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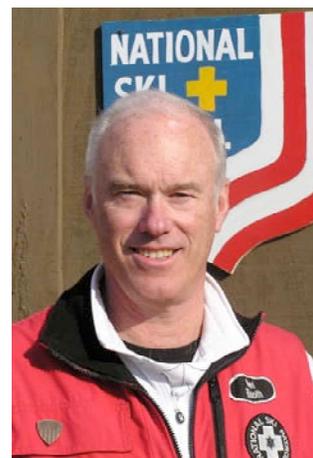
A Season In The Making.

Neil Booth, Division Director

The new season is upon each and every one of us. Today is now! This is the time of year we all begin the process of sharpening our skills. It is done in several ways. We accomplish this by rethinking what we know or have learned in the past, plus, we learn new and better ways of doing what we have previously done. Stop and think about it!

We begin with OEC, followed by getting our physical beings in shape, learn what has changed at

our resorts, prepare to sharpen our dormant on snow skills from the off season hiatus, all culminating into the process of being the best patrollers we can be, serving the snowsports consumers and our resorts. This is what being a member of NSP requires.



A Future In The Making!

As your Division Director, I view our organization as an educational body, responsible for teaching and refreshing everyday skills, for what we do at our resorts. The division is responsible for operational delivery of education programs, to membership. Divisions can make recommendations to National about programs, but ultimately, the division's role is simply and rightfully so, to deliver programs! Our first approach is the offering of NSP programs. The second step relies upon our NSP instructor corps, delivering education in a meaningful way. The division staff relies upon each patrol and members, desiring these programs, to notify the respective region administrator regarding program specifics, getting a date on the calendars and attending the event. We will not force events, we will fulfill patrol and members desire. There is a great staff of instructors waiting to be of service to you, our members.

We have an awful lot to do to get ourselves ready for the season. Let us stay focused on the fact that we are members of the association, working for our individual resorts for the

purpose of providing safety services to our snowsports public. Without consumers, resorts have no relevance, nor do we, or any of the support staff at resorts. We patrollers are an absolutely wonderful, dedicated and caring group of professionals. We understand that our consumers are the lifeblood of the industry. Stay focused on this fact and it will serve us all very well.

This has perhaps been the most difficult message I have had to write in my 33 years of patrolling. It is difficult because of the events before us, as an organization. Membership should be aware that there are issues going on between our national board and a group of petitioners. My position has been to stay out of the flurry of emails, letters, phone calls, etc. on the developing situations. Whether or not you buy in to what is going on, the mission of NSP, the board's position, the petitioner's position, or anything else floating around, is totally your decision to make. I, like each one of you, have an opinion. Do things need to be fixed within the organization? Will the organization survive, divide or disappear? These are questions that only you, as a member, can answer. You will all have the opportunity to vote in the near future on the following items:

1. **A change to NSP's Articles of Incorporation.** If we frame this up, the Articles are similar to the U.S. Constitution. They are the founding criteria we operate under. Bylaws of the organization are the tactical elements on how we fulfill our Articles, through detailed plans.

QUESTION: If a new operating principle is made, should it be through Articles or Bylaws? The proposal before us requests a vote through Articles. Could changes be addressed through a bylaw versus an Articles change?

2. **Membership Voting rights.** The petition, which henceforth is referred to as the "ballot", adds the following to the Articles: "The Board of Directors may not change quorum requirements, nomination process, election process or term of office without a vote of the membership."

QUESTION: Do you agree with all five items in this statement in quotations? The proposed ballot will be an all or nothing vote, in the Articles. Could quoted statements be changed in the bylaws, where they already exist, with modifications?

3. **Term limits.** The ballot adds the following to the Articles: "Six (6) years total term limit for members on the National Board including the time as Chairman."

QUESTION: Is six years long enough for Board members and Chair to serve? This past summer, the board passed a 9-year term limit, Chair can serve 6 total years, however the time does not count as part of the 9-year board member term limit, or a total potential of 15 years on the board. This is a ballot item for a term limit change. Could term limits be changed in the bylaws, where they already exist, with modifications?

4. **Nomination Committee.** The ballot adds the following to the Articles: "The NSP will be composed of 10 Geographic Divisions (Alaska, Eastern, European, Far West, Intermountain, Northern, Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountain and Southern) and a Professional Division. Each Division will be headed by a Division Director who is elected in accordance with the Bylaws of their respective Division. To enhance communications among Division Directors and provide maximum access for working patrollers, the Division Directors will be the nominating committee for the Board of Director vacancies in a manner provided for in the Bylaws."

QUESTION: Is the best methodology for the nomination committee Division Directors only? Should it be broadened? Currently, the National Chair, the three Executive Committee

Board Chairs and two members at large sit on the nomination committee. Should it be changed to only Division Directors as the ballot recommends? Could the nomination committee composition be changed in the bylaws, where they already exist, with modifications? The 10 Geographic Divisions are currently part of the bylaws today, so do they need to be addressed and voted upon in the Articles ballot?

5. **Candidacy positions.** The ballot adds to the Articles: “There will be more nominees than there are positions to fill to allow members a choice.”

QUESTION: We generally have 4 positions to the Board up for re-election each year, so, should we have more than 4 candidates to choose from? Would it make sense to have a slate of 6 to 8 candidates to choose from? What if we only have 4 people? Could the candidacy slate be change in the bylaws, where they already exist, with modifications?

6. **Voting for Candidates.** The ballot adds the following to the Articles: “Election will be by member direct vote on ballots delivered to each active member in a manner provided for in the bylaws. The nominees receiving the most votes will fill the available vacancies. There is no minimum quorum for member voting.”

QUESTION: Should members have a direct vote with positive affirmation by each member that votes? Currently, if a member does not vote, their vote is automatically counted as an affirmative vote. If we only receive 100 votes (past election voting results) from members, is this sufficient affirmation to elect a candidate? Should we consider a simple majority of votes at any level of votes submitted, or, should there be a minimal number of votes for each candidate. Should voting default to the nominating committee if the system generates less than 25% of voting members voting? This would mean that a minimum of around 7,000 members must vote to be considered an official membership vote. If membership voting is minimal, should our system default to the Board making the decisions on candidacy?

The overall question which future voting members must ask themselves, before casting their vote, and remember, it is one vote with six items, not six votes, is do you agree with each and every point listed. If you agree with all points, vote yes. If you do not agree with one point, but all others, remember it is one vote and your final vote will be counted accordingly. Last, remember you are voting on an Article of Incorporation ballot change. Ask yourself, is there a better, more flexible way to achieve what is proposed, needed or not needed? Articles are why we exist; bylaws are how we operate. If you agree with a change to Article, and all points, vote yes. If you do not agree with this ballot to change Articles, but feel bylaws are the preferred method, vote no. If you disagree with a ballot through Articles changes, but agree with the 6 items within the ballot, vote no. If you agree with this ballot to change Articles, but do not agree with all 6 items, vote no. Everyone likes to feel they have a voice in the organization. Just remember, you are not voting on you ability to vote only. You are voting on the method to achieve change on six points, all wrapped into one vote! We ask that you all vote when the ballot comes out. We ask that you consider all points in the ballot. There is no picking or choosing of individual items, it is one vote for all points! We trust you will make an informed decision, then, vote accordingly.

Regardless of the status of the above issues, remember our focus is to take care of our consumers, at our resorts, through your patrol. We all enjoy what we do or we would not continue patrolling. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Let us make this a great and prosperous season.

From the Assistants...

R. Morgan Armstrong,
1st ADD, Southern Division

END OF YEAR REPORTS: Each patrol representative should begin September first to record the activities of his or her patrol. Having the information in a file or notebook will make filing your report next spring much easier. The new patrol representatives received a copy of the End of Year Report Form at the Fall Officers Meeting but if you missed it, contact R. Morgan Armstrong, at rmasp@Adelphia.net. I will be happy to send you a copy. Please look over the form and start recording all of the events needed for the report.

PROGRAM SUPERVISORS: While the chain of command for programs is to your National Ski Patrol, Program Director, remember you owe the division the following reports. Each fall at the Fall Officers Meeting each Southern Division Program Supervisor should file with the 1st ADD a list of goals for the ski season. Then in the spring, when the End of Year Report is due, the Supervisor should follow up with a report to the 1st ADD on which goals were accomplished with a short report on how that was done. Please do not forget to file this important report so the division can keep informed of your success.

WAIVER FORMS: The use of the Southern Division Assumption of Risk Waiver form is more important today than ever before. Each instructor of a class or event and each patrol representative should have everyone under your program sign one of these waivers. The waiver should be signed each year for a patrol and before each event for any other program. These forms may be found on the Southern Division Website at www.nsp.org/divisions/southern and the waiver is on the division home page. Look in the box titled "On this site." It is available in two formats for instant downloading and printing. The financial health of the patrol, division and each officer and instructor depends on these being signed. Anyone not willing to assume his or her own risk for training, patrolling, participating in an event or test should not be allowed into that event or program.

RISK MANAGEMENT: A lot is being written and discussed in the ski patrol family about risk management and the reaction of the NSP Board to these concerns. Many times our Board of Directors is being forced into making policy decisions based upon the risk issue. We need to lessen the risk. You read about the waiver above and now lets discuss why the waiver is important.

