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Jim Woodrum, Central Division Director

### **CENTRAL DIVISION DIRECTOR'S NOTES:**

This has been a wonderful start to our season! Our leadership team cannot thank all of our various instructors enough. All our OEC Instructors for getting us refreshed, all our toboggan instructors for our frosties, our MTR, Avalanche, Instructor Development instructors for conducting our programs, and all the IT's and IOR for helping make our system work. Without you our system wouldn't work as successfully as it does. You are the backbone of our NSP organization!

I also want to pay a special thanks to Don Loerch, Eric Gesteland, Tom Worley, Jay Zedak, Darcy Hanley, and rest of the instructors for leading and coordinating our three separate STW's for the Division. Also a note of appreciation to our local patrols and PR's/PD's at Trollhaugen, Boyne Highlands and Granite Peak. Your hosting the events is a lot of work and making it happen from your local area is a very much appreciated. We had nearly 300 patrollers participate in our SES's, TES, QA for Senior events, preparation sessions for those wanting to move forward in the PSIA levels, and those who want to become instructors in these areas. On behalf of our leadership team, the Region Directors, and our Supervisors we thank all of our participants for making December a highly successful kick off to our season.

In January we also had an opportunity to thank our new National Staff with a token of our appreciation by providing lunch and a shirt with our CD logo and the words that stated Central Division, National Staff Appreciation. Chuck Martschinke, Brian Cobble, and I represented our Division in presenting these shirts and providing lunch. Jay Zedak was instrumental in creating the logo and having them em

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broidered and shipped to the National Office. The staff could not thank us enough for feeling valued for the work they do to support our membership. See the picture that accompany this article below.

I would like to thank Sherwin Vanklompberg for the coordination of our new electronic registration process. This is the first step we took in moving to a totally electronic registration process. We learned a lot of things in the process of making this change and will make it even easier next year as we move the whole national system to an electronic system.

I know this was a change for many Patrol Directors/Patrol Representative and your efforts saved the CD a significant amount of time in paperwork and expense in making the change from an all paperwork system to all electronic process. Thanks to all that made this process successful.

Finally, we all serve the public in getting ourselves trained to provide first aid, transport, or the use of our various programs to ensure the safety of our resorts guests. Our Central Division patrollers do an outstanding job

of serving our skier/riding guests for each of our resorts. Please take the time to thank those around us that take the extra time to extend a hand to a guest, make a follow up call to find out how our guests are doing after an incident and those that go beyond the norm to help make our resorts successful. I know that many of you make personal sacrifices to help our resorts and guests have a wonderful experience in the snowsports industry. I applaud all those that go the extra mile!

Jim Woodrum  
Central Division Director



## Central Division Presents National Staff With Gift of Appreciation

Central Division representatives, Division Director Jim Woodrum (far left), MSAA Representative Chuck Martschinke (back row second from right) and Assistant Division Director Brian Cobble (back row far right) pose with the National Headquarters staff following lunch and presentation of red fleece embroidered with a special Central Division logo designed to show appreciation for the work they do on behalf of patrollers throughout the organization.



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## Kasten's Korner



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## Put a Lid on It!

By: Linda Murphy Jacobs  
ADD

I had the opportunity to attend the three Division alpine clinics held in December. By a very informal survey I estimated that about 65% of the patrollers attending had helmets on. Fantastic!!!

Others of you who were not helmeted may have been subject to one of my "get a helmet" lectures. No apologies for that.

One of our organizations' foundational principles is to help prevent accidents. We are, by definition, about safety. We are also looked upon as leaders in the industry. We all have a responsibility to present ourselves to the skiing public as safety practitioners, and that means wearing helmets.

If you haven't come over to the "hard" side I ask you to just give it a try. Today's helmets are light, warm, easy to fit and accommodate almost all goggles. You can vent them easily and they really don't impede hearing. Helmet hair is something the really cool skiers sport.

I was knocked out about a year ago, three hours after I bought my new helmet. I truly believe that my injury would have been much more involved had I not invested in that new helmet. Remember....you only get one brain. Protect it





Kent Oliver, Mad River Mtn Patroller and current member of the NSP-C Ski School ripped up the powder at his most recent SES in the Ohio Region..... Please consider contacting a member of the NSP-C Ski School for a Private Ski Lesson or a Group SES at a time of your choosing through [www.nsp-cskischool.com](http://www.nsp-cskischool.com)



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## Neither Snow Nor Sleet Nor Sub-Zero Temps Keep Us From Our Appointed STW's...

By: Don Loerch  
Division Skills Development Supervisor

We are happy to report this season's Central Division Alpine Clinics (Ski Trainer's Workshops) were blessed with record attendance.

The first three weekends in December found your division skills development team in Trollhaugen, WI / Boyne Highlands, MI / Granite Peak, WI. In all, 167 patrollers participated in calibration clinics geared toward region and hill trainers. Coaches and attendees enjoyed warm hospitality and outstanding early season conditions at each venue.

Clinic sessions focused on PSIA certification awareness, toboggan training, senior alpine evaluations and the senior program. Although occasionally everyone's grit was tested (a high of -8 at Granite Peak) nothing can stop a dedicated group of patrollers loaded up with coffee and pastries.

A special thanks to all Central Division Regions for supporting the alpine clinics and to our dedicated event staff for the generous gift of their time and talents. We are in your debt!

Best wishes for a safe and successful season, we hope to see many of you at future program events.



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# Dreams Do Come True

By: John McGoff  
ARD Proficiency Ohio Region

The dream started taking shape 15 years ago. One of our own Central Division Patrollers has pursued a goal of providing methodologies of ski teaching and training for toboggan transportation skills needed by all Patrollers. This method uses PSIA concepts to help Patrollers develop, teach and integrate the skiing movements necessary for a rock-solid safe toboggan foundation.

