the Senior Program:

Ski/Snowboard and Toboggan: Dan Sailsbury, Dustin Brown, Chris Mew, Bill Haase, Deanna Rafn, Chris Mews, Dave Anderson, Cathy Chen, and Aaron Wishart

OEC: Dan Sailsbury, Chris Mews, Deanna Rafn, and Dave Anderson

New Full-fledged seniors: Dustin Brown, Bill Haase, Cathy Chen, Chris Mews, Deanna Rafn, and Dave Anderson

Certified: The Western Region is proud to announce its newest Certified Patroller, Kerstin Hammarberg from Buck Hill!!!

A big thank you goes out to all the instructors, helpers, and evaluators who made it possible for the above patrollers to be successful!

Detroit Mountain is poised to reopen in December 2014. Jeff Staley has been hired as the area manager. He has been busy visiting local ski areas



and gathering information to build his team. Work is currently being done on a new chalet, cross country trails, bike trails, terrain park, and ski and snowboard hills. Stacy Salvevold has been named the Patrol Representative and Amy Johnson will be the Assistant Patrol Representative.

To learn more about Detroit Mountain, visit <http://detroitmountain.com/>

The votes are in! Western Region patrollers elected:

Two new Section Chiefs

- Jane Schaller: Section 6 (Coffee Mill, Great, Mount Kato, Welch Village)
- Jim Hutchison
- Section 3 (Andes Tower, Buena Vista, Mount Itasca, Ski Gull)

A new Region Director!

Please welcome Jim Ruzicka as your new Region Director! Jim has been the PR for Lutsen Mountain for the past 4 years. He has also served as Region OEC Administrator, OEC IT, and an Instructor Development instructor. Jim is currently the Assistant Region for the Western Region. Jim brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this position.

## Western Michigan Region



**Dave Johnson**  
**Western Michigan**  
**Region Director**

News from the Western Michigan Region.

Looks like another season in the books. There was a lot more snow this past season than we have seen in a long time. But along with the snow came some very cold temps which resulted in fewer skier visits than last year. Still all in all it was a great season. Our awards banquet was held in May with many deserving Patrollers going home with awards. We also had two outstanding individuals receive their National Appointments. Laura Cameron from Cannonsburg and Tim Kirtch from Caberfae Peaks. Congratulations to all. This will be my last newsletter as I decided not to run for another term. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the National Ski Patrol as the Western Michigan Region Director for the past 3 years. I would also like to congratulate our new Region Director Chip Knappen. I am sure he will be a great asset to the Region and the NSP.

## Someone Once Said...



**Virginia Rodeman**  
**Division Instructor**  
**Development**  
**Supervisor**

Someone once said, "Change is the only thing which is constant."

It seems that this is very true. Change has recently occurred in Instructor Development as well as the forms for becoming an instructor in an NSP discipline, for becoming an IT, and for course completion. The Instructor Development student book has been updated, but the on-line course has not. There is change on the horizon. A new Program Director is being named at National, so we will have more change. The Instructor Development Course is still the beginning step for anyone who wants to become an NSP Instructor. The two methods currently exists. If you are looking for a course, check the calendar. Courses are offered throughout the Division.

For all instructors there are copies of the new forms on the Central Division Website under Instructor Development.

## Plan Now to Attend the Fall CD Meeting

**September 5 - 7**  
**Detroit, MI**



**Register On Line**  
**[www.nspemr.org](http://www.nspemr.org)**

# OEC Perspectives



**Karen Haden**  
**Division OEC**  
**Supervisor**

Spring is finally here and the OEC world is busy registering OEC Classes and Refreshers for the 2014-2015 season. The OEC staff had an amazing year last year. They put on 38 Basic courses giving us 273 new patrollers while doing 95 refreshers. The Division held 34 SrOEC Trainer/Evaluator Clinics, outstanding. They also put on 8 SrOEC module evaluations with 47 patrollers successfully passing the module. Many patrollers were also able to achieve their Senior status, CONGRATULATIONS.

As many of you know, the OEC program has undergone restructuring. We will have a Division OEC Supervisor and one Division OEC Assistant Supervisor. Karen Haden will continue as the OEC Supervisor and Sue Hayes will take on the role of Assistant Supervisor. Karen will cover the east side of the Lake, i.e. Northern, Eastern, Western Michigan and Ohio while Sue will cover the West side of the Lake, i.e. North Central, Western, South Central and Southern.

Please welcome Sue into her new role. Sue has been an RN working for Mayo Clinic in Pain Rehabilitation (Chronic Pain) for 32 years. She has been a Ski Patroller for 16 years. Her home patrol is Welch Village Ski Area in Welch, MN. Sue became an OEC IT in 2007, a senior patroller in 2008 and Western's ROA in 2009. Sue's hobbies include (news flash) skiing, road biking, yoga, quilting and travel.

Sue and I are available to you whenever you need us. When you see Deb Allison and Rose DeJarnette please thank them for their time as Assistant OEC Supervisors. They have a wealth of knowledge and will continue to be an asset to the Central Division OEC program.

Please put the Central Division Fall Meeting on your calendars. We will be having a very important ROA breakout session. All OEC instructors are welcome to attend and we are anxious to hear what you have to say. We will be presenting the results of the IT survey you took, as well as deciding on some goals we would like to work on this next year. Please let Sue or Karen know how many will be attending the session from your Region.

If you have questions/concerns please don't hesitate to contact me or Sue and we are counting on seeing you in the Motor City. Enjoy this beautiful weather.