Presently there are only three ways to control risk in patrolling. One, have good insurance; two, have statutory immunity passed by a state or the national government, or three, do not act when the act could result in risk. Each remedy has a good side and a bad side. If we are to patrol and teach we must expose ourselves to some risk. The risk might be injury or death depending on the act performed either for us or another person. Accidents are rare but they do happen. So each of us needs to look at our ability to sustain an injury and what that means to our family.

Assess the risk and make your own decision. Do I patrol and assume the risk? Do I teach and assume the risk? Do I quit?

As for me I enjoy patrolling and teaching too much to quit. I have health insurance and disability insurance for my protection and the protection of my family. Do you have each? I have liability insurance through my homeowner's policy with an umbrella coverage that gives me extra protection. Do you? My resort is fully insured and I keep up with the financial status of my resort. Do you? Finally, I live in Virginia, which has provided all volunteer patrollers (non-paid) with full immunity

from suit by patients. Even if I do not perform to the standard of OEC or make a mistake, I still have immunity. Only if I deliberately injure someone do I lose my immunity. What immunity does your state offer?

If I choose to be a paid patroller, I do not have state immunity because of my employment. I must depend on the insurance of my resort. However, when I volunteer or anytime I am off the clock and off the mountain, I have my state immunity to protect me if I go to the aid of someone. What do you as a paid patroller know about your immunity and when and how your resort insurance policy covers you?

What should I know as an instructor? When dealing with a training situation the candidate should assume the risk. The candidate is getting the benefit of an education or skill enhancement. If he or she wants to participate, the candidate should assume the risk. Only the individual candidate knows his or her emotional, mental and physical health at any given time. If a candidate wants to risk a run down an expert slope, that individual should assume the risk or decline the offer to ski that slope. It is fine to assume the risk. Every skier assumes the risk of each slope they ski. Why can't the candidate assume the risk?

When does the instructor veto the candidate's assumption of the risk? When the instructor has reason to believe the risk is too great. Even when the student wants to assume the risk, if the instructor suspects the risk is too great, the candidate should be stopped and removed from participating. The instructor must always demand each candidate tell them when they have a medical, emotional or mental issue, which might increase the risk of the lesson. The instructor should constantly monitor the candidate and if the risk causes you concern, step in and stop the risk. Never force a candidate to perform unless you feel comfortable their skill matches the demand made upon them. Picking choice number three, do not act, is always a good choice.

Who looks after patrollers? Every patroller assumes their own risk when they walk out the patrol room door on the way to an accident. Just know what amount of risk you are taking on. If you are recovering from an illness, are on medication or just don't feel well, decline the rescue. We have enough patients without becoming a patient. Using good judgment and assuming responsibility is a part of patrolling.

Patrol representatives should be sure each patroller recognizes this. Each patrol representative should require the patroller sign the Southern Division Assumption of Risk Waiver at every refresher. Each instructor should teach this at the first lesson and require each candidates sign the Southern Division Assumption of Risk Waiver on the first day.

**In short be responsible for yourself.
Keep NSP in skiing and snowboarding by lessening the risk.**

Learning All Over Again -

Richard Boyer

Assistant Division Director - Southern Area



In the heat of this Summer I am looking forward to Ski Season and Wintertime. I'm new at this position and will be learning what is needed to help the South Area of our Southern Division run efficiently. **Mike Harris**, the Regional Director of the Blue Ridge Region and **Brent Bowman**, RD for Dixie Region run very good regions and that will make my job more enjoyable and enable me to do what I enjoy most, meet patrollers whom I've not had time to get to know.

This is a good time to take stock of our strengths and weaknesses as a patroller and of our respective patrols. There is exposure to us all when we are on duty at our ski areas. After all, we do work directly for these areas, right? This is important... **WE WORK DIRECTLY FOR OUR RESORTS AND SKI AREAS, AS AGENTS!** We also happen to belong to a wonderful organization, the National Ski Patrol, but in so far as to the risk we take-on in helping those who need our help on-the-hill, we work directly, as agents, for the ski area! Please remember this or the results may be detrimental to us personally and to the NSP. The entity who takes this risk and thereby employs protective measures against it, is, and **SHOULD BE**, the ski area. It is for this risk **THEY** purchase liability insurance coverage.

You will hear "*Who do we work for?*" many times during the refresher season this year, and for the survival of our ski patrolling organization, it is an important lesson we all must learn.

Two other items I want to project forward are awards for our patrollers and succession planning. We've been improving in the awards category and need to get started early in the season beginning this process. Any patrollers who notice another patroller doing exceptional things as a patroller should pass this on to your patrol representative and get the ball rolling for consideration for an award. What is succession planning? It is identifying who is going to replace you and taking steps toward bringing them along so the eventual transition is an orderly one. We all, as patrollers, should do this by recruiting new members, and ones who hold an office should be doing it as well for the position they hold.

As the season draws near and we begin attending the various refresher classes I hope to meet as many of you as possible and will be happy to answer any questions anyone may have about where we are headed with the Southern Division and where the Board of Directors is taking the NSP.

Thank you each for being a national ski patroller.

You are very special.

Notes From The North...

Jan Starr

Assistant Division Director – North Area

The leaves have started to color up here in the mountains, and there is a chill in the evening air. That means our ski season is just a few months away. Everyone should have dates marked for his or her refreshers. If you can't get to your areas refresher due to a conflict with the dates, please check the Southern Cross calendar for another near you. It is very hard on your instructors to make up a missed refresher. Don't get on that delinquent list!



I'm hearing a lot of good comments on our new "On Scene" study guide and magazine. What a great new production. It has some wonderful information and articles written by some of our very own Southern Division folks.

As we go *forward* into this season, let us not forget that as members of this organization that trained us, that we do our duty days and work for our area's management. Please talk to your PD or PR about the joint statement of understanding between NSP and area management if you have any questions about this.

As a member of NSP for 25+ years, I have to say that we have come a long way from when I first started patrolling. We are not only responders to skiers, but to snowboarders, tubers, cross country skiers, mountain bikers and rafters in some areas. From WINTER EMERGENCY CARE, we went to OUTDOOR EMERGENCY CARE to accommodate all these aspects of outdoor fun. Our OEC program is used by all areas, and is nationally recognized. The quality assurance of our training and our continuing education in the levels of patrolling keep us informed and updated in all aspects of care, first aid, and transportation. This to me is what this organization is all about. Our National Board is striving to keep us trained and informed in the outdoor community to benefit our areas at which we perform our duties.

The instructors in all our disciplines put a lot of time in to better themselves, in turn transmitting this knowledge to you the patroller. Always thank them for their time to expand your knowledge.

See you on the hill or at your refresher.

Who's the boss?

Bartek Drewnowski
Massanutten Patrol Director
Southern Division Professional Director



Similar to the 80's sitcom, "Who's the Boss?" it may be difficult to conclude who our boss is while we perform our patrolling duties. The answer appears to be a complex web comprised of National Ski Patrol and area management. However, who is the real boss? Before proceeding further, we must make sure the following criteria are met. First, you must be a member in good standing of the National Ski Patrol, and you must be registered with your local patrol. Second, your local patrol must be registered with National Ski Patrol. Finally, your area management must recognize OEC as the standard of care for its guests and they must be committed to providing emergency and safety services using National Ski Patrol trained individuals.

In search of our boss, we can follow a number of different trails. **First**, we will start with the most obvious: compensation. If you perform a task for which you are compensated, whether it is an actual pay check, a ski pass, a family pass, etc. the one rewarding you with the compensation should naturally be the boss; i.e.: area management. Therefore, whether you are a paid or volunteer patroller, employee or agent, we all answer to area management.

Second, we can follow the training trail. Our medical training comes from National Ski Patrol in the form of the Outdoor Emergency Care course and other continuing education programs. Also, we are trained and certified by the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or other associations in our CPR and AED skills. Additionally, we receive training and direction from area management in regards to lift evacuation, slope opening/closing procedures, and other operational issues. Moreover, individual area management not only sets the standard for basic ski and toboggan skills, but they also are responsible for any other ski & toboggan training not performed within the scope of the Southern Division Ski School program. Furthermore, the OEC curriculum includes numerous references to "local protocols", such as boot on or boot off in the treatment of a suspected femur fracture. Thus, the implication is that area management defines these "local protocols" ranging from the above-mentioned question to the specific rescue equipment utilized on the hill. Therefore, one may conclude that National Ski Patrol provides a guideline with its OEC curriculum, but the buck stops with area management in regards to the application of OEC, and all other aspects of operations.

Thirdly, we can examine the insurance and legal trail. Barring patroller's actions infringing on gross negligence, we should be covered by our area's liability insurance. Meaning, any litigation stemming from an incident at the area is the area's and their insurance carrier's responsibility. However, there is only a single scenario under which some patrollers are covered under an insurance policy of the National Ski Patrol. The fore mentioned applies while National Ski Patrol certified instructors are delivering or participating in an officially endorsed National Ski Patrol program or course, which is properly registered with National Ski Patrol. Therefore, any duties performed while patrolling fall under the legal protection and supervision of area management and their respective insurance carrier. Also, your area's policy should include coverage for injuries constituting a worker's compensation claim sustained while patrolling. (Note: There may be some variations in state law dictating the nature and extent of this coverage.) Once again, it becomes clearer that area management is the boss, and they are ultimately responsible for actions taken while we perform our patrol duties.