It was exciting to be part of this event. History was made the weekend of Dec 13 and 14 2008 at Boyne Highlands when seven Central Division Patrollers – Diane and Dennis Maslar, Chuck Thomas, Mike Cornell, Eric Henderson, and Fredda and John McGoff - took part in the inaugural PSIA accredited Patroller Development Course. John Keating, a Certified Patroller and PSIA-C Ed Staff (Education VP), who makes his home patrol at Marquette Mountain, led the two day clinic which had been his dream. John and the group explored the similarities and differences found in movements as they related to toboggan handling and skiing.

This was an experienced Patroller group with training and PSIA backgrounds – two Level III's, one Level II and four Level I PSIA members; the chemistry was good and all participants bonded quickly by helping each other with feedback and encouragement.

We had a lot of fun spending two days in guided discovery under John's direction. We played on the snow and the group explored the blend of movements – balance, edging, rotary and pressure that combine for upper level skiing. We compared and contrasted the ski maneuvers found in skiing and toboggan handling to better understand the essence of what, when, where and how our bodies need to move and react so we are efficient and safe. Of course that's the hard part but John made sure everyone found success through their own individual refinements.

The centerpiece of what we all do as skiers is the transition between turns. Good technique and purpose is at the heart of great skiing as well as Toboggan handling. While there is a lot of commonality between them, pure down the hill skiing is offensive while driving a toboggan is defensive. The heart of

the clinic involved John conducting progressions that began with the transitions we make in our skiing as we turn left and right. We explored these movements relative to skiing and then we switched to consider the same skill application as it related to toboggan handling. For example, the defensive movements and techniques you use in Toboggan need to factor in the physical forces such as gravity, load, momentum, physical condition and stature of the driver. Good brakes and steering is a must! This understanding of the skill applications specific to Toboggan handling is where the value of the clinic lies for instructors and trainers who teach and train Patrollers the "When, Why, Where, and How" to be better skiers, riders and drivers.

Not only was this an exceptional ski lesson, It was just like being in the Alpine Training Video produced by John last year. \$120 for a two day lesson was a great investment; skiing with John..."Priceless".

This is a great learning opportunity for Patrollers with the added benefit of a PSIA Ed credit.

Dreams do come true!

# SKI ENHANCEMENT SEMINARS: a Great Way to Start your Patrolling Season Just Ask Joe, PD @ Ski Brule



By: Jay Zedak  
NSP-C Ski School Supervisor

The 08-09 Season "Kicked Off" for the NSP-C Ski & Board School in the Central Division at Ski Brule with a bang. This Ski Enhancement Seminar was registered for November 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup> by using the MIST Computer at National. Upon arriving, we found the brisk air and the white snow to be wonderful. Ski Brule in Iron River, MI (part of Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula) has 17 trails and 11 lifts. The Ski Brule Patrol is part of North Central Region but invited patrollers from all over to participate in its Season "Kick-Off" Ski Enhancement Seminar. Patrollers came from all around the Division to take advantage of the great terrain and snow this early season

weekend (Brule, Granite Peak, Black Jack, Mt Bohemia, Marquette Mtn). Ski Brule is usually open for skiing in November and snow-covered through April. Participants and instructors took advantage of this offering and came from Southern Region, Ohio Region, and North Central to help make this event happen.

Lodging was provided by management and an amazingly illuminated Christmas Tree was beaming at the end of the driveway for a warm home welcome. This Patrol went all out for this event capped off with a fantastic Saturday Evening Dinner, Hot-Tub Cigar Smoking, and Brownie Eating contest.

My hats off to Patrol Director Joe Matuszak who covered the participation fees for his patrollers, Kerry Hanson for being the IOR, Jodi Hanson for the Registration and food,

and all the other patrollers who helped to make this event such a great success. Also appreciation goes to our in house instructors:

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Looking forward to skiing with everyone again,

Jay Zedak/ NSP-C Ski School Supervisor

# Division STW Hat Trick

By: Darcy Hanley  
Division Senior Supervisor

Trollhaugen, Boyne and Granite Peak turned out to be the division's hat trick for the STW's! The average attendance at each of these events was 70 patrollers. Under the leadership of Don Loerch, Skills Development Supervisor, instructors and participants had the opportunity to "walk through" the senior standards to make sure our senior candidates are successful. The entire experience can be repeated at your local patrols. Using the senior evaluation card, review with your trainers what the expectations are for passing. Expected questions could be: Are skidded turns ok? YES. Can I pass if I pick up my inside foot when making a short/medium radius turn?



NO. Both feet are used to make the turn with contact on the snow at all times. Trainers should provide skills to strengthen balance, edging, rotary and pressure. At the STW's we trained doing rails, pivot sideslips, hockey stops, one legged skiing, calibrated long, medium and short radius to name a few. As trainers we focused on making sure our demos were showing the correct senior skills.

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# Nordic Central SES 2010: You Decide the Date

By: David Squires  
Division Nordic Supervisor

As we wrapped up another successful Division Nordic Workshop we were discussing dates and planning for next year. The topic of conflicting events and the choices we have to make in our patrolling schedules was a strong point. This is the part where you get to make a choice. The weekend before the Martin Luther King Weekend is generally slower because the holidays have just wrapped up but it conflicts with the Women's Seminar. Meanwhile, the weekend after MLK gets into a lot of Pre-courses, Training and Testing.

I would like to get more patrollers involved with this weekend, particularly the Telemark Clinic at Indianhead. In the past I have tried to accommodate as many as possible by arranging lodging, social time and meals, curriculum and topics, refreshers and training.



Peter Wollan and Betty Adams demonstrate the construction of an emergency toboggan.



Moon rising over Minocqua Winter Park, host of day one and day two activities.

The dates for next year will be January 9-11 or Jan 23-25, 2010 based on 'YOUR' choices with the results in the next Rusty Parka News.