## Central Div. NSP-C Snow Sports School



**Harold Park**  
**Division**  
**Snow Sports**  
**School**  
**Supervisor**

Webster dictionary defines "Inclusive" as including everything concerned, comprehensive, embracing. We have changed our name to include Snow Boarding (riding) Telemark and Skiing as all of these are part of our Snow Sport School and all have a profound affect to our sport and to the Central Division National Ski Patrol. We are very excited with the new name and we would ask everyone to begin (attempt) using and circulating the new name in your respected area. We will be working on revamping the logo and sending that out to all Regions before the begging of the season.

What is your dryland Snow Sport training routine? If your answer primarily involves "pint-lifting" at your favorite water hole, you have your work cut out for you.

However, it's never too early (or late.... for you pint lifters out there) to begin training for your favorite Snow Sport activity. In fact, efficient getting and staying fit for skiing, snowboard and telemark is a year round activity if you want to avoid injury, improve your Snow Sport activity and get the best out of your Snow Sport day. Find an activity that will work on the following muscle groups.

1. Quadriceps: "Quadriceps are probably the most used muscle group in skiing. These muscles hold you in position as you ski and provide protection for your knees. Great exercises for the quadriceps include squats and lunges."



2. Hamstrings and Glutes: "When skiing downhill, you typically hold your body in a flexed position, which is leaning forward from the hips. This requires great strength from your hamstrings and glutes as they help stabilize your body. Work your hamstrings and glutes with deadlifts, one leg dead lifts, step ups and hamstring rolls on a Swiss exercise ball."
3. Inner and Outer thighs: "Your inner thighs work like crazy to keep your skis together. Your outer thighs keep your body stable and help you steer. Some great exercises are side lunges, inner and outer pushes on the abductor and adductor machines, Swiss exercise ball squeezes for the inner thigh or sliding side lunges using disks."
4. Calves: "Because your knees are bent as you ski, your calves (specifically the soleus) help you stay upright so you don't fall over (your boots help too). You can work this muscle by doing seated or standing calve raises."
5. Abs and Back: "As you're in a flexed, bent over position, your back has to work like a maniac to hold your body in that position. To protect your spine from injury, your core must be conditioned. Work these muscles with exercises like bicycle crunches, V-ups, medicine ball twists, pully system wood chops, back extensions, lat pulls and dumb bell rows."
6. Arms: "Along with your back, arms help push off with your poles while stabilizing your shoulder joints. Be sure to work your biceps and triceps along with the rest of your body."

Let's enter the 2014 -2015 season with a strong mind and body. Enjoy your summer Snow Sport training!



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## Certified Looking Back and Forward



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This past season there were six qualification and/or recertification clinics throughout the division. Three new candidates were accepted into the program. The certified evaluation was held in the brutal cold of Marquette Mountain. Thirteen candidates, forty staff members and thirty-five supporters participated in the event. Kerstin Hammarberg from Buck Hill completed all of the components of Certified and has been presented with Certified Patroller #785.

Next seasons annual evaluation is scheduled for March 5th through March 8th at Lutsen. Qualification and recertification clinics will







be scheduled throughout the division as well. An awareness clinic will be held at the Detroit Division meeting. Anyone interested in learning more about the certified program is welcome to attend.

The eight region advisors and myself are currently working on ways to expand the reach of the program throughout the division. More details on this will be available in the fall issue in the Rusty Parka News.

If you have any questions about the certified program please feel free to contact me or any of the region advisors.

Photos Courtesy: Ed Davis



## Central Division 2014 Election Results



**Ken Meldahl**  
Division  
Elections  
Supervisor

Central Division held three elections this past season.

Western Michigan Region held a "One member, One vote" method election with two candidates running. There was a voter turnout of 46.67% and Chip Knappen is the successful candidate with a majority of the votes cast. Chip has been a member of the NSP since 1985 and is registered with the Timber Ridge Patrol.

Western Region's election also had two candidates running. There was approximately a 65% return of votes in Western and Jim Ruzicka received the majority of votes cast. Jim patrols at Lutsen Mountain and has been with the NSP since 1991.

Ohio Region's election had three candidates running. With approximately an 83% return of votes, Guy Day has been the successful candidate with a majority of the votes cast. Guy has been with the NSP since 1985 and is registered with the Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Patrol.

Congratulations to Chip, Guy and Jim. And thanks to the outgoing RD's, Dave Johnson, Bill Currier and Jeannine Mogan for your service to our great organization. Next season elections

will be held in North Central, Northern Michigan and Southern Regions.

I also want to remind you all that National Board Elections will also soon be upon us. Soon you will be informed of those candidates who will be running for our National Board. I encourage you to review their resumes and vote for whomever you feel will do the best job as a board member. Your vote is important and it will count. And I might add, one vote can make a difference.

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We are seeking to re-build our archives digitally.

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**Central Division Fall Meeting**



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

Let me begin this article with a sincere appreciation to 500 plus members of the Central Division that took the time to fill out the Patroller Survey that was on the Internet for a couple of months. We collected the data, analyzed the data, and reviewed it during our CD Spring Meetings in Chicago. There was a lot of good information and input from the Division that we then took and broke out into several committees. Each of the committees is taking the input and putting together an action plan on how to deal with the information in the best possible way. The action plans from these committees will report to the board at the Fall Central Division meetings in Wausau. If you would like to work on one of these committees, please feel free to drop me a line and I will forward it to the appropriate committee leader.