In conclusion, the patrol is simply an operating department of the ski area. We don the uniform prescribed by our area management and perform our duties at the will of area management. We are subject to the discipline rules and regulations which may be set by our area's Human Resource department and/or management, and which bind us to their policies and procedures. We are trained by National Ski Patrol instructors in the realm of OEC, and we are under the direct supervision of our area management. Area management facilitates the grounds for a mutually beneficial relationship within which we assist snow sport participants, and area management is able to provide a first class service to its guests. It is good practice, however, to inquire with your area manager to make sure insurance coverage is provided for you in case of litigation. You may also want to check with your personal insurance agent for any additional coverage, in the form of an umbrella policy, you may desire for your protection. Your accountant should also be consulted to make sure any deductions you claim are for your instructor service to National Ski Patrol, not your service to a for profit corporation. If you still feel uncertain about your position, you may want to consult an attorney and review the *Joint Statement of Understanding Between the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. and the National Ski Areas Association* to ensure that you are not exposing yourself to unnecessary risk by placing yourself in a vulnerable position. As we make preparations for the upcoming season by brushing up our skills, we should also make time to check with our local area management to ensure the existence of the above-mentioned relationship.

TREASURER'S REPORT - 7/01/04-6/30/05

*Jim Underwood,
Treasurer*

Listed below is a summary of the Southern Division's Treasury report for last season. If any member wishes a detailed copy of this report please contact Jim Underwood, 865-483-3675, jun@bellsouth.net , or 109 Wildwood Drive, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 for a mailed or E-Mailed copy.

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
Checking *	\$ 7,633.46	\$ 13,418.22
Savings *	40,169.64	41,573.68
Contingency	<u>25,133.28</u>	<u>25,888.22</u>
TOTAL	\$ 72,936.38	\$ 80,880.12

* Operating Account

Junior Memorial Fund

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
Savings	\$ 4,005.18	\$ 3,805.13

Mary K. Twomey Fund

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
Savings	\$ 2,734.81	\$ 2,770.67

Certified Program Supervisor

Stephen Kuller,
Certified Program Supervisor

I want to take a moment to provide you with a description of what I feel the certified program is. The Certified program is a group of committed patrollers striving to keep a level of participation ongoing for all that wish to attain a strong sense of professionalism. The program is designed to encourage the sharing of ideas and concerns among the more experienced members of the division while validating the skills set by National. The return flow of this knowledge back to the local patrols will enhance the training and skills of the local patrols to benefit of the area they serve.

Now having read what the program means to me, and speaking for the other members of the program, I would like to ask you (the reader) a question. *Could you see yourself becoming an active member of the southern division certified program?* If you answered yes, to this question feel free to contact me for more information on how you could become a part of this great program. ([sdk@juno.com](mailto: sdk@juno.com))

Some of you out there don't know if you have what it takes. Again you need to speak to a certified patroller at you area or in your region. We will be able to provide you the answers that may come to mind. Please, take a moment evaluate your skills, experience and desire. Then step forward. The Certified Program wants to add members like you. Our goal of adding three candidates a year seems small. However the task is doable and we need your participation.

Thanks for reading I look forward to hearing from some of you in the near future.

Clinic Dates for calendar:

Snowshoe	January 28-29, 2006
Massanutten	February 4-5, 2006
Hawksnest	February 11-12, 2006

Virginia Region

Bill Smith
Virginia Region Director



The Virginia Connection!!!

Well here we are, its September again. I just don't know were the time goes or what will happen next.

We are just over half way through the hurricane season, the residents of the Gulf Coast are reeling from the devastating effects of Katrina, the rest of America is beginning to feel the economic impact of what most probably will be declared one of the worst natural disasters in the history of this country and the price of gasoline nears the cost of bottled water. Throughout Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana residents are experiencing first hand what is truly an exercise in adversity, courage and character building. Let's keep these folks in our thoughts and prayers each day.

Further north, and with the summer almost gone, believe it or not, it's time to begin to start thinking about a new ski season as we all get ready to plan and schedule our refresher programs, spiffy up patrol rooms, etc.. I trust that each of you have had an opportunity to do some fun things this summer and maybe even get in a little vacation time somewhere delightful.

At the FOM you may have had a chance to meet some new folks and get reacquainted with old friends. Here in Virginia, we will once again have a strong, although mostly new leadership team. In addition to me serving as the team coach, **Peg Harris** will fill the role of Assistant Division Director. **Ron Dull**, will be the Patrol Rep at Massanutten. It certainly looks like he has things well under control there along with the ever capable **Bartek Drewnowski**. Over at Bryce, **Carl Larsen** will be the new Patrol Rep and along with **Bob Mecaughey**, will lead the charge. At The Homestead, a new Patrol Rep (yet to be determined) will guide the troops with help from **Jeff Kelly**. Last, but certainly not least, Wintergreen will have a new Patrol Rep (yet to be determined) who with **Tucker Crolius** will keep things under control there. Congratulations Carl and the other new folks and welcome back to everyone else. Of course I would be very remiss if I did not thank **Nancy, Ed** and **Jerry** for the fine job each of them did for their respective patrols over the past several years. My personal thanks to each of you!!!

Although we have just finished the FOM and this years awards were presented, it is never too early to begin to start to keep notes on the good deeds each of your folks do so that when the time comes to prepare awards in April, all you will have left to do is to transcribe your notes to the respective awards form. Let's make this coming season the one where we "catch someone doing something right"!!!

Over the past couple of years the Virginia resorts have focused on really improving the skiing, boarding and other snowsports experiences for our guests. There have been new slopes cut, improved terrain parks, new lifts, new snowmaking, and many other improvements far too numerous to address each one specifically. This year that trend continues in Wintergreen's Highland's area where they are cutting a whole new trail. The new "*Outer Limits*" will be an awesome expansion of their advanced terrain and a whole new skiing and boarding experience for all to enjoy.

Last year at this time I wrote about the coming of Santa in my article that I titled "Yes Virginia!!!" In that article I spoke about even though we can't see Santa, we know he is as real as fairies and will

be arriving in no time at all. I also talked about the fact that we also can't see our new ski season yet, but we know that to was well on its way.

With that in mind, once again, we know it is time to dust off the fanny packs, parka's and other equipment that is so important to what we do as patrollers. But what about you, have you gotten the cobwebs out and gotten yourself prepared for another great ski season? Are you ready??? Have you signed up for any of the scheduled education program that the Virginia folks asked for this year???

Based on your input earlier this year we scheduled many interesting and informative programs. Now, we are just waiting for you folks to write or call the instructor's and let then know which one's you would like to attend. So let's not put that task off any longer...pick up the phone and make the call or get on your computer and send your instructor an email to let him/her know you want to get in their class to improve your skills as a patroller.

**And finally, as we all learned last year,
"Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Clause"!!!
See you on the slopes or at our training programs.**

Annual Southern Division Awards

*Awards Supervisor,
John Dobson*

And What a Night It Was!



The Southern Division held its annual Fall Officer's Meeting at the Holiday Inn Wytheville on August 20-21, 2005. The highlight of the meeting was the award's presentation that followed the evening banquet. Almost 100 patrollers gathered for good food and an exciting fun-filled night, as the Southern Division again recognized it's finest! This article was prepared so that the accomplishments we honored that day and evening could be shared with each of you!

On Saturday morning, a prestigious National Appointment was presented:

For the past fifteen years, the patroller we honored had consistently served as an instructor at his patrol's annual OEC refresher. He had taught almost every new class of patrollers, and had functioned as an informal mentor for numerous candidates as they worked their way through required ski patrol training. In addition to his annual duties as an instructor, this individual had also served as his patrol's OEC refresher instructor of record, as both an OEC IT and an Instructor Development IT, and as a OEC Scene Management evaluator and advocate for many years. In his job as a school counselor, he had traveled to different area schools presenting classes on skier safety, and generally promoting skiing as a healthy activity for children.

The Southern Division was proud to present **George T. McMurray** with **National Appointment # 10266!** Also honored Saturday morning was **Mark Rees** who received the **2005 Mary K. Twomey Outstanding OEC Instructor Trainer Award.**

The Saturday meeting was filled with interesting presentations and heated debate, but the day's highlight occurred just after lunch when the following two awards were presented:

The National Ski Patrol has offered many of us the opportunity to be associated with men and women of great stature and commitment. The man we honored first on Saturday afternoon is one of these people, and has “done it all” in the ski patrol! This individual completed his 35th year as a patroller this season, and has been a member of the Ober Gatlinburg Patrol throughout his NSP life. After becoming a candidate in 1970, he worked through Basic and Senior, and received National Appointment # 5767 in 1980. In 1984, this individual became the 258th Certified Patroller in the nation. Along the way, he served as the Ober Gatlinburg Patrol Leader, and was Ober’s Mountain Manager for four years in the early 1990’s. In 1993, our newly elected Division Director Bernie Smith tapped him as his 1st Assistant Division Director, a position in which he worked with distinction for 6 years. He culminated his service to our division by leading the Certified Program from 1999-2002.