I'd like to acknowledge Peter Wollan, Robert Iverson, Betty Adams, Bill Baer & Melanie Fullman and Dan Clausen-PSIA for their assistance in making the 2009 Nordic Seminar a success.

Please contact me with dates, ideas, or anything else on your mind.

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Dan Clausen and SES participants at the 2009 Nordic Clinic.

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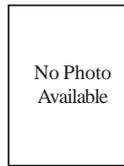
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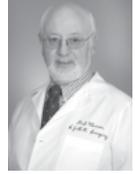
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# Nordic Central SES 2010: You Decide the Date



"The Joining of the Skis"- a tradition at the Central Division Nordic SES.

**2009 Central Division Nordic STW Photo Feature**  
By David Squires, Division Nordic Supervisor



Bob Moe's 39th-Again birthday with wife 'Dot.'



Telemark SES at Indianhead...in the fresh lake laden snow.

**2010 Nordic SES Clinic**  
**January 9 - 11**  
**-or-**  
**January 23 - 25?**

**You Decide!**

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Temp during ride back home. Just in case we forgot it was winter.

# Purple Merit Star Write Ups

By: Gregg Reese Central Division Awards Advisor and Marcia Locher North Central Region Awards Advisor

There has been a lot of confusion over the years about Purple Merit Stars.

According to the Policies and Procedures as interpreted by the National Awards Committee, the Purple Merit Star is given for saving a human life through the use of OEC approved skills. This means the Purple Merit Star is awarded for judgment and action-recognition of a lifesaving situation and utilization of appropriate OEC skills, rather than luck! This award is not for working in an accident situation where there could have been a life threatening problem. All scenarios can potentially be life threatening. For a Purple Merit star to be awarded, the patient would have died on the spot without the patroller(s) immediate judgment and action.

Since the Purple Merit Star is awarded for lifesaving, the management of the ABCs of a serious trauma or catastrophic medical emergency is the foundation of this award.

Other details like number and severity of broken bones, lacerations, etc. need to be described in detail and the technique of care, but it is the management of the ABCs throughout the entire incident that determines whether the criteria for a Purple Merit Star are met. It bears repeating- if a patroller stopped performing tasks that maintained the ABCs, that patient would have died on the spot.

In addition to the narrative letter describing the events of the incident, it is very important to use a simple assessment sheet like the one below to detail the actions that the patroller(s) took, along with the outcomes of those actions. This will help give your Region, Division, and National awards people a solid clinical picture of the lifesaving.

## 1 AIRWAY

Was the airway open? If not, how did the patroller(s) treat this? Did they need to maintain the airway in order to keep it patent? Give a detailed description of what the care providers did.

## 2 BREATHING

If the person was breathing, describe the breathing and approximate rate. Give details- did they need to assist respirations? Was lung expansion equal? Discuss pulse oximetry if your area uses this. Give detailed description of what the care providers did.

## 3 CIRCULATION

Did the person have a pulse? If not, what did the patroller(s) do and for how long? What was the outcome of CPR. If the patient had a pulse, provide approximate pulse rates and blood pressure. Describe the skin color, skin temperature and capillary refill time. Describe

the level of consciousness. Discuss any other findings and treatments such as serious bleeding. Give detailed description of what the care providers did.

In some cases, one patroller will be nominated for a Purple Merit Star and in some cases there will be more than one patroller involved in the accident scenario. Each patroller must be written-up individually and if you are nominating multiple people for Merit Stars, please consider using a timeline format to aid in describing what each member of the team did as a member of that team.

It might seem impossible, but it is really easy to write these up. You can get an Excel spreadsheet to use as a timeline flow sheet template and several examples of multiple medical merit star write-ups from Central Division.

Please get with your Region Awards Advisor or the Division Awards Advisor right away to help you if you have any questions.

## Your Learning Style

By: Virginai Rodeman  
Division Instructor Development Supervisor

What type of a learner are you? Better yet, what type of an instructor/trainer/teacher are you? Do you know what works best for you when you try to learn? Do you instruct in the way the way you learn the best? Is that good? Are these ideas related? Yes. Where could you find out more? In an Instructor Development class. If you have not taken one, why not? Check the calendar for one that is offered near you/or when you are able. Remember, whatever the discipline or delivery method always check to be sure it is a registered course. If it isn't registered with National, it is not a class. This can cause much confusing especially if you are looking for an elective or if you are trying to be an instructor. If you have questions and no one has an answer, please feel free to contact me, Ginny Rodeman [rodewoman@yahoo.com](mailto:rodewoman@yahoo.com). Good luck in all your adventures!

## Central Division Awards Selection Process

**Central Division is composed of approximately 6,600 active patrollers serving 140 Alpine patrols and 23 Nordic patrols**

**Each year, all Regions of the Central Division are invited to send in submissions for 11 Traditional Outstanding categories ranging from Outstanding Young Patroller to Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol.**

**Each Region supplies two judges to judge our submissions.**

**Each Outstanding Submission is graded by seven different judges and the submission in each category with the overall highest score is chosen as our Central Division Outstanding.**

**Our winners are then sent to National where a judging committee composed of two judges from each Division eventually selects the National Outstandings.**

**This year the Central Division Awards Program started a new tradition by recognizing our Central Division Outstanding First Runners-Up.**



# New Avalanche Level One Course

By: Dale Mihuta  
Division Avalanche Supervisor

Come one come all to the "new" Level 1 Avalanche course. I encourage any student that has an interest in avalanches and snow science to consider this course.

This course is a prerequisite to the Level 2 course that is routinely held out west in avalanche terrain. I would also encourage anyone in the instructing staff to attend since the new course offers a field session that includes the crystal analysis, layer weaknesses and stability field tests. There are some new field tests being evaluated and I would like your opinions.