As you may or may not know we have five new National BOD members that we voted in this past spring. Since then we have also had three BOD's resign and that will increase the number of new BOD members to nearly a whole new top organization by this winter. Our nominating committee is diligently working to sort out the next slate of candidates. I know there are still a number of members that are less than pleased with what has been going on at the national level. I ask that we give the Board a chance. They deserve our support to lead our great organization and not be labeled or shackled with the issues from the previous Board. Let them develop as a team and give them the benefit of the doubt that they have the member's interest in mind as they sort out our direction. They will be asking for our input and we will provide it in due time. I have been assigned to the Governance Committee to provide input. With all the resignations at the top several changes have been made to balance out the committees with BOD members. All the other Division Directors have been assigned to one of the three National Committees. Our input will be heard as these committees begin their work.

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## The Dan Somalski Fund for Patroller Advanced Credentialing

The Central Division is proud to support a trust established in honor of a very special friend, patroller and mentor, the late Dan Somalski. Dan, as many of us know, dedicated much of his 25 year patrol career to helping others attain their goals both on and off of the mountain. As a long time Certified (#426) and PSIA level 3 he was legendary both inside and outside of the traces. It is in memory of Dan's example that the trust was created to ease the burden of a patroller's credentialing costs while encouraging advancement.

**Eligibility** - Any patroller, who is a member in good standing of the National Ski Patrol and the Central Division, may apply for an educational grant. The intended activities include (a) any National Ski Patrol education or other programs or activities, including but not limited to educational events such as the NSP Patroller Education Conferences, and (b) PSIA/AASI certification.



Application forms are available online and also hard copies are available here at this meeting. The completed application form should be sent by email, fax or snail mail to Assistant Division Director Don Loerch, who is one of the three Advisors to the Fund, who, as a committee, direct the fund in accordance with the Fund Agreement and these Guidelines. The three advisors consist of: (1) Louise Somalski or another Somalski family member or designee, (2) a current member of the Central Division staff and (3) a past member of the Central Division staff.

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## The Pursuit of Excellence

Special Submission

By: Linda Jacobs

Over the past few years I have had the opportunity to work with three patrollers from across Central Division who have left a deep impact on me. All of these patrollers set personal goals for themselves and pursued those goals diligently. All experienced setbacks, but all persevered. Let me tell you a bit of their story.

Howard joined the NSP less than a decade ago as a self-taught skier with rudimentary skills and a whole lot of enthusiasm. This season he completed his Sr. Alpine requirements. During those ensuing years Howard threw himself at every opportunity he could find to further his skill set. He traveled to Region training clinics, SES's, and TES's, as well as attending every local training session he could get to. He listened to a variety of instructors and non-instructors, filtering out what made sense and then practicing, practicing, practicing. Howard skied with a focus and he pursued it relentlessly. It was during a bump run several years ago that he fell and severely fractured his leg, requiring surgery and a long rehab. It slowed him down a bit, but it didn't stop him.

Kirsten reached her goal of completing the Certified modules this past March. For the past three (plus) years Kirsten has traveled across the Division many times, seeking out the necessary terrain to practice on. She has asked for help from some of the most adept instructors that we have. She created a group of patrollers that worked scenarios, hung low angle ropes and rode in sleds down extreme terrain, supporting each other and helping Kirsten finalize her dream. When Kirsten got her pin this year it was not just her celebration, but a celebration by everyone who was touched by her dedication and determination to achieve her dream.

Amy had her sights set on a gold Level III PSIA shield. This spring at Marquette Mountain after a grueling three day exam, she was able to wear that pin home. As with the other two patrollers, this accomplishment didn't come easily to this patroller. She, too, made personal and professional sacrifices to gain the skills necessary to find success at this level. Amy reached out to NSP and PSIA education staff, using technology to review and adjust her own skills. She set up video sessions thru web conferencing that brought experts into her own living room, erasing the impediments of time and distance. Amy also did a fair share of traveling to clinic and train with top notch instructors and to create the opportunity to use her teaching skills.

So why write about these three patrollers? I was lucky enough to have shared a bit of their pursuit and each one inspired me by their focus on their goal. This is what I learned:

All three patrollers took setbacks as opportunities to grow. For these three it was never about failing, but about how much they could take home to work on. It became about growing a greater faith and confidence in themselves that didn't tolerate a self-defeating attitude. All three were creative and sought help outside of their own circles. They each had the humility to ask for help and accepted it with grace and gratitude. They each chose a different path, with a different goal, but all shared the global belief in improving themselves. They embraced learning. They embraced the struggle of setting a challenging goal and the work it entailed. Each individual embodied a clear vision that was created from within and that was tempered with the firm belief that, with help, they would be successful. And so they were.

# Central Division Fall Meeting



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# **Host Hotel: Greektown Hotel**

## **Activities:**

### **Friday:**

**Golf at Fieldstone Country Club \$57, including cart**

**Motor Cycle Tour, stops at Michigan Lighthouse and Cidermill**

**Dinner in Greektown \$35**

### **Saturday:**

**General Session at Greektown Hotel**

**Saturday Boxed Lunch Available \$19**

**Courses Following General Session**

**Instructor Development**

**Certified Patroller Awareness**

**OEC Instructor Meeting**

**Arrive Early: Detroit Tigers Play at Home 1:08 First Pitch!**

**Saturday Evening Banquet and Awards Ceremony**

**Meal Choice:**

**Prime Rib \$39**

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### **Sunday**

**Patrol Representative Breakfast \$18**

## **Full Details and Registration**

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# 2012 - 2013 Division Award Winners