It was with sincere appreciation that the Southern Division presented **Lynn Pace** with a **Meritorious Service Award** for his profound lifelong contribution to the National Ski Patrol and the sport of skiing!

The next patroller we honored joined the Ober Gatlinburg Patrol in 1978 and actually began his ski training on Ober’s plastic snow in the off-season. He learned patrolling skills quickly and soon was awarded the status of Alpine Senior Patroller. Because of his interest in mountaineering, he also became a Nordic Senior in the mid 1980s. He has been an OEC Instructor, Avalanche Instructor, and Alpine Toboggan Instructor for most of his patrolling life. In 1994, our honoree was awarded National Appointment # 7868. He was very instrumental in the recent Southern Division reorganization, and in 2003 was awarded a Yellow merit Star as the Division Outstanding Administrative Patroller!

This individuals most remarkable contribution to the Southern Division however, is that he sat on the Division Executive Committee for 12 years – six years as the Dixie Region Director, four years as the 2nd Assistant Division Director, and two years as the Assistant Division Director, South – spanning the terms of three Division Directors!

It was with admiration that the Southern Division presented **Dennis Slagle** with a **Meritorious Service Award** in recognition for his long-term dedication and commitment to the sport of skiing in the South!

The evening’s award festivities began with the presentation of a **Division Certificate of Appreciation** to **John Shaffer** for his dedication to the Southern Division Outdoor Emergency Care program in the Virginia Region.

Next, three Yellow Merit Stars were presented:

For the past six years, the man we first honored had served as the OEC Regional Administrator for the West Virginia Region. Upon first taking over this position, he encountered refreshers that were not monitored by OEC Instructor Trainers, Outdoor Emergency Management evaluations for the Senior Program poorly run, and little supervision and quality control for the instructors in his region. This individual organized the administrative and evaluation procedures for the region to a level that now exceeds the NSP National guidelines. The West Virginia Region OEC program now also leads the Southern Division in quality control procedures and fewer delinquent OEC refresher records.

It was a pleasure for the Southern Division to present **Joe McNeer** with a **Yellow Merit Star** for his service as the West Virginia Region OEC Administrator!

For the past five years, the patroller we honored next served as the OEC Regional Administrator for the Blue Ridge Region. Through her persistence, warm personality and leadership skills, she led the region to develop refreshers that are consistent with NSP national guidelines. Our

honoree trained new Instructor Trainers to supervise and coordinate the Instructor of Record refresher delivery. She improved the level of the OEC Course quality control through consistent monitoring and instructor trainer education. Her outstanding leadership and people skills controlled and solved many disciplinary actions involving OEC instructors.

It was a distinct privilege for the Southern Division to present **Lisa Adams** with a **Yellow Merit Star** for her service as the Blue Ridge Region OEC Administrator!

The next patroller we honored, became the Supervisor of the prestigious Southern Division Certified Program in the spring of 2002, after having served as the program's assistant supervisor for the previous three years. Under her leadership, the program gained strength and new members, continued to flourish, and fulfilled the NSP mission as one of its premier skill's groups. She reorganized the local division program record-keeping, helped create a division certified manual, and encouraged visits of Certified Patrollers from other divisions along the east coast.

With gratitude, the Southern Division presented **Leslie G. Carter** with a **Yellow Merit Star** to pay tribute to her exceptional leadership and dedication as its Certified Program Supervisor, 2002 through 2005!

It was with great sadness but respect that the Southern Division presented the next two awards:

The Southern Division lost a real friend when Bob Lang died recently in an airplane crash! He was commissioned into the United States Air Force in 1968 when he graduated from Miami University, Florida. Bob was a test pilot, a veteran of the Viet Nam war, and eventually retired from the Air Force. He was passionate about flying and died doing what he loved best, when the restored vintage WWII aircraft in which he was riding went down in Williamson, Georgia on June 16, 2005.

Bob initially joined the National Ski Patrol in 1988. After a brief hiatus away from patrolling, he rejoined the NSP in 1997 as a member of the Sky Valley Patrol. He served as the Patrol Representative at Sky Valley from 2000 to 2003. In 2002, Bob led the Sky Valley Patrol to become the Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol in the Southern Division and the Runner-Up Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol in the Nation! In so doing, he was chosen as the Southern Division Outstanding Patrol Representative that year, and was awarded a Yellow Merit Star.

With a feeling of great loss, the Southern Division awarded **Robert F. "Bob" Lang** with a **Posthumous National Certificate of Appreciation** for his contribution to skiing in the Southern Division!

The National Ski Patrol throughout its 67 year history has been blessed to have a select few outstanding members with exceptional vision, undaunting courage, and an infectious charisma. Jon Dragan was such a man. At age 18 in 1964, after having been told by West Virginia locals, "People who do it, they die," he took the risk and became the first man ever to successfully maneuver the rapids of the New River! Four years later, Jon and his brothers started the state's first commercial rafting company on the New. Today, 250,000 people a year raft the West Virginia Rivers, generating nearly 75 million dollars in revenue. An entrepreneur of the highest quality, Jon pioneered a recreation industry based on professionalism, high safety standards, and stewardship of the land, and he is felt by all to be the "father of white water rafting in West Virginia."

Jon Dragan joined the National Ski Patrol in 1992, and patrolled at Winterplace until his untimely death last February. He quickly transferred his unrestrained enthusiasm, tenacity, and boundless energy to patrolling. Jon became an OEC Instructor, an Instructor Development Instructor, an OEC Instructor Trainer, then the Assistant West Virginia Region Director, and in 2003, the West Virginia Region Director. He received the Mary Kay Toomey Award as the Outstanding Division OEC IT in 2002, and was recognized for his leadership skills the same year with LCA # 8291.

As mentioned above, Jon Dragan was a visionary. He will probably be best remembered in the National Ski Patrol as the man who established our flagship program, Outdoor Emergency Care, as the standard of training for the West Virginia River Rafting Industry. Jon was a man who could make things happen -- and he did! The West Virginia River Rafters are one of the larger affiliate organizations in the NSP.

With great admiration and respect, the Southern Division awarded **Jon A. Dragan** with a **Posthumous Distinguished Service Award** for his devotion to the Southern Division and to the National Ski Patrol!

The presentation of our Southern Division Outstanding Awards as usual created great anticipation and excitement:

Certain people become “rising stars” immediately upon joining an organization. Such is the woman we honored next. She has been invaluable in the development of the OEC Distance Learning Program. Because of the work she did with these courses, areas that were desperate for patrollers now have OEC trained personnel who were able to contribute last year. This individual is always looking for opportunities to teach and is always a part of any Instructor Development Course in her region. She teaches CPR to patrollers and to Boy Scouts and teachers in her local high school. Our honoree is in charge of OEC training for her patrol and also serves as the editor of our division newsletter.

It was a privilege for the Southern Division to present the **2005 Outstanding Instructor Award** to **Teresa Stewart**, along with a **Yellow Merit Star** for being selected as a National Outstanding Nominee! **Greg Pence** received the Runner-Up Outstanding Instructor Award!

Although the woman we now honor does not ski, after retiring from her profession as a registered nurse, she decided to become a ski patroller. So, she joined a patrol, took the OEC Course, and then also became a paramedic so that she could be of more service in the patrol aide room. Each day our honoree patrols, she is the first person in the patrol room. All first aid supplies are stocked and all forms are in their correct place. Over the past two years she has computerized her patrol's incident reports, and now tracks all paid/volunteer hours and all training exercises. This individual's greatest contribution to her patrol and to the resort in general however, is her attitude. Every injured person who enters the aide room when she is on duty, and there are hundreds each year, is greeted by her smiling face. When they leave, they depart with her compassionate touch, for she comforts the young and old alike.

It was with admiration that we presented **Nadine “Deana” Watson** with the **2005 Southern Division Mary K. Twomey Outstanding Auxiliary Award**, accompanied by a **Yellow Merit Star** for being selected as a National Outstanding Nominee!

The patroller we honored next has, over the past two years, had the unenviable task of reuniting a patrol after its mountain closed to skiing for a whole season. That year, patrol members were forced to ski at other resorts, not really knowing whether or not they would all be together again. During the ensuing two years, our honoree has not only singularly brought his patrol back together, but in so doing, the patrol has become stronger and continued to grow in reputation, so that now it is more viable than before the forced separation! His dedication, based on the hours he has spent working (in some capacity) for the patrol, is nothing less than incredible. This past season, he completed more patrol shifts than any other member, including his share of the Saturday-night-till-midnight shifts. Last year the patrol in question had the opportunity to combine “money from the mountain” and “labor from the patrol” to construct a new aide room. The new first aid facility is over 1000 square feet in size, and was totally constructed and equipped by patrol members. They did it all,

and then paid to stock it! Our honoree supervised the entire construction and also solicited financial support in excess of \$3500 for the project raw material.