The Central Division Avalanche Group has scheduled a series of courses at Mt. Bohemia, located in the Michigan UP. The schedule is as follows:

- March 1st Instructor Refresher (field work) starting at 8 am.
- March 2nd and 3rd, Level 1 for Rescue

Personnel starting at 8 am.

March 4th and 5th, Level 1 for Rescue Personnel starting at 8 am.

March 6th and 7th, Level 1 for Rescue Personnel starting at 8 am.

Day one will consist of classroom activities and will start at 8 am and finish in the late afternoon. Day two will consist of outdoor activities to include snow pits, snow science, stability tests and travel in avalanche terrain.

If you are interested in this course the contact information is listed below.

You might ask, what is so different about this new course? It has all the information that the former Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue course had but has been enhanced with a healthy introduction to the field work and some of the decision making.

The avalanche community is in total

agreement that your safety in the backcountry is directly proportional to your comprehension and utilization of all the tools available to evaluate, assimilate and make safe decisions. The more exposure you have to these tools both in the Level 1 course for Rescue Personnel and the Level 2 Avalanche course held in an actual avalanche environment the safer you and your colleagues will be.

This Level 1 course for Rescue Personnel is the only prerequisite available to attend the Level 2 Avalanche course. Maybe you've heard how outrageous the snow and fun is in the Level 2 course. Make room for this now because space is limited.

For reservations and more information you can contact me at:

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# The Best Skills Learned by Doing

By: John Wachter  
Division MT&R Supervisor

I have been the Mountain Travel Rescue adviser for a short time now but, already I have met some wonderful people. It is inspiring to see the work that has been put into these courses and the diversity that is seen in each area. These people are what make our programs what they are. Let's welcome Randy (Paul) Tufts as the new MTR Region Adviser for North Central and Jeff Hedberg as the new MTR Region Adviser for Southern Region. After having worked with both of these gentlemen it is easy to see the devotion and skills that they will bring to our program. Also I would like to thank Central Region Adviser Tim Troutt and his instructors for letting North Central and Southern Region come out and help with the Division MTR class. Thanks to all that participated that day, your help and time is much appreciated.



and a field session. We discuss winter survival but these classes can be held any time of year.

The object of these classes is to give you the ability to travel and work safely in reasonable comfort in the outdoor environment and to provide assistance and/or leadership in search and rescue situations. These skills are beneficial whether it be at your ski hill or on a family outing. We cover shelter, sleeping gear, food, stoves, map and compass (GPS) and low angle rope rescue to name a few... other activities will be and can be included to meet the needs of your group or area.

I highly encourage you, your family and friends to partake in one of the classes in your area. If there are none listed please feel free to contact me about bringing one to you.

I would like to extend an open invitation to all MTR instructors

and anyone else that would like to be an MTR instructor to get in touch with me or your Region Adviser to see what the program can offer you or what we can do to improve it. Let's build upon what we know and make these classes not only stronger but, meet the needs of your area.

(I believe the best skills are learned by doing and that each person has something to offer no matter what their level or ability).

Have a great season.

With that said the Mountain Travel and Rescue course is not just about how to survive in the great outdoors or how to do a search for a lost person but, it teaches leadership, teamwork, builds camaraderie and lasting relationships (ask me how I met my wife). Breaking fresh snow in the back country under a moon lit night with friends is something you don't soon forget.

There are three MTR classes: MTR fundamentals which is a one day class, MTR I and MTR II which are two - three days with classroom instruction, and an overnight sleep out

## Central Division Avalanche Group

### 2009 Events Mt. Bohemia

**March 1  
Instructor  
Refresher**

**March 2 - 3  
Level 1 for  
Rescue  
Personnel**

**March 4 - 5  
Level 1 for  
Rescue  
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**March 6 - 7  
Level 1 for  
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# Auxiliary New Focus in CD Almost Two Years Old

By: R.A. DeJarnette  
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It has been almost two years since the Central Division introduced its "New Focus" on the Auxiliary Skill Classification. We encouraged everyone to focus on what auxiliary patrollers can do for our organization. We introduced the idea of dual registration for alpine patrollers who want to continue to work with the toboggan at the alpine skill classification level, while pursuing Senior Leadership skills through the Senior Auxiliary Program. We introduced the Auxiliary web page as a part of the Division web site. Included is a survey for auxiliary patrollers, designed to gather information about auxiliary patrollers.

Progress has been slow, but we are moving forward with our vision. Four of our regions now have Auxiliary advisors: Ellen Burchfield from Eastern Michigan, Allan R.

Burd of Northern Michigan, Nannette Patnaude of Southern and Phyllis Mauntel from the Ohio Region. Ohio Region began offering the Aid Room Management Module

took the Aid Room Management challenge. All but one of these patrollers were of the alpine skill classification.



This year's Ohio Region SEM proved even more successful with a total of 16 patrollers taking the challenge. There were nine alpine patrollers and seven auxiliary patrollers. North Central Region had two patrollers take the Aid Room Module in early 2008 at their spring region banquet. That is a total of 28 patrollers in the last two years!

As we move forward in this 2008-2009 season think about our Central Division New Focus. If you are an auxiliary patroller, stand up and be counted; ask that an Aid Room Management Module be held with you Senior Emergency Management Clinic or at your spring banquet meetings.

at the Senior Emergency Management Clinic two years ago. It has been a big success. In the 2007-2008 season a total of 10 patrollers

## Central Division Leads Way in Registration Effort

By: Sherwin Van Klompenberg  
Division Registration Supervisor

Central Division completed 100% of its Membership Registrations for the year 2008-2009 through the use of electronic technology, namely e-mail for registration and Automated Clearing House for payment of dues. We were the only Division to attempt and accomplish our registration in his manner!