Patroller	award	year	Region	Patrol Name	Title
Allison, Deb	D.D. Program Award	2012-13	Southern	Chestnut Mt	OEC Program
Carpenter, Rob	D.D. Program Award	2012-13	EMR	Mt Brighton	NSP-C Ski School
Cripps, Jeff	D.D. Program Award	2012-13	NMR	Boyne Highlands	Toboggan Program
Diether-Haake, Gretchen	D.D. Program Award	2012-13	Southern	Hidden Valley	Instructor Development
Knappen, Chip	D.D. Program Award	2012-13	WMR	Timber Ridge	Senior Program
Locher, Marcia	D.D. Program Award	2012-13	North Central	Granite Peak	Awards Program
Moss, Dan	D.D. Program Award	2012-13	Ohio	Mad River Mountain	Skills Development Program
Perlman, Patrick	D.D. Program Award	2012-13	Southern	Wilmot	Certified Program
Rull, Brian	D.D. Program Award	2012-13	Southern	Hidden Valley	MTR Program
Thompson, Jennifer	D.D. Program Award	2012-13	South Central	Cascade	Women's Program
Timmons, Julie	D.D. Program Award	2012-13	Southern	Des Plaines River North	Nordic Program
Zierden, Vicki	D.D. Program Award	2012-13	Western	Three Rivers	Patroller 101 Program
Allison, Deb	C.D. Outstanding I/T	2012-13	Southern	Chestnut Mt	OEC Program
Longfellow-Jones, Mike	C.D. Outstanding Supervisor	2012-13	NMR	Boyne Highlands	Certified Program

## In Memoriam: Perry G. Burchfield



The Schuss Mountain Ski Patrol lost an outstanding patroller, Perry G. Burchfield, on Friday the 13th of December, 2013. He had suffered from declining health for several years. Perry served the National Ski Patrol for 22 years by beginning his patrol career at Apple Mountain Ski Patrol in Eastern Michigan Region in 1991. Perry earned Basic Patroller status in 1992 and began his next achievement by becoming a Senior Patroller in 1993. In 2001, Perry received National appointment, Number 9402.

Perry took on the responsibility of becoming a Ski and Toboggan trainer at Apple Mountain. He was a great instructor. He received a Yellow Merit Star in 1995 for his efforts in Ski and Toboggan Training. Perry was tall, 6ft 4in., and 275 pounds. He would volunteer to be the rider in the toboggan. The candidates knew if they could get him down the slope safely they were ready for their test. He also guided many of his candidates to become ski and toboggan trainers. He often said "many hands make light the work".

He also became an OEC instructor. Perry changed his primary patrol to Schuss Mountain in Northern Michigan Region in 1995. Perry's passion was instructing OEC and he was awarded Outstanding OEC Instructor in Northern Michigan Region in 2000. He served the Region as an OEC Instructor Trainer for several years. He was one of the

Managers of the Northern Michigan Summer Program. The Summer Program helped prepare patrollers who wanted to become Senior Patrollers or any other patroller who wanted to refresh their first aid skills. Perry had a great sense of humor. In the Summer Program he would use his imagination to challenge the candidates in their scenarios and sometimes add a twist to the scenario. One of his favorite questions might be "What if?"

Perry loved serving as medical help for the Michigan Special Olympics and did so for 20 years in Eastern Michigan.

Through his efforts in OEC, Perry was supported by his wife, Ellen. She was at his side and helped organize, promote, and accomplish what he set out to do. She continues to be a member of the Schuss Mountain Ski Patrol. He will be missed by his two daughters, Sarah and Amanda.

I, too, will miss Perry, for he and I were not only friends, but a team. In my mind there are two things that make someone a good Patroller: Passion for what you do and Compassion for those you care for. Perry had both.

Respectfully submitted  
Pat Throop, ARD NMR

# In Memoriam: J. Allison Briggs

In June 2013, the patrollers of the Southern Region, Central Division lost one of the great leaders of the early ages of the National Ski Patrol in the Midwest.

Allison Briggs was a constant contributor to the patrolling efforts on all levels in the Southern Region. During his 30 years of patrolling Allison served at all levels of the system from patroller, to senior, to instructor, to Section Chief, to Region staff and as an Assistant Region Director. He was awarded his National Numbers #4619 in 1975 and a Yellow Merit Star in 1979. During his tenure, Allison supported six different Southern Directors over a 16 year period and retired from patrolling as the Southern Region Awards Advisor. During his tenure Allison received Yellow Merit Stars for Fundraising and Administration and in 1996 received the Distinguished Service Award for his dedication and leadership to the NSP and Southern Region.

After retiring from patrolling, Allison relocated to Hendersonville, NC, with his wife and best friend of 62 years, Eleanor. During their time in the Southern Region, Eleanor was as big a supporter of patrolling as Allison and was awarded Angel pins for her contributions.

Throughout Allison's life in Indianapolis, IN, Northbrook, IL and Hendersonville, he was a constant volunteer with his church, the church choir and the community. During his life he once skated with Sonja Henie in the Hollywood on Ice Show and he had attended 70 years of Indianapolis 500 races. Allison was a descendent of the founder of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, James Allison.

He had a wonderful retirement in Hendersonville where he got to spend a great deal of time with his whole family. Allison is survived by his wife Eleanor; a daughter Katheryn; sons James (Nancy) and Christopher; and two granddaughters.

Allison is greatly missed by all who have known him and all his friends in Southern Region, Central Division.

Scott Barrett and Chuck Martschinke

# In Memoriam: Gerald E. Roberts

Gerald E. Roberts, known by many as "Gerald", "Jerry", "Buddy", "Archie" and most of all by his fellow patrollers as "Slacker". However, he was anything but a slacker to the patrol. He helped with the Lift Evacuation practices, organized the Refresher, took an active part as a candidate instructor, was on the hill fulfilling his required shifts and helping out wherever needed. He was no slacker.