The Southern Division was delighted to present the **2005 Outstanding Patrol Representative Award to Larry Bost, PLUS a Gold Merit Star and National Trophy** as the **Outstanding Patrol Representative in the Nation!** **Joe Donadio** received the Runner-Up Outstanding Patrol Representative Award!

The next patroller we honored, has been involved at every level of ski patrolling, and has done it consistently for a quarter-century. Some of his accomplishments include: key instructor for several out-of-state OEC E-Courses, past Patrol Representative, ski and toboggan instructor/evaluator, sponsor for an area learning disabled class weekend skiing retreat for the past 6 years, and the Assistant Region Director. Although this individual has been a patroller for 25 years, the hours and days he continues to devote to patrolling are extraordinary. His energy level is without parallel. He is dedicated to teaching, and the excitement he brings to each teaching session is infectious.

It was with great pride that the Southern Division presented the **2005 Outstanding Alpine Patroller Award to Hugh Jernigan**, along with a **Yellow Merit Star** for being selected as a National Outstanding Nominee! **Dave Quidort** received the Runner-Up Outstanding Alpine Patroller Award!

The last patroller we honored that night became the Patrol Director of one of our division's patrols two years ago. In this job, our honoree has held positions of escalating responsibilities and has discharged all of his duties in the highest and most professional manner possible. A few of the many new programs he has implemented at his resort include:

- *Instituted and taught the first ever OEC Course at his ski area, which graduated two volunteer and four paid patrollers.*
- *Implemented a policy that all Paid Patrollers are required to become registered with the National Ski Patrol.*
- *Implemented and coordinated day and night lift evacuation training for local fire department and rescue agencies, to supplement the resort patrollers and staff, in case of an emergency*
- *Consistently provided strong dependable leadership and motivational skills to paid patrol staff, and served as a model for those new graduates of the OEC course.*

Aside from the aspects of his job noted above, for this individual to function as an effective department head within his resort organization, it has been necessary for him to be able to run his department without close supervision, and yet meet the high goals and performance levels set by the resort for his administrative area. Our honoree consistently exceeded his resort's expectations in this area. Not only does he effectively supervise his patrollers, but he is also able to communicate his caring attitude to area customers on all levels. His enthusiasm for the Snowsports Industry and his belief in the safety and wellbeing of all skiers and riders is contagious and motivating, and he conveys this feeling to every person who comes under his care or supervision.

With a true sense of excitement, the Southern Division presented **Wayne Morgan** with the **2005 Outstanding Paid Patroller Award, AND a Gold Merit Star and National Trophy** for being selected the **2005 Outstanding Paid Patroller in the Nation!** The Runner-Up Outstanding Paid Patroller winner was **Drew Knick!**

Our final outstanding award that night went to a patrol whose resort suffered tremendous damage when remnants of three hurricanes pounded their mountain with wind and over 30 inches of rain last fall. Floods and mud slides devastated both the community and the resort. The main resort building was under water, and after the waters receded, was left with over a foot of mud on its floor, including its new first aid room. Massive sections of the ski slopes were washed away, and 70 foot trees were moved into the middle of ski runs still standing. The resort golf course was almost destroyed as well. Members of the patrol worked with the resort, not only to clean up the slopes, but

also to assist cleaning the lodge and golf course. Truckloads of rocks, trees and other debris were removed. Patroller efforts made it possible for the resort to re-open for golf in two weeks, clean up the slopes, fill ditches and washouts, remove trees, and shovel mud out of the lodge and aide room, thereby allowing the resort to open for skiing on time last December.

This patrol membership is highly motivated, and serves not only its local area, but also contributes many hours to the region, the division, and to the National Ski Patrol in general. The complete dedication to the ideals and standards of the NSP, as well as its commitment to education and public service, makes this patrol outstanding.

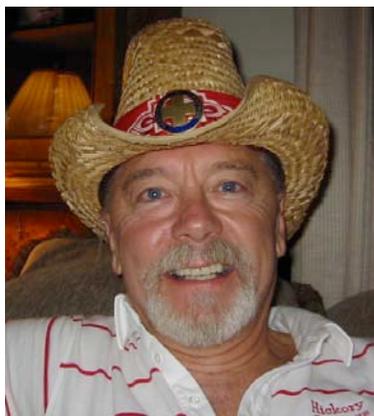
It was a great pleasure for the Southern Division to present the **Hawksnest Ski Patrol** with the **2005 Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol Award**, and a **Unit Citation** for being selected as a National Outstanding Nominee! The **Appalachian Patrol** received the Runner-Up Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol Award!

Let's all join together and show our real appreciation to those patrollers who were judged by their peers to be Southern Division award recipients this year. All of us – every patroller and patrol -- should participate in this process. Award recognition provides one of the few opportunities we have to offer to our associates thanks for a job well done. Be a part of this exciting, rejuvenated division program, and perhaps you too will become one of our divisions finest!

Blue Ridge Region

Mike Harris

Blue Ridge Region Director



With ski season just around the corner it's time to get prepared for our refreshers. I'm sure we are all looking forward to seeing fellow patrollers we haven't seen since last season. I hope everyone will go over their study guide and fill out your "You Are the Rescuer" portion. Arriving prepared makes the experience less stressful for everyone involved. Your fellow patrollers, who are instructors, will be attending their instructor refresher on September 10th. As instructors, they put a lot of work and effort into helping us be better prepared for our patrolling duties. We have 342 patrollers to get through refresher in Blue Ridge.

To quote our past Division Director Nici Singletary, "*There's an adage among medical professionals: When treating patients with life-threatening conditions, first take your own pulse. Emergencies are stressful for everyone involved, and in order to provide quality care rescue personnel must remain calm and approach the situation with confidence and competence.*"

Each area in the Blue Ridge Region has a policy of minimum required sessions to be patrolled. This insures proper staffing for all sessions and helps us stay sharp on the skills we practiced at refresher. When we are confident in our training we are able to relax and have much more fun patrolling with our friends.

At the patrol level we all work for and at the pleasure of our particular area management. NSP in Lakewood, Colorado does not direct nor is it responsible for our day to day patrolling actions. The roll of NSP is to provide membership services to assist patrollers and patrols to full-fill their

obligation to their area management. Our mountain travel and rescue, clinics, seminars, senior program, and evaluations are in great shape. Check the calendar for these.

**I will be looking forward to seeing each of you
at these over the upcoming season.**

Dixie Region

*Brent Bowman
Dixie Region Director*



Fall. Fall is my second favorite season. Why? Because it very shortly leads to my favorite: Winter. As I write this, each morning seems cooler than the last (maybe it's just in my head). I look at my skis and boots and think that soon I will again be zooming down the hill. But, before we get carried away with fun stuff, we need to think about the tasks of Fall, of OEC refreshers, OEC classes and On-The-Hill refreshers. This weekend I will attend the first meeting of the Atlanta refresher instructors. This group of tireless individuals will again present to the patrollers in the Atlanta area the scenarios, discussions and CPR instruction that keeps the National Ski Patrol refreshed in the Southern most portion of our region.

It's once again time for all of us to dust off the fanny pack (yes, it's way in the back of the closet, under the mask, snorkel and fins), re-stock it and prepare to demonstrate our emergency care skills. Many of us do this for a living and it seems second nature to these people. I envy them the ease with which they check pulses, read blood pressures, splint and wrap injuries. For those of us that are not doing this every day, the refresher gives each of us the opportunity to refresh our rusty skills and to begin to get ourselves back into the groove of OEC and assisting the public at the area(s) we serve as patrollers. One of the great things that we have going for us is the opportunity for continuing education within the realm of NSP. If you need to work on OEC skills guess what? You could work on becoming a Senior Patroller or assist in the OEC class. I found that when I worked to pass the Senior OEC that my first aid skills were REALLY honed. If you want to learn to ski better, lessons with really terrific skiers are available for FREE!!

This season **Brandon Olson** (Ober Gatlinburg) will be arranging *Ski Enhancement* and *Toboggan Enhancement* seminars. We currently have seminars planned at **Cataloochee, Ober Gatlinburg** and **Wolf Laurel**. These seminars will allow you to spend some time in an enjoyable learning atmosphere working with other patrollers or PSIA instructors to improve your skills. These seminars also count toward Senior Electives. Please note that some of these are being held on weekdays.

Please be sure to look at the Dixie Event Calendar in this issue. The Atlanta Refresher has moved from Nov 5 to Nov 12, other events have been added or contact names changed. All of this information will also be available on the Division Web Site.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the refreshers.

I will be attempting to go to as many as possible and if I don't make it to your refresher I will see you on the slopes during ski season.

THINK SENIOR!!!

*Dave "Q" Quidort
Division Senior Coordinator*

SENIOR, there I said it, the bad word that seems to conjure up nightmares and panic attacks with some of our Members. We have all heard it said; "*Why should I put myself through all that stuff and for what?*" I pose the question a little differently; "*Why would I **not** want to grow as a person and patroller by earning my Senior?*"

Over time, I have seen that patrollers want to be challenged; it is our nature to want to expand our skills and also take on increased roles both at the local patrol level and outside the local patrol level. The question becomes where do we find these folks and how do we get them trained. The answer is simple, *THINK SENIOR*.