Using electronic technology for membership registration provided a number of benefits to you as the members:

- Memberships cards were received anywhere from 6 to 10 weeks earlier than last year depending on how early

the Patrol Representative submitted their registrations.

- Disbursements of dues was significantly expedited.
- Cost savings exceeded \$1200 for the Division and the Patrols in printing and postage alone.
- Errors were corrected in terms of hours not weeks or months further expediting the receipt of your cards.
- Record keeping was simplified with minimal paper.

Please join me in my thanks to all of the Patroller Directors/Representatives, and those who stepped up to assist in this new process, which was successful far beyond what our imagination anticipated. As I stated to them in an e-mail, "my sincerest thanks and deep

appreciation for your commitment, your patience, and your acceptance of this new process especially to those who were asked to step out of their normal comfort zone into the world of technology which is at times quite foreign for many of us. Your creativity in problem resolution, cooperation between patrols, and willingness to learn new things reminds me of what makes us such a unique organization." It has been my pleasure to serve you in this capacity.

Now, since we have been so efficient with mundane paperwork tasks, enjoy doing what we all joined this great organization to do: to provide excellent emergency care and to ski, snowboard or slide down the hill in whatever fashion we choose!

## Region Update from Ohion Region Director

By: Bill Currier  
Ohio Region Director

Winter arrived in a flurry in early January with 12 inches plus of the white, fluffy stuff, and more is forecast for this week along with cold temps. Conditions were great in the Buckeye State, just in time for the kick-off of our Winter on-snow activities.

The Region SEM event was held at Snow Trails on Dec. 6. The event was not only successful for all who participated, but it also satisfied the requirement for being held on the snow. In fact, the Snow Trails area opened for the season on Dec. 6. Congratulations to all who completed the evaluation. About 40 Ohio Region Patrollers participated in the Division S&T Clinic at Boyne Highlands on Dec. 13-14. An MTR II course and field session was held on Dec. 12-14 in the wild, remote regions of BMBW, and a TES was held at BMBW on Dec. 27.

Two STW's, one in the South at Perfect North Slopes and one in the North at Boston Mills/Brandywine have been held. A large turnout of over fifty patrollers participated in each one of these events.

Region Certified Pre-qualification and Re-Certification clinics were also held at Perfect North Slopes on January 4. This is a great start to the 2008 / 2009 season. Several more SES's, TES's and at least one OECES will be held during the season.

The second annual Telemark SES will be held at the Holimont Area in Ellicottville, NY on Feb. 6-7. The Region Senior Test will be held at Boston Mills/Brandywine for the first time in several years on Feb. 22. By moving the test from the South to the North we are looking for increased participation this year, and, if the number who participated in the STW is an indication, we will achieve this objective.

Two new ski training opportunities were offered by the Region NSP-C Ski School this season. The first was two clinics that conducted by a current member emeritus of the PSIA-C Ed Staff. Clinic dates were January 13th and 20th, at Mad River Mountain.

Two additional clinics were offered on January 28th and February 4th, at Perfect North Slopes. This was a unique training opportunity offered to active PSIA Level II members to help them prepare for Level III teaching and skiing.

The second was a one day clinic led by a current member of the PSIA-C Ed Staff at Snow Trails. This unique training opportunity was open to all NSP-C Ski School members. The focus is to help prepare Level I or Level II members achieve the next level of certification and to prepare those who are beginning their PSIA journey toward Level I certification.

Check the Region calendar and website for details of other events and the latest updates.

I am looking forward to the remainder of the 2008/2009 season which promises to be great. I hope to see many of you at the various events that we have planned. Have a safe and successful season.



# A Four Generation Family From Central Division

70 Years



1938 - 2008



Three out of four ain't bad. From left, Michael Weinand, Thomas Weinand and Timothy Weinand lookin' good and ready to hit the slopes.

By: Timothy Weinand  
 Certified # 361, National Appointment #10010, Sunburst Ski Patrol

Some families love to ski, other families live for it. I happen to be a member of the latter. To say I come from a patrolling family is an understatement. My grandfather, Sylvan (Max) Weinand (Nat #1363) started patrolling in 1942. Some say he knew Minnie Dole. That isn't exactly true but he does have a personal letter from him to go with his yellow merit star. He finally had to hang up his skis at age 72 when he had his one and only ski injury. My father, Thomas Weinand (Nat #5584), continues the family tradition and last season celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> year patrolling. Compared to these two gentlemen, I'm just a pup at 25 years last season. The 2005/06 season marked the fourth generation of patrollers from my family as my son Michael Weinand joined the Sunburst ski patrol in Kewaskum, Wisconsin. Rounding out this patrolling family are two members that are no longer with us. My father's brother James W. Weinand patrolled between 1948 and 1967 and my sister Laura Westmore from 1980 to 1990. Not to be missed is my mother Gene Weinand who served as an auxiliary patroller between 1981 and 1992.

I remember my grandfather saying how good it is to give something back to the sport you enjoy. I agree with that statement but need to add to it. If I didn't have to be at the hill pulling a duty shift, I wouldn't be there nearly as much. A few years ago our hill offered \$99 season passes. Pretty attractive considering our dues and supplies approach that amount. Yet when I thought more about it, something else would always come up. If the weather conditions were lousy, it would be pretty hard for me to give up a comfortable bed to get out to the hill by 8:30. On nice days, I'd probably get there in the middle of the day and have to wait in long lift lines like everybody else. On some of the bad weather days, I get more skiing in by 10 AM than most people get all day on the nice days.

Personally, I've met more people and consider them friends while patrolling than any other activity I've been involved in. Those of us that have been doing it a while share a kindred spirit in that they'd rather slide down a slippery slope than do almost anything.