Jerry passed away suddenly on Sunday, February 9, 2014. He was born to Gerald E. and Gladys (Larson) Roberts on November 7, 1945. Jerry was united in marriage to his wife Sandra on February 3, 1990.

Jerry was a retired teacher, serving schools in Kansas for 34 years, most notably in the Science and Computer Departments of Sumner Academy of Arts and Sciences in Kansas City, Kansas. Jerry was a Boy Scout leader for Troop 205 in Blue Springs while his son grew up. He continued many years after, taking Scouts on campouts and adventure trips.

Jerry served 25 years as a volunteer ski patroller at Snow Creek Ski Area, near Weston, Missouri. In his spare time he volunteered as a Blacksmith for Missouri Town in Lee's Summit. Jerry was the man who liked to stay busy and enjoyed helping people. All the patrollers at Snow Creek respected him and looked up to him for advice and guidance.

Jerry will be greatly missed by his family and ski patrol friends.

Summited by

Noel Derr

Snow Creek Ski Patrol Director

# National Ski Patrol Alumni

## What is an Alumni Member?

An Alumni member is a special registration category for people who, for various reasons, no longer provide emergency care or rescue service but wish to continue their involvement with the National Ski Patrol.

The NSP Alumni members started in 1977 to maintain contact with former members and keep them informed of national events and activities. Today the Alumni Members total more than 1,900.

## Why join the Alumni Members?

By joining as an Alumni Member, you can continue to be part of the largest winter rescue organization in the world. Better yet, your involvement provides you with the opportunity to support the national organization on a new level.

As an Alumni Member, you won't be required to fulfill any skill or educational requirements; however, depending on local needs and your experience, you might be asked to serve in an advisory capacity to local NSP units as an OEC instructor, for example, during annual refreshers.

Several areas in the nation have already taken advantage of their alumni's local knowledge and experience. A valued force within NSP, alumni members often attend ski patrol events, help recruit new members, provide administrative and IEC help, give safety talks, and participate in other community service activities.

## Other Benefits:

Alumni Members receive:

- A subscription to *Ski Patrol Magazine*
- Access to select NSP Winter Catalog merchandise
- The opportunity to participate in NSP-sponsored events
- Dues may be tax deductible

## How much does it cost?

Regular fee: Annual dues are just \$27 annually. The national organization receives \$17 and \$10 is returned to the division with which the Alumni Member is affiliated. Active patrollers who are members keep that status on becoming an Alumni Member.

Lifetime membership fee: Patrollers who wish to become an Alumni Member, as lifetime members, may do so for a one-time fee of \$700, which helps support the NSP endowment fund. They will receive a Lifetime Membership Pin and a framed Lifetime Certificate.

## How does one join the Alumni Members?

Fill out the application form and mail it with the membership fee to the National Ski Patrol, 133 South Van Gordon Street, Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80228.



## National Ski Patrol Alumni Member Application Form

133 S. Van Gordon St., Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80228

Phone 303-988-1111 Fax 303-988-3005 Email [nsp@nsp.org](mailto:nsp@nsp.org) Web site [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org)

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

If registering as an Alumni Member please provide the registration number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Regular member Lifetime member

### New Alumni Members Please Provide the Following Information:

Last NSP Affiliation: Ski Patrol: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Year Registered: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you wish to associate with a ski patrol please provide that information here: \_\_\_\_\_