Senior is meant to be a program in which the individual patroller can expand and grow their skills through taking courses offered through out the division, working on enhancing their own on snow skills related to boarding or skiing and enhancing their situational management skills, specifically managing accident scenes. Through the courses, clinics and working with others, we begin to enhance our skills, learn new tricks to use in our every day patrolling activities. The Senior program, helps develop leaderships skills that are so vital to each of us as go through our patrolling career. Earning Senior is not easy, it takes time, work and training to be successful. Senior is something to be proud of earning.

However, just simply earning Senior is just the beginning, part of being Senior is having earned something which comes with a responsibly to give back to your fellow patrollers. The give back is through helping others earn their Senior, becoming an instructor for any other specialty areas, or taking on leadership roles at the local level.

I would like to encourage every basic, auxiliary to talk to fellow Senior patrollers on their patrol about seeking out their help with earning Senior. *Begin*, to build a road map to earning your Senior. The road map begins with looking at what electives are available, select 3, then make an application early in the season to your region Senior coordinator informing them that you are ready to enter the Senior program. They will be more that willing to assist you with the program. They are a great resource and can offer guidance and advice on how to build the road map.

I am looking forward to a great season. I will be traveling around to various Clinics and Evaluations this season. I look for to meeting more of you through my travels. One of my goals is to develop a unified Division approach to the Senior program and its components. I am striving for consistency across the regions. We have started this within the Senior EMM tower of the Senior Program and will continue to work on pulling together the best practices from the various regions and pull those up to a Divisional approach.

Lastly, if you are a basic or auxiliary and looking to be challenged,
work with other patrollers from various areas and
grow your leadership skills...

– THINK SENIOR –

Tony Tingle
Division Transportation Supervisor

Here in Tennessee it is near 90 during the days, but the nights are getting cool. That makes me realize fall is upon us, and winter is not far away. This winter we have a lot of things to look forward to: reunions with old friends, meeting new friends, snow, moguls, corduroy, powder, the new Transportation Manual, and Toboggan Enhancement Seminars. The new **Transportation Manual** is a good resource for toboggan training. It is spiral-bound, small enough to fit in your boot bag, and contains useful information on running and training on toboggans for fixed-heel alpine, free-heel alpine, snowboarders, and Nordic skiers, alike. Some of the information may be presented a little differently than the way you learned it, but it is a good reference for training. As for the **Toboggan Enhancement Seminars**, these are a great way to train your patrollers. Often, we focus a lot of attention on the folks getting ready for examinations: candidates getting ready for a basic evaluation or senior candidates getting ready for a senior test. A toboggan enhancement seminar (**TES**) is a good way to get these folks and the rest of your patrol out on the snow, handles in hand, working on toboggan skills in a non-test atmosphere. The TES counts as a senior elective (a good selling point to those folks headed that way). All it takes to get one going is a willing toboggan instructor, a few participants, a couple of sleds, and space on a mountain. There is at least one TES offered in each Region this season (See the Southern Division calendar at http://www.nsp.org/divisions/southern/Southern_Division for locations and contact information). I would encourage each of you to consider attending a TES, to sharpen your skills and have a lot of fun. The details on the TES can be found on the NSP Website under the National Transportation Program, you can check it out at http://www.nsp.org/1/nsp/NSP_Education_Programs/Courses_xx_Curriculum_and_Publications/NSP_TransportationProgram.asp. If you have questions about the Transportation Program, attending a TES, or setting one up please drop me a line. (geofolks@worldnet.att.net)

I look forward to seeing you when the snow flies.



Skiing & Snowboarding Proficiency Program

Ron Clyde,
Outgoing, Division Proficiency Program Supervisor

We have recently seen demographics that indicate the Southern Ski Patrol members are all hitting our mid to late 40's. How in the world are we going to attract more young folk?

Imagine you are young again. It's not that hard, really. Go back to your senior year in HIGH SCHOOL. Recall how tough it was to scrounge up the 22 bucks to go skiing. Remember how this continued or even worsened as we entered college.

What if - - When we were that young, we truly cared about our friends and fellow students. So much so, that we commit ourselves to take and pass the Red Cross's basic first aid course - Maybe it is so that we can work at the pool as the lifeguard - treating injured, saving lives, and earning the big bucks!

What if - - We continue that commitment in our college days by taking and passing the next level course or first aid class available - such as BLS or EMT Basic? Again, treating injured, saving lives, helping our fellowman, all for the big bucks!

What if - - Exams roll around. We skip a few beers and skip a few meals and save up the 22 bucks to go with our gang on a winter ski trip right after the last test. So we end up with a lift ticket on the blue jeans and two quarters in our pocket, but we got a day on the ski hill!

Then, what if - - One of the gang is injured, is treated by a wonderful group of patrollers, and we suddenly see exactly what we want to do with all that first aid training. So we asked one of those jacketed guys, "How do I join the Ski Patrol?" A very busy health care provider tersely replies, "You goin' to need a whole bunch of them ski lessons first, young un!"

So we stick our hand back in our pocket, think about the \$18 lesson fee, and rub those two quarters together. . . And say, "Oh well, no way."

What if - - Our patrol, short on members, forever loses that committed 'young un'?

There is a better outcome. What if there was a group of trained and certified Snowsports instructors who would take that young-un under their mentorship. What if they would GIVE AWAY those \$18 lessons? The most expensive "*free lift ticket*" you will ever own is the one with your photo and the words, "*Member, National Ski Patrol.*" The same can be said for those "*free lessons,*" but we don't have to tell the young-un that quite yet, do we? What that young-un and **all** our jacketed members need to know that the Southern Division, National Ski Patrol has a ski school. And that the school and all of its instructors exist simply to:

- Improve the skiing/snowboarding proficiency of every candidate up to the Basic Patroller level as established by the ski area where that candidate is registered. It is important to note that it is not the goal of this program to determine whether a candidate's skiing or snowboarding skills are at a Basic Patroller level for their ski area. We can however, offer a recommendation to the Patrol Representative that a candidate be allowed to take the skiing/snowboarding portion of the Basic Patroller Evaluation.
- Further, to facilitate Snowsports clinics for ALL members, to the end of continuing education and advancement beyond Basic skill sets to Senior and Certified levels.

Take advantage of these dedicated, committed instructors. Improve your skill levels, change the demographics of your patrol, or just let a dedicated young un hang on to the two quarters. If he comes on board with us, he will need them! To continue treating injured, saving lives, and earning the big bucks!



Rob Raff

Archivist/ Historian Supervisor

DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT?

- * Have you ever sat around the patrol room swapping stories?
- * Have you ever heard someone tell a story about a past experience and you just couldn't believe it?
- * Have you heard the story about the couple that met while patrolling?
- * Did you know that (put name here) served in World War II and is still on the patrol?
- * Do you have questions about the patrol like: which patroller has the longest service record, or which family has had the most patrollers in it?

If you have had any of these this experiences, or know answers to these questions, we would all like to know.

We have a rich history in the *Southern Division*, both on and off the mountain, but the simple fact is that almost none of us know what that history is. **So** how do we get and save these stories for future generations to enjoy? We could write a book, but let's face it -- that is not really going to happen overnight. So let's start small. How about one article per issue of the *Southern Cross*? That is only 3 stories a year! If we can do this we will have a book of short stories in less than 10 years!

This is the part were I ask for your help, and that help can come in many different ways. **You** could interview a patroller, get their story, write it down and we will put it in the *Southern Cross*. **You** could simply drop me an e-mail (r Raff@etconnect.com) with a story idea and we will find someone to write it down. **You** could sit down and interview a patroller, and then send me the photos, notes, or recording.

Let's start saving our history now. I'll start with the first interview and article for the next issue. How easy is that! You don't have a do a thing, and then if we can get one article in the next 4 months we will have a great start! Join me in celebrating the history and the people of the Southern Division.

It is your patrol...let's hear about it!



Photos from the archive....can you identify these folks?

Let Rob Raff know at r Raff@etconnect.com.

Southern Division Telecommunications

Communications Supervisor
Rick Woodlee



This would be a great time to purchase your own radio for use in patrol or special emergency operations. Ski season and Christmas is just around the corner.

There are a number of good Motorola, Relm, Kenwood, etc. radios on the market. One of my goals is to search out more sources of radio equipment. I attended the Shelby Hamfest over Labor Day weekend; and there, I saw many radios that can be used in the ski industry service. There were several vendors and individuals sold Motorola, Kenwood, Relm, and Icom radios that are in great shape at some deeply discounted prices. I know finding the right model radio at an acceptable price is time consuming and frustrating; so, let me give you some dealers/individuals that I have been able to get great equipment at my price:

1. Kimball Communications—828-697-6232 or bskimball@bellsouth.net.
Danny Kimball sells Kenwood, Motorola, and Relm. He can also provide parts and service.
2. Michael G. Fambrough—256-543-2130 home; 256-458-0828 cell
Email: KD4TGB@bellsouth.net
1501 Bellevue Drive, Gadsden, AL 35904
Michael sells Motorola and Kenwood for a good discount price.
3. For your batteries, call Batteries America 800-308-4805
www.batteriesamerica.com

There are a number of folks who would like to upgrade their radios; however, they need to sell their older Henrys, Jobcons, and other types of radios in order to assist in paying for the new one.