*The Rusty Parka News wants to highlight multi-generational families during the 2008 - 2009 season. Patrol Representatives, please send a list of two generation patrol families on your patrols to the RPN for publication in an upcoming issue. Photos of other three generational families, including names and areas patrolled are requested.*

*Help us celebrate the NSP's 70 years of safety and service to the snow sports industry by recognizing families that patrol together.*

*The NSP is spotlighting multi-generational patroller families as it celebrates 70 Years of Service*

## Correction:

*Two of the three generation families featured in the fall issue of the RPN were incorrectly identified. Our apologies. The correct identities are listed at right. Ed.*



From left to right: Morgan Morris, Tom Neukam, Fritz Neukam, Trevor Morris, Christine Morris and Christopher Morris.



From left to right: Denise Jones, Bill Jones, Liz Jones, Elizabeth Grabowski, John Grabowski.

# Extreme Website Makeover

By: Chris Raudabaugh  
Division Web Master

If you have visited the Central Division website, NSPCentral.org, within the last five months, you should have seen some changes. The most noticeable change is the 'look', or design, of the pages. However, the significant improvement is not anything you would immediately notice.

When I started making plans for the Central Division website, I established two goals:

- . Keep the data fresh as possible and make information easy to find.
- . Make the job of data management easier for the Division staff.

Given these objectives, information such as calendar events, roster, region and patrol had to be contained in a database system. Incorporating a database system with the website opened up the opportunity to create a site that allowed easy management and use by Division staff. It also meant that visitors of nspcentral.org would always see current, or fresh data.

Management of the website data is currently available to Region Directors and some Division staff. The ability to edit, add, and delete data is available to those that need it. Staff can also download formatted documents of calendar events and Division staff. The centralized sharing and ownership of the central division information has already proved itself by helping with many efficiencies in a number of areas.

I consider these modifications as the key foundation of the CD website and look forward to improving it in the future. Please feel free to send me a note, email or website contact page, about any ideas, needs, or issues that you notice about the current website. All feedback is considered to improve the CD website. Thanks to those that have provided input so far.

Please remember that if you see incorrect information about you or others from your Region, your Region Director has access to correct it.

Have a great ski season!

# Review of Incident Reports Prompts CYA Check List

By: Tom Hynes  
North Central Region

A recent review of recent "Incident Reports" prompts this writing...

After a brief review of a local patrols' daily incident reports it was clear that we're not clearly documenting incidents in a consistent manner.

A) Even the most minor incidents need to be "written up" clearly and be complete. [No I am not suggesting all band aid incidents need a report, but if you do write an incident report do it completely.]

B) As they the realtors say "location, location, location".

C) Give it a "Time of Day" ...as close to the actual as possible.

D) Were there witnesses?...who....address and phone.

E) Was there a guardian present?...address and phone.

F) Rental equipment number(s)...boots, skis and the helmet [if there was a helmet]...description [note settings if clearly visible]

1. Document rental returns if your hill requires them returned for testing.

2. Document out area rental shop information if available.

G) What did YOU find?

H) What did your team members each find?

I) What did you do?

J) What did your team members each do?

K) Was management involved?

1. Who
2. What
3. Where

L) Was EMS called?

M) What did EMS do in your presence?

Suggestion...Keep a copy of the bad and or strange ones in a private-secure personal file for possible later need.

This is isn't dogma; this is CYA.

If you are alpine keep'em downhill...if you are Nordic skate like hell.



# Dennis Pike

By: Mindy Mitchell  
Southern Region

Members of the former Southwest region as well as the Central Division lost a great friend and valuable member on November 26, 2008. Dennis Pike passed away



Dennis Pike

after a year long battle with liver cancer. He was diagnosed Thanksgiving weekend, 2007 and made the decision to fight his cancer and did so, finally giving in (not up) to the disease following a year filled with doing all the things he loved most: skiing,

golfing, motorcycling and boating.

Dennis made great contributions to the NSP both at the local level and the region. He joined the NSP in 1999 and completed his senior in 2003. He had completed his PSIA level one certification and was working toward his level two. He had served as the ski school advisor for the Southwest Region since 2006. He also served as a toboggan instructor.

Dennis patrolled at Seven Oaks in Boone, Iowa last season while receiving chemotherapy. This summer, he rode his Harley to Oklahoma over Memorial Day weekend with friends, many of whom were ski patrollers. He played golf as often as he felt able, and continued to boat with friends and family at Lake Perry in Perry, Kansas which with so many ski patrollers as members of the marina there, it could be known as Mt. Lake Perry!

While on hospice and being cared for by his wife Lea at home, Dennis continued to plan for the benefit of the NSP. As recently as late October, Dennis had discussion with members of the Seven Oaks patrol for the training and development of the ski school at Seven Oaks, a commitment he had made with other patrollers and area management last year.

Dennis leaves a great legacy to those who knew him, a love for skiing and patrolling, for teaching and sharing his knowledge with others. Dennis, thanks for sharing your time, energy and passion with us all!