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Start Date	End Date	Event	Region	Location	Description	Contact
2014-06-30		DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan		Instructor Activity Logs - All Disciplines Due	Mike Schons
2014-07-05	2014-07-05		Eastern Michigan	Minocqua Winter Park	Muggy Buggy Race	Betty Adams [mbadams008@gmail.com]
2014-07-15		DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	Email	To Appropriate Section Chiefs - Individual Patrol Financial Report Deadline	Sharon Hazen - rhazen@comcast.net
2014-07-26		OEC	Eastern Michigan	Clarkston, MI	Pine Knob Basic OEC Final	Keith Nattrass - knattrass@comcast.net
2014-08-01		DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	Email	Section Consolidated Financial Report Deadline	Sharon Hazen - rhazen@comcast.net
2014-08-01	2014-08-01		Eastern Michigan		Patrol Financial Reports Due	Sarah Hull [sg.hull@frontier.com]
2014-08-01	2014-08-01	DEADLINES	Ohio	orestm@gmail.com	Patrol Annual End of Last Season Financial Reports due to Region Treasurer	Orest Melnyk Region Treasurer
2014-08-02		MEETING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	PD Meeting	Mike Schons - (248) 683-0465 or schonsm@gmail.com
2014-08-02	2014-08-02		Eastern Michigan	Copper Harbor MI	Copperman Triathlon	Randy Tufts [randytufts@yahoo.com]
2014-08-03	2014-08-06		Eastern Michigan	Boyne Mountain	MSAA Summer Meeting	
2014-08-03	2014-08-06	OTHER EVENTS	Southern	BOYNE MOUNTAIN, MI	MSAA SUMMER MEETING AND TRADE SHOW BEING HELD AT BOYNE MOUNTAIN, MICHIGAN	KEN MELDAHL kmeldahl@comcast.net
2014-08-06		REFRESHERS	Eastern Michigan	Clarkston, MI	Pine Knob CPR & Chair Evac Instructor Refresher	Mike Rhadigan - mike.rhadigan@gmail.com or (734) 481-3595
2014-08-09	2014-08-09		Eastern Michigan	Marquette MI	Ore to Shore Mountain Bike Epic	http://www.oretoshore.com/
2014-08-16	2014-08-16		Eastern Michigan	Calumet MI	Deer Chase Mtn Bike Race	Randy Tufts [randytufts@yahoo.com]
2014-08-19		REFRESHERS	Eastern Michigan	Mt Brighton, MI	Mt. Brighton Instructor Refresher: Part 1	Richard Poole/Diane Henry - dianphenry@gmail.com
2014-08-20		REFRESHERS	Eastern Michigan	Mt Brighton, MI	Mt. Brighton Instructor Refresher: Part 2	Richard Poole/Diane Henry - dianphenry@gmail.com
2014-08-23	2014-08-24	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Ski Brule	OEC Refresher	Peter Holdridge [peterholdridge@icloud.com]
2014-08-30	2014-09-01		Eastern Michigan	Copper Harbor MI	Copper Harbor Fat Tire Bike Race	Randy Tufts [randytufts@yahoo.com]
2014-09-01	2014-09-01		Eastern Michigan		Reg. & Sec.Financial Reports Due	Sarah Hull [sg.hull@frontier.com]
2014-09-01	2014-09-01	DEADLINES	Ohio	orestm@gmail.com	Region/Section Annual Financial Reports due to Division Treasurer	Orest Melnyk Region Treasurer
2014-09-03	2014-12-06	OEC	Eastern Michigan	MTU	TESTING/TRAINING	Randy Tufts [randytufts@yahoo.com]
2014-09-05	2014-09-07	MEETING	Eastern Michigan	Detroit, MI	Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet Register thru website: nspemr.org	Mike Schons - (248) 683-0465 or schonsm@gmail.com
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2014-09-14	2014-09-14	OEC	Northern Michigan	Schuss Mt	Schuss Mt OEC Refresher	Virginia Rodeman (rodewoman@yahoo.com)
2014-09-17		REFRESHERS	Eastern Michigan	Clarkston, MI	Pine Knob OEC Instructor Refresher: Part 1	Jeff Jurcak - jeffandlaurie@yahoo.com
2014-09-27	2014-09-27	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Mt Ripley	TESTING/TRAINING	Patricia Asselin [paass@mtu.edu]
2014-09-27		REFRESHERS	Eastern Michigan	Mt Brighton, MI	7:30am - OEC Refresher	Diane Henry - dianphenry@gmail.com
2014-09-27	2014-09-27	OEC	Northern Michigan	Gaylord HS	NMR OEC Refresher	Rod Kivell (rj.kivell@att.net)
2014-09-28	2014-09-28	OEC	Eastern Michigan	MTU - SDC	TESTING/TRAINING	Patricia Asselin [paass@mtu.edu]
2014-09-28		REFRESHERS	Eastern Michigan	Mt Brighton, MI	7:30am - Chair Evac. / CPR Refresher	Diane Henry - dianphenry@gmail.com
2014-10-01		MEETING	Eastern Michigan	Genesys Conv. Center	Region Fall Meeting (Patrollers Welcome)	Mike Schons - (248) 683-0465 or schonsm@gmail.com
2014-10-04		REFRESHERS	Eastern Michigan	Alpine Valley, MI	Alpine Valley General Meeting & CPR Refresher	Jessie Lewis - jlski@lewiscreek.net or (517) 223-4884
2014-10-11	2014-10-11	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Granite Peak	TESTING/TRAINING	Joe Conrad [joe45conrad@yahoo.com]
2014-10-11	2014-10-11	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Pine Mtn	TESTING/TRAINING	Jay Van Zeeland [jayvz7243@gmail.com]
2014-10-11	2014-10-11	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Blackjack Resort	TESTING/TRAINING	Dale Feakes [dale.feakes@gmail.com]
2014-10-11	2014-10-11	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Blackjack Resort	TESTING/TRAINING	Dale Feakes [dale.feakes@gmail.com]
2014-10-11	2014-10-11	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Marquette Mtn	TESTING/TRAINING	Kristy Gollakner [kgollakner@gmail.com]
2014-10-12	2014-10-12	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Blackjack Resort	TESTING/TRAINING	Dale Feakes [dale.feakes@gmail.com]
2014-10-12	2014-10-12	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Pine Mtn	TESTING/TRAINING	Jay Van Zeeland [jayvz7243@gmail.com]