Well, time just rushes by, then, the next thing you know it's time to dig out the winter cloths, skis, fanny packs, and radios. Looks like everything in this list needs attention, especially the radios.

My suggestions are as follows:

1. Clean exterior of radio.
2. Open the battery compartment, take the battery out, look for corrosion; then, clean the battery compartment and the battery contacts.
3. Put battery back in the radio if it is not corroded; then, recharge the radio for 14 hours.
4. Cycle the radio by turning on for 8 hours; then, recharge back up for 10 hours.
5. If the radio does not work OK, take it to a repair shop now, before the season starts.
6. This gives the technicians time to order and receive parts and to fix the radio to like new condition.

7. Take the radio to someone who is certified to check the key operating parameters to verify that the radio is operating in accordance with the FCC rules and regulations. (the primary operating parameters are as follows: frequency tolerance, spurious radiation, modulation, and power output.)

A Few Notes on Radio Communications and Operations:

1. Never use profanity or improper communications on the air.
2. Never interfere with other users of the frequency. (example, Rescue and EMS units, ambulances, law enforcement, etc. This is the quickest way to get a pink slip from the FCC.)
3. Identify yourself by saying your call letters at the end of your conversation or every 30 min. which ever comes first.
4. Post a copy of your FCC license in the patrol room.
5. Be responsible to clean and recharge the radio after use.

One can use the NSPS frequencies during training, examinations, searches, intra communications with other patrols, rescue and search teams, or anything in the special emergency realm. If you are using the Ski Areas' frequencies, I suggest you post a copy of the Ski Area's license close to your base radio; so, there is no question about frequency authorization and use.

Please contact me if I can assist you in any of your telecommunications programs.

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Patroller Enrichment Seminar (PES)

Mary Underwood

Patroller Enrichment Supervisor

Article by Cindy Diehl

Patroller Enrichment Seminar

Have you ever wondered if there was more to Ski Patrol than just fixing bloody noses and chasing down out of bound skiers? **Where** can I get information on furthering my education or leadership goals? Well ask no more, the **Patroller Enrichment Seminar (PES)** is here it answer all of these questions and much more. There are four core modules that make up PES; Patrol Facilities Management (How can I make my patrol aid room better, more efficient and effective), Administrative Policies (Where can I go to learn about the various policies and procures that govern my patrol, region, and division?), Expanded Patroller Services (Can I add value to my mountain by introducing a first aid course to ski instructors?), and NSP education and leadership opportunities (Am I interested in teaching mountaineering or being the Southern Division director? And what qualifications do I need to achieve them?). PES, like its name suggests enriches the patroller with the knowledge and skills in order to expand his/her role in NSP.



PES is taught in the Southern Division by Mary Underwood and Cindy Diehl. There will be class taught on December 10th at the Homestead by Cindy Diehl. It will be day of not only learning but of exchanging ideas and opinions from other patrols around Southern Division. So sign up for a day of lively discussion and interchange and (the best yet), *PES counts as a Senior elective!* Anyone interested in attending the class in December, please contact Cindy at chuff@erols.com. Anyone interested in additional classes throughout the rest of the year please contact Cindy or Mary at jnu@bellsouth.net.



PES Classmates at Sugar Mountain Course - June 25, 2005 – Mary Underwood Instructor

Cataloochee Happenings

Tom Raudorf, PR

Last season was one of considerable accomplishments by the Cataloochee Ski Patrol. An extensive renovation of the patrol room was carried out by **Wayne Morgan**, our weekday Patrol Director, giving us more room for patients, emergency equipment, and space for the patroller changing area. This was a much appreciated improvement in working conditions. The Cataloochee OEC refresher last year included a visit by the MAMA rescue helicopter based in Asheville thanks to our **Treye Kennedy** who organized the visit. The helicopter team presented a comprehensive overview of the mechanics of bringing in a rescue helicopter from the crew point of view.



As we all know, the life-blood of a patrol is its members, and constant attention needs to be paid to attract new high quality prospective patrollers. In this regard our existing membership really stepped up to the plate. **Veronika Gunter** agreed to be the “poster girl” for a new recruiting poster (on the left) and our “caption contest” resulted in many great entries. The winner, decided by a vote among the patrol membership, was entered by **Randy Avery**. With great ceremony we had a “public hanging” of the poster in the lodge at the end of last season where it can be seen in all its glory this coming winter. Cataloochee management gave wonderful support to these efforts including free ski lessons from the Ski School to our new candidates, many thanks to **Chris Bates**, General Manager and **John Cossaboom**, Ski School Director. This program will continue full force during the coming winter. Last season’s Senior program at Cataloochee was strong thanks to leadership by **Bob Brewster** with the area hosting an OEC Sr. Clinic and Evaluation as well as a Sr. S & T clinic. Bob did such a terrific job and deserves many kudos for his efforts.

Fund raising was a great success thanks in part to Cataloochee management who provided lift ticket vouchers which patrollers could use to solicit donations for the patrol. **Joan Boyer** coordinated this program which was no mean task considering the spread of patrollers over the whole Southeast. Fund raising is always a priority for a patrol, allowing us to buy new equipment such as radios, toboggans, and other equipment and every opportunity must be taken. As an example, this past August 6-7 the patrol (thanks again **Wayne Morgan**) participated in the Bele-Chere Festival in Asheville manning a beverage booth allowing us to raise more funds for equipment.

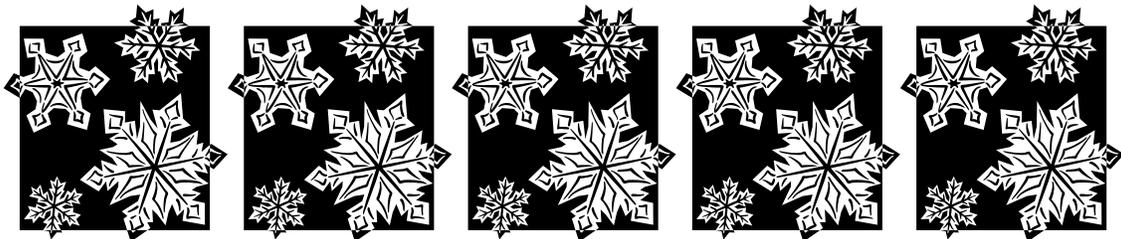


This past summer **Melanie Wolford** organized a trip to Portillo, Chile, for a ski vacation. Those of us who were fortunate enough to go had a fabulous time. This is an absolutely gorgeous part of the world and what a great break from a long, hot, sweaty summer. To get the participants in the photo to stop and pose for even a minute was no mean feat. To poorly paraphrase a recent country tune, “*There is always skiing somewhere in the world.....*”

While the patrollers in the photo were checking out the slopes in the Southern hemisphere, **Ann Christenson** and **Wayne Morgan** were back home preparing their OEC courses for

this summer and fall. At this writing (Sept 8, 2005) these courses have been underway for some time and are extremely well attended (thanks to our aggressive candidate sign-up program last winter). For the coming season the area has built a new top shack to replace the old one (aka Dunaway Hilton) which has served us well for so many years. It has been suggested that we might have to have another naming contest to give it an appropriate moniker. As always **Cataloochee** management has focused on snowmaking as being key to area operation. Improvements over the already excellent snowmaking capability (we actually operated last MLK weekend) are being put into place for the coming season. We hope that this coming winter is as good as the Farmer’s Almanac predicts; if it isn’t, our snowmakers will be ready.

Readers will note that **Wayne Morgan’s** name has been associated with many activities mentioned in this write-up. He has been one of Cataloochee’s greatest human assets and has the gratitude of the entire Cataloochee patrol for his efforts on behalf of NSP, area management, and our own local patrol. His accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. At the recent Fall Officer’s Meeting in Wytheville, Wayne was presented the ***Paid Patroller of the Year Award***, not for just the Dixie Region, not even for the Southern Division but ***Nationwide***. It is on that note that we at Cataloochee wish all areas and all patrollers a great experience in their upcoming refreshers and a wonderful cold, hard, long, and snowy winter.



Mountain Travel and Rescue in the Blue Ridge Region (8.5" snow, 22 degrees, 192mph winds!)

*Mark Rees,
Beech Mountain Ski Patrol*

On April 2nd and 3rd, 2005, Beech Mountain hosted the outdoor portion of a **Mountain Travel and Rescue 1** course. To the best of our knowledge this was the first MTR course of any kind held in the Blue Ridge Region since 1994...11 years! This one was done with updated technology and used the internet for the initial classroom portion of the class. The class was timed to occur as soon as the ski slopes had closed for possibly a little better. Unfortunately (and weather was calm. The weather of Grandfather away, elevation 5,964 wind speed of 192.06 mph on Saturday night! Fred's Beech) reported a low and snowfall of 8.5 to say, the group about winter and got more than learning".