# 2008 - 2009 Central Division Calendar

Date	Program	Region	Location	Event	Contact
2009-03-02	AVALANCHE	OH	Mt. Bohemia, MI UP	Avalanche Level I	Jay Zedak
2009-03-20	AVALANCHE	OH	Utah	Division Avalanche II Course	Dale Mihuta
2009-02-14	AWARDS	OH		Deadline Region Awards	Lori Ringley
2009-02-15	AWARDS	NC		Awards Deadline for Outstandings, Appointments, and Stars	
	Marcia Locher				
2009-02-20	AWARDS	S	Chestnut Mtn. IL	Awards meeting	Mike Benhart
2009-02-28	AWARDS	NC	Granite Peak	Region Awards Meeting	Marcia Locher
2009-04-07	AWARDS	OH		DEADLINE for Region Outstanding Awards to Division	
	Lori Ringley				
2009-02-20	CERTIFIED	S	Chestnut, IL	Certified Awareness and Qualifications Clinic. Chuck Martschinke -	
	cmartschinke@comcast.net		Chuck Martschinke		
2009-02-26	CERTIFIED	EM	Boyme Highlands & Nubs Nob, MI		2009 Annual Certified
	Evaluation and Meeting. Mike Longfellow - mjones1@ford.com			Mike Longfellow-Jones	
2009-02-15	DEADLINES	WM		Section I ballots out	Erica Krol
2009-02-27	DEADLINES	W		March Awards Deadline	Tom Gray
2009-03-04	DEADLINES	EM		Region Awards Due	Dennis Heeger
2009-03-07	DEADLINES	WM		Section I ballots due	Erica Krol
2009-03-09	DEADLINES	WM		Blue and Gold, info due	Colleen Wolfer
2009-03-17	DEADLINES	OH		DOWNHILL Spring Issue Deadline	Max Davis
2009-04-01	DEADLINES	EM	Email	Annual Region Administrator Reports Due	Derek Werner
2009-04-01	DEADLINES	EM		Annual Region Expense Reports Due	Sharon Hazen
2009-05-05	DEADLINES	OH		DOWNHILL Awards Issue Deadline	Max Davis
2009-05-31	DEADLINES	W		Supervisor Expense Vouchers Due	Jim Irvine
2009-06-01	DEADLINES	NC		Summer issue Powder Lines deadline	Tim Zimmerman
2009-03-16	INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT	OH	Brandywine	Instructor development Classes	Janet Glaeser/Freddie Shima
2009-04-05	INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT	EM	Apple Mt.	Instructor Development	Ellen Burchfield
2009-02-28	MOUNTAIN TRAVELAND RESCUE	NC	UP of Mich	Advanced MTR	Randy Tufts
2009-03-22	MOUNTAIN TRAVELAND RESCUE	EM	Mt. Holly	MTR I & Fundamentals	Chuck White
2009-02-07	NORDIC	W		Region Nordic SES	Peter Wollan
2009-02-08	NORDIC	W	Mora, MN	Mora Vasaloppet	Bill Lappen
2009-02-13	NORDIC	W	Giants Ridge	MN State HS League X-C Championship	
2009-02-14	NORDIC	W	Bemidji, MN	Minnesota Finlandia	
2009-02-21	NORDIC	NC		American Birkebeiner	
2009-02-28	NORDIC	NC	MWP	Lakeland Loppet	Betty Adams
2009-03-08	NORDIC	NC	Calumet	Great Bear Chase	Barb Wheeler
2009-03-02	OEC	EM	Mt. Holly	OEC Class Begins	Steve Meek
0000-00-00	OEC	W	Christie Mtn.	Christie Mtn. OEC Candidate Final Exam	Paul van Natta
0000-00-00	REFRESHERS	EM	Mt. Holly	Chair Evac Training Candidates/ Hosts	Keith Hal/John O'Dell
2009-02-07	SENIOR	EM	Boyme Mt.	Senior Ski & Tob Evaluation	Derek Werner
2009-02-07	SENIOR	OH		Deadline Senior Event Sign-ups Due	Dennis Maslar
2009-02-07	SENIOR	W		SEM Precourse	Mary Pritchett/Kathy Glynn
2009-02-15	SENIOR	SC	Cascade	On hill eval	
2009-02-20	SENIOR	NC	Granite Peak	SEM Eval Calibration	Greg Kerwin
2009-02-21	SENIOR	NC	Granite Peak	SEM Eval	Greg Kerwin
2009-02-21	SENIOR	SC	Tyrol	OEC eval	
2009-02-21	SENIOR	S	Chestnut, IL	Senior Hill Evaluation	Bill Dick
2009-02-21	SENIOR	W		Senior Alpine Evaluation	Mike Nies
2009-02-21	SENIOR	WM	Crystal Mtn	Senior Hill Bump Clinic	Brit
2009-02-22	SENIOR	NC	Granite Peak	S&T Eval	Don Close
2009-02-22	SENIOR	NM	Nubs Nob	Senior Ski & Toboggan Exam	Aren Fairchild/JIM Parker

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It was a privilege to work with so many competent, well trained trainers who are constantly making sure their own skills reflect the senior skill objectives. The success of our Senior program depends on you! As part of the STW this year we (thanks to Jay Zedak) provided an error recognition video analysis. The trainers/candidates/evaluators looked a video clips to determine if senior skills were demonstrated, or if as a trainer you would recommend the candidate to take the senior evaluation. It was an effective way to "train your eye". It is also recommended that the division DVD be used to calibrate senior toboggan skills. The goal for each local patrol is to increase senior participation numbers.

Information about the senior program is available on the division website. This includes the senior manual, evaluation score cards, and the electives that are needed. As a way of extend-

ing involvement in the program, the QA mentoring program was introduced at the STW's. The Quality Assurance team provides feedback to the region director and senior advisor about the region's senior evaluation. To get involved as part of the QA staff (senior evaluators, senior trainers) a letter of recommendation from your Region Director and a current QA staff member can be emailed to me at darcy@zoomtown.com. Your mentoring experience will be to QA a senior evaluation in your own region and one out of your region. This experience will provide ample training to QA a senior evaluation. Please consider getting involved. I will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

If there are questions, you need support or need assistance with an SES or TES, please call on any of the Division staff. We can help! May 2009 bring great snow, more friendships and lots of patroller success!