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2014-10-12	2014-10-12	Chair Evac & Mtg	Eastern Michigan	Granite Peak	TESTING/TRAINING	Joe Conrad [joe45conrad@yahoo.com]
2014-10-14		OTHER EVENTS	Eastern Michigan	Clarkston, MI	Pine Knob - Adaptive Chair Evac Clinic	Ty Damon - tydamon@me.com or 248-318-4848
2014-10-18	2014-10-18	Fall Region Mtg	Eastern Michigan	Ski Brule	Fall Region Mtg	Les Robinson [lrobbins@wctc.net]
2014-10-18	2014-10-18	Fall Region Mtg / Awards Seminar	Eastern Michigan	Ski Brule	Fall Region Mtg / Awards Seminar	Brenda Robinson [brobbins@live.com]
2014-10-18	2014-10-19	OTHER EVENTS	Eastern Michigan	Mt Brighton, MI	Mt. Brighton Ski Swap	Lisa Niemi - (517) 546-8509 or lisaniemi@sbcglobal.net
2014-10-25	2014-10-25	MTR	Northern Michigan	Schuss Mt	MTR ? Schuss Patrol Room - 8:45	Virginia Rodeman (rodewoman@yahoo.com)
2014-11-01	2014-11-01	ID	Northern Michigan	Nubs Nob	Instructor Development ? Full Class	Sharon Crockett (Crockett2@charter.net)
2014-11-02	2014-11-02	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Minocqua Winter Park	TESTING/TRAINING	Betty Adams [mbadams008@gmail.com]
2014-11-02	2014-11-02	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Minocqua Winter Park	TESTING/TRAINING	Carolyn DeJongh [cdej@charter.net]
2014-11-08	2014-11-08		Eastern Michigan	Minocqua Winter Park	Buck Run	Betty Adams [mbadams008@gmail.com]
2014-11-15	2014-11-15		Eastern Michigan	Wausau	Opening Of Granite Peak	Dave Dahl (dcdski@hotmail.com)
2014-11-15		AVALANCHE	Eastern Michigan	Clarkston, MI	Pine Knob - Avalanche Awareness	John Taylor - taylorjo2@gmail.com
2014-11-22	2014-11-23	SES	Eastern Michigan	Ski Brule	TESTING/TRAINING	Robert Salonen [rsalonen@fast-air.net]
2014-11-23		REFRESHERS	Eastern Michigan	Clarkston, MI	CPR and OEC Refresher will be Sunday, November 23rd at Pine Knob. Donation required. Participants must preregister	steve.werner@usa.net
2014-12-01		DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	Email	Senior Application Deadline	Allen Radke - skibum22aer@outlook.com or (734) 855-5183
2014-12-01	2014-12-01	SENIOR	Eastern Michigan		SENIOR APPLICATION DUE	Jim Hughes [Farwell839@charter.net]
2014-12-06	2014-12-06	OEC	Eastern Michigan	MTU	TESTING/TRAINING	Randy Tufts [randytufts@yahoo.com]
2014-12-06	2014-12-07	S&T Refresher	Eastern Michigan	Ski Brule	TESTING/TRAINING	Joe Matuszak [jmt00z@aol.com]
2014-12-06	2014-12-07	SES & S&T	Eastern Michigan	TBA	TESTING/TRAINING	
2014-12-13	2014-12-14	SES & S&T	Eastern Michigan	Boyne Highlands	TESTING/TRAINING	
2014-12-13	2014-12-14	S&T Refresher	Eastern Michigan	Ski Brule	TESTING/TRAINING	Joe Matuszak [jmt00z@aol.com]
2014-12-13	2014-12-13	Senior OEC	Eastern Michigan	Mt Ripley	TESTING/TRAINING	Mike Olson [olsomp05@aol.com]
2014-12-13	2014-12-13	S&T Instructor Refresher	Eastern Michigan	Indianhead	TESTING/TRAINING	Steve Beil [beil [steveb10864@gmail.com]
2014-12-13	2014-12-14	AV	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands	NMR Avalanche	Dave Hartman (wdh@acd.net)
2014-12-20	2014-12-20	S&T Refresher	Eastern Michigan	Indianhead	TESTING/TRAINING	beil [steveb10864@gmail.com]
2014-12-20	2014-12-20	SES & S&T	Eastern Michigan	Cascade	TESTING/TRAINING	
2014-12-21	2014-12-21	Patroller 101 Orientation	Eastern Michigan	Ski Brule	TESTING/TRAINING	LeeAnn Heim [duodiscovery@yahoo.com]
2015-01-03		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt Brighton, MI	TES, SES, SNBES - Sign-up on Region Web Site Prior to Event Date	Russ Livermore - (248) 761-8371 or livermore3@comcast.net
2015-01-04	2015-02-22	S&T Candidate Training	Eastern Michigan	Ski Brule	TESTING/TRAINING	Joe Matuszak [jmt00z@aol.com]
2015-01-10	2015-01-11	S&T On Hill Refresher	Eastern Michigan	Granite Peak	TESTING/TRAINING	
2015-01-10	2015-01-10	STW & Senior Clinic	Eastern Michigan	Ski Brule	TESTING/TRAINING	Jim [jimgrundstrom@freichevy.com]
2015-01-10	2015-01-11	XC Clinic & Exam	Eastern Michigan	Minocqua Winter Park	TESTING/TRAINING	Betty Adams [mbadams008@gmail.com]
2015-01-10		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly, MI	TES, SES, SNBES - Sign-up on Region Web Site Prior to Event Date	Russ Livermore - (248) 761-8371 or livermore3@comcast.net
2015-01-10	2015-01-11	T&T	Northern Michigan	Boyne Mountain	NMR T&T Clinic???	bobanderson@permaloc.com
2015-01-12	2015-01-12	Telemark Clinic	Eastern Michigan	Indianhead	TESTING/TRAINING	Betty Adams [mbadams008@gmail.com]
2015-01-17		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Snowsnake, Harrison, MI	TES, SES, SNBES - Sign-up on Region Web Site Prior to Event Date	Russ Livermore - (248) 761-8371 or livermore3@comcast.net
2015-01-24	2015-01-24		Eastern Michigan	Marquette MI	Noquemanon Ski Marathon	http://www.noquemanon.com
2015-01-24	2015-01-24	Certified	Eastern Michigan	Marquette	TESTING/TRAINING	Greg Kerwin [gckerwin@gmail.com]
2015-01-25	2015-01-25	OEC	Eastern Michigan	Marquette	TESTING/TRAINING	Greg Kerwin [gckerwin@gmail.com]
2015-01-25		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly, MI	8:00am - EMR3 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Roxanne Usewick - roxmu@sbcglobal.net
2015-01-31	2015-02-01	S&T Instructor Training	Eastern Michigan	Pine Mtn	TESTING/TRAINING	Jay Van Zeeland [jayvz7243@gmail.com]
2015-01-31	2015-02-01	T&T	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands ?	NMR TES	Carl Woodcock (Carl.woodcock@sbcglobal.net )