(Terry Loges (Sugar), Margaret Rees (Beech)
and Jean Webb (Sugar) in their "emergency Shelter")

Photo – Mark Rees

The course began and ended at the Beech Mountain Ski Patrol with initial and final classroom subjects covered there. Otherwise, it was held on the "back side" of Beech in a part of the Pisgah National Forest the locals call "The West Bowl". Due to the predicted weather, a campsite was established at an elevation of 4200 ft, 1300 ft below the summit of Beech Mountain, in another protected "bowl" area, in amongst the trees and off the ridges.

Approximately 35 people initially expressed interest in the course and a full 25 registered. However, as the date drew closer and the weather predictions worsened, most cancelled or no-showed. We had 15 hardy souls participate in total. From Sugar Mountain, we had **Jean Webb, Terry Loges, Michael Milligan** and **Norris Woody**. From Beech we had **Tom Watson, Margaret Rees, Elizabeth Lott, Josh Jones, Larry Waters, Dee Thomas, Patrick Rees, Mark Rees, Ben Jones, Sabrina Young** and **Collin Waldron**. **Tom Watson, Mark Rees, Norris Woody** and **Dee Thomas** all instructed.

This was a collaborative effort with Outward Bound (Dee Thomas) providing ropes, compasses and equipment; Sugar Mountain (Norris Woody) providing Stokes litter; Beech Mountain (Gil Adams / Tom Watson) providing facilities, radios and gear; and Gil Adams providing his personal firewood which he cut for us and which we cached in the West Bowl two days earlier.

The conditions were "advanced": the snow was deep and continuous, the wind was howling, the temperatures cold. However, the group maintained a fire for heat, food for metabolism, tarps for wind and snow protection, and held discussions and hand-on activity throughout the day and into the night. As usual, the most fun activity was the Emergency Shelter, where teams practiced their survival skills and used their "10 essentials" to (simulate) keep all of their team members alive

overnight. Cord, space blankets, tarps, lighter, candle, knife, etc. were very helpful in this exercise, as all discovered.

Even with the extreme conditions, the situation was “controlled”, making this an excellent learning experience. There is little chance that many of the group will experience these extreme conditions again, making all other winter camping for them “a piece of cake”.

Due to the overwhelming interest, we are currently scheduling a concurrent MTR1 and MTR2 course for November 11, 12 & 13, 2005. Look on the National web site or the Southern Cross in the fall for more information. Or more directly, please view: <http://home.mindspring.com/~markrees/>.

In Memory
Robert F. Lang
1947-2005

On June 16, 2005, the Ski Patrol experienced a tremendous loss when our friend and team member **Bob Lang** died in an airplane crash. Bob was a member of the **Sky Valley Ski Patrol** and was its former Patrol Representative. He is survived by his wife Jane and son Steve.

Bob joined the Ski Patrol in 1988, and after a brief hiatus, rejoined as a member of the Sky Valley Patrol in 1997. Bob served as Patrol Representative at Sky Valley from 2000-2003. During that time, he led the Sky Valley Patrol the Southern Division Small Patrol of the Year award in 2002, and in doing so earned himself the Patrol Representative of the Year award that same year.

Bob was an OEC Instructor and Instructor Trainer, and each year took a lead role in OEC training classes and OEC refreshers in the Atlanta area. He was also an active volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, and the Georgia Special Olympics, at which he served as a medic every year.

But Bob's real passion was flying. He always knew he wanted to be a pilot, joined the Air Force ROTC in college and was commissioned in the United States Air Force when he graduated from the University of Miami in 1968. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a pilot and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Bob worked at Lockheed-Martin as a Flight Safety Engineer. He was a member of the Lockheed Flying Club and the Dixie Wing of the Commemorative Air Force. He was passionate about flying and died doing what he loved, when the restored vintage WWII aircraft he was riding in went down in Williamson, Georgia.



However, the real tribute to Bob comes in the form of memories from his friends in the Southern Division. Here are a few:

- *Bob was the reason I became an instructor, passed my Senior OEC and entered the Senior program. He always found the best in people and motivated them into action. He touched many of our lives and we were the better for it.*
- *Bob was the reason for Sky Valley receiving the Small Patrol Award for the Southern division. He pushed me to get my PSIA level 1 to help the patrol. He truly was about building the patrol and making us all perform at a higher level. Bob will be remembered.*
- *Bob was a good friend... one of the few that would tell it like it was. When I needed an instructor to fly with, he was the one I would call because I knew that he would not let me off easy and I would frequently learn something new or a better way of doing something. We both shared the same passion for flying and skiing. I will miss him*
- *What a sad and tragic thing... He was a wonderful instructor... I had him as an instructor for Outdoor Emergency Care---and he was incredibly dedicated to the service of National Ski Patrol. I am shocked and saddened at this loss.*
- *Whenever Bob held a conversation with anyone, he always mentioned Jane. Bob and Jane were absolutely devoted to each other.*
- *I am just stunned and numb. We will all be a little less after this.*
- *Sky Valley is a family and our family will miss him dearly.*



Bob Lang (center) flanked by Sky Valley Patrol members, receiving the Outstanding Patrol Rep and Outstanding Small Patrol awards.

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Southern Division Calendar

Month	Date	Event	Location	Contact	Comments
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Southern Cross Deadlines					
2006					
JAN	20	MIDWINTER SOUTHERN CROSS DEADLINE		SOUTHERN CROSS EDITOR	Teresa Stewart - sceditor@bellsouth.net
MAY	15	SPRING SOUTHERN CROSS DEADLINE		SOUTHERN CROSS EDITOR	Teresa Stewart - sceditor@bellsouth.net
SEP	6	FALL SOUTHERN CROSS DEADLINE		SOUTHERN CROSS EDITOR	Teresa Stewart - sceditor@bellsouth.net
Division Meeting Events					
2006					
JAN	21	MID WINTER EC MEETING	TBD	TBD	EC WILL ONLY MEET IF DD CALLS MEETING
MAY	6	SPRING EC PLANNING MEETING	WYTHEVILLE	HOLIDAY INN 276-228-5483	MEETING BEGINS AT 8AM
JUL	22	SUMMER EC PLANNING MEETING	TBD	TBD	EC WILL ONLY MEET IF DD CALLS MEETING
AUG	18	EC MEETING @ FOM	WYTHEVILLE	HOLIDAY INN 276-228-5483	MEETING BEGINS AT 7PM
AUG	19-20	FALL BOD MEETING	WYTHEVILLE	HOLIDAY INN 276-228-5483	MEETING BEGINS AT 8:30AM
Division Reporting Deadlines					
2006					
BUDGET SUBMISSIONS					
APR	15	NEXT SEASONS BUDGETS REQUESTS	ANNUALLY	JIM UNDERWOOD 865-483-3675	inu@bellsouth.net
JUL	1	FINAL YEAR END BUDGET SUBMISSIONS	ANNUALLY	JIM UNDERWOOD 865-483-3675	inu@bellsouth.net
JUL	1	PATROL FINANCIAL REPORTS (990'S)	ANNUALLY	JIM UNDERWOOD 865-483-3675	inu@bellsouth.net
AWARDS SUBMISSIONS					
APR	1	AWARDS NOMINATIONS	ANNUALLY	SEND TO CHAIN OF COMMAND ON APPLICATION, SIGNED IN ORDER. Email to JDobson4@aol.com	
ANYTIME		NAT'L OR LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS		SEND TO CHAIN OF COMMAND LISTED ON APPLICATION - SIGNED IN PROPER ORDER.	
END OF YEAR REPORT SUBMISSIONS					
APR	1	PATROL REPS END OF YEAR REPORT	ANNUALLY	MORGAN ARMSTRONG, DD,ADD,RD	RMASP@Adelphia.net
APR	1	OFFICERS END OF YEAR REPORT	ANNUALLY	RESPECTIVE SUPERVISOR	
APR	1	SUPERVISORS END OF YEAR REPORT	ANNUALLY	RESPECTIVE SUPERVISOR, DD	

Blue Ridge Region Calendar 2005-2006

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
OEC Courses and Challenges held in Region for 2005-2006					
OCT	22,23	OEC Challenge	Sugar Mtn	Larry Fleming 828-437-8448 lmfeveski@hci.net	8:30 am
OEC Events held in Region for 2005-2006					
NOV	5	OEC Refresher-Carolina Highlands	Banner Elk	Mark Rees 704-896-0747 Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	Lees McRae College
Region Events for 2005-2006					
NOV	11,13	Mountain Travel and Rescue 1 & 2	Tablerock, NC	Mark Rees 704-896-0747 Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	On-Line Registration, email Mark Rees
DEC	3	Senior Emergency Mgmt. Clinic	Beech Mtn	Lisa Adams 828-387-2892 fkinteriors@skybest.com	8:30 am
DEC	4	Region S & T Examiners Clinic	Appalachian	Mark Rees 704-896-0747 Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	8:30 am
DEC	10	Toboggan Seminar	Beech Mtn	Mark Rees 704-896-0747 Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	8:30 am Alternate date Dec 17th
JAN	7	Senior S & T Clinic	Beech Mtn	Mark Rees 704-896-0747 Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	8:30 am
JAN	8	Basic S & T Evaluation	Sugar