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2009-02-22	SENIOR	OH	BM	Region Senior Event	Dennis Maslar
2009-02-22	SENIOR	WM	Crystal Mnt	Senior Hill Final	Brit
2009-03-06	SENIOR	NM		OEC SEM Paperwork Deadline	Tena Lechtanski
2009-03-07	SENIOR	EM	Pine Knob	SEM Evaluation	Mike Case
2009-03-07	SENIOR	S	Hidden Valley, MO	SEM Evaluation	Len Kunkel
2009-03-07	SENIOR	W	Mary Pritchett/Kathy Glynn	SEM Eval	
2009-03-14	SENIOR	S	Grand Geneva, WI	SEM Evaluation	Len Kunkel
2009-03-22	SENIOR	NM	TBA	SEM Evaluation	Tena Lechtanski
2009-02-06	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	PNS	TES	Sandi Hammons
2009-02-06	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	Holimont-NY	Telemark SES	Dave Walker
2009-02-07	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	Big Creek	SES/SNES	Dave Walker
2009-02-08	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	Snow Trails	PSIA - Development Training	Amy Arnold
2009-02-08	TESTING/TRAINING	W	Christie Mtn.	Christie Mtn. Candidate Hill Test	Dennis Potter
2009-02-08	TESTING/TRAINING	WM		Candidate Hill test, TBD, Section II and Timber Ridge	
2009-02-08	TESTING/TRAINING		Jack Katerburg/John Ritsema		
2009-02-15	TESTING/TRAINING	EM	Mt. Brighton	EMR2 Candidate Ski & Tob Eval	Dave Petrak
2009-02-15	TESTING/TRAINING	EM	Mt. Holly	EMR3 Candidate Ski & Toboggan Eval	Mary Gaffney
2009-02-15	TESTING/TRAINING	WM	Pando	TES	Shawn Rhoda
2009-02-21	TESTING/TRAINING	NM	Otsego Ski Club	Section # 2 Candidate Evaluation	John Wallace
2009-02-21	TESTING/TRAINING	NM	Shanty Creek	Section # 3 Candidate Eval	Pat Troop/Jeff Summers
2009-02-21	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	BMBW	SES/STW	Amy Arnold/J. French
2009-02-22	TESTING/TRAINING	EM	Apple Mt.	EMR3 Candidate Ski & Toboggan Eval	Mary Gaffney
2009-02-22	TESTING/TRAINING	W	Christie Mtn	TES	Ron Sluka
2009-03-07	TESTING/TRAINING	WM	Caberfae	Caberfae Candidate Hill	Tim Kirch/Dave Worfel
2009-02-15	OTHER EVENTS	OH	BMBW	Meet The Ski Patrol Day	Tom Ciranna
2009-02-21	OTHER EVENTS	OH	Snow Trails	Winter Carnival	Dave Baumlein
2009-03-11	OTHER EVENTS	EM	TBD	Region Awards Review Meeting	Dennis Heeger
2009-03-18	OTHER EVENTS	WM		Region meeting	
2009-03-30	OTHER EVENTS	EM	Email	Downhill Edge Spring Deadline	Russ Livermore
2009-04-03	OTHER EVENTS	EM		Division Spring Meeting	
2009-04-14	OTHER EVENTS	EM	Snowbird, Utah	NSP Education & Leadership Conference	
2009-04-17	OTHER EVENTS	NC	Minocqua, WI	Region Spring Banquet	David Dahl
2009-04-25	OTHER EVENTS	OH	Alpine Valley	Region Spring Meeting & Awards Banquet	Bill Currier / Pat Acquilla
2009-04-25	OTHER EVENTS	SC		Annual Region Meeting, Section 1	
2009-04-26	OTHER EVENTS	OH	Snow Trails	Patrol Awards Banquet	Dave Baumlein
2009-05-02	OTHER EVENTS	OH	MRM	Patrol Banquet	John Norris
2009-05-02	OTHER EVENTS	WM	Bittersweet	Region Meeting/Banquet, Section 1	
2009-05-06	OTHER EVENTS	EM	Flint, Mich.	Region Spring Meeting	Derek Werner
2009-05-16	OTHER EVENTS	EM	EMR3	Region Awards Banquet	Mary Gaffney

**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](mailto:rkirby@kichler.com) or via phone at 216.904.4281**

**Central Division Fall Meeting  
Mackinac Island, Michigan  
September 11 - 13, 2009  
Save the Date**

**Watch for Registration in Summer RPN**

Calendar Information is Downloaded from The Central Division Web Site at RPN Publication Time. Please Confirm Dates Listed Prior to Participation in Events. The Most Up to Date Division Calendar is Always Available at [www.nspcentral.org](http://www.nspcentral.org)





## Tail Rope

*Remember to Look Back*



This issue's photos come to us courtesy of C. Richard Ike of the Ohio Region.  
Photo above and left, Ed Lappies (Ohio RD 1976-1979); C. Richard Ike (Ohio RD 1981-1985); Dave Sage (Clearfork patrol)  
Photo above and right, Ed Raudabaugh and C. Richard Ike (Circa 1974). Unfortunately Dave Sage passed away in 2000 and Ed Lappies passed away in 2003.

*Send a digital copy of your favorite old patrol photo to the RPN  
tzimmerman@mitchellmetalproducts.com*

# *A Timeless Tradition of Snow - Fun - Family*

## Central Division Fall Meeting Mackinac Island, Michigan September 11 - 13, 2009

The Northern Michigan Region invites you to mark your calendar and plan on attending the Central Division Fall Meeting on September 11, 12, and 13, 2009. Come and join us at the Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island for three days of ski patrol family fun. The theme is "A Timeless Tradition of Snow - Fun - Family". The committee is planning events for educational sessions and family fun, as well as the usual Central Division business meetings and the awards banquet.

Mackinac Island is a get away for the whole family with historical sites, shops, golf and a Butterfly conservatory just to name a few. But remember there are no motorized vehicles allowed. You can see the island by walking, riding a bicycle or horse drawn carriage and you are just a short boat ride away from Mackinaw City and St. Ignace.

Check out these websites on the Mackinac Island area.

Mackinac Island – [www.mackinacisland.org](http://www.mackinacisland.org)

Mackinaw City – [www.mackinawcity.com](http://www.mackinawcity.com)