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2015-02-01		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Clarkston, MI	EM1 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Jeff Jurcak - jeffandlaurie@yahoo.com
2015-02-01		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Mt Brighton, MI	EMR2 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Brad Carlson - (734) 528-8925 or bradleycarlson1@gmail.com
2015-02-04	2015-02-08		Eastern Michigan	Houghton MI	MTU Winter Carnival	Randy Tufts [randytufts@yahoo.com]
2015-02-07	2015-02-07		Eastern Michigan	Minocqua Winter Park	Wolf Tracks Rendezvous	Betty Adams [mbadams008@gmail.com]
2015-02-07		AVALANCHE	Eastern Michigan	Clarkston, MI	Introduction to Avalanche Safety and Rescue	John Taylor - taylorjo2@gmail.com
2015-02-07		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Clarkston, MI	Senior Ski & Toboggan Pre-Test Clinic	Allen Radke - skibum22aer@outlook.com or (734) 855-5183
2015-02-08	2015-02-08	Awards Deadline	Eastern Michigan	Awards Deadline	Awards Deadline	Brenda Robinson [brobins@live.com]
2015-02-08	2015-02-08	T&T	Northern Michigan	Nubs Nob	NMR Senior S&T	Carl Woodcock (Carl.woodcock@sbcglobal.net )
2015-02-15		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Snowsake, Harrison, MI	EMR3 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Roxanne Usewick - roxmu@sbcglobal.net
2015-02-15		DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	Email	Senior OEC Scenario Skill Sign-off Deadline	Rae Ann Ruddy - (248) 672-7511 or raeruddy@comcast.net
2015-02-20	2015-02-20	Awards	Northern Michigan		Individual Awards Submission Deadline	Virginia Rodeman (rodewoman@yahoo.com)
2015-02-21		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Boyne Falls, MI	Senior Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Allen Radke - skibum22aer@outlook.com or (734) 855-5183
2015-02-21	2015-02-21		Eastern Michigan	Hayward WI	Birkie	www.birkie.com
2015-02-22	2015-02-22	Region Awards	Eastern Michigan	TBA	Awards Committee Mtg	Brenda Robinson [brobins@live.com]
2015-03-01		DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	Email	Awards Write-ups Deadline (All Patrols)	LJ LaVene - llavene@lentel.com
2015-03-01	2015-03-01	S&T Evaluation	Eastern Michigan	Ski Brule	TESTING/TRAINING	Joe Matuszak [jmt00z@aol.com]
2015-03-01	2015-03-01	OEC	Northern Michigan	Treetops	NMR Senior OEC Prep Clinic	Rod Kivell (rj.kivell@att.net)
2015-03-01	2015-03-01	Awards	Northern Michigan		Outstanding Awards Submission Deadline	Virginia Rodeman (rodewoman@yahoo.com)
2015-03-05	2015-03-08	Certified Evaluation	Eastern Michigan	Lutsen	TESTING/TRAINING	Greg Kerwin [gckerwin@gmail.com]
2015-03-07	2015-03-07		Eastern Michigan	Minocqua Winter Park	Squirrel Hill Pursuit	Betty Adams [mbadams008@gmail.com]
2015-03-11		MEETING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly, MI	Awards Review Meeting	LJ LaVene - llavene@lentel.com or (810) 635-7829
2015-03-14	2015-03-14	Senior OEC Evaluation	Eastern Michigan	Ski Brule	TESTING/TRAINING	Mike Olson [olsomp05@aol.com]
2015-03-15	2015-03-15	OEC	Northern Michigan	Schuss Mt.	NMR Senior OEC	Rod Kivell (rj.kivell@att.net)
2015-03-15	2015-03-15	Awards	Northern Michigan	Schuss Mt.	Spring Awards Committee Meeting ? Schuss Mt.	Virginia Rodeman (rodewoman@yahoo.com)
2015-03-21	2015-03-21	S&T Evaluation	Eastern Michigan	Mt Ripley	TESTING/TRAINING	Randy Tufts [randytufts@yahoo.com]
2015-03-21	2015-03-22	Avalanche	Eastern Michigan	Mt Bohemia	TESTING/TRAINING	Keith Robinson [krobins@live.com]
2015-04-01		DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	Email	Administrator Report Deadline	Mike Schons - (248) 683-0465 or schonsm@gmail.com
2015-04-01		DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	Email	Region Expense Report Deadline	Sharon Hazen - rhazen@comcast.net
2015-04-24	2015-04-26	Spring Banquet	Eastern Michigan	Minocqua Waters	Spring Banquet	Les Robinson [lrobins@wctc.net]
2015-05-02	2015-05-02		Northern Michigan	Schuss Mt.	NMR Spring Meeting & Awards Banquet	Virginia Rodeman (rodewoman@yahoo.com)
2015-05-06		MEETING	Eastern Michigan	Genesys Conv. Center	EMR Spring Meeting (Patrollers Welcome)	Mike Schons - (248) 683-0465 or schonsm@gmail.com
2015-05-09		BANQUET	Eastern Michigan		EMR Awards Banquet	Roxanne Usewick - roxmu@sbcglobal.net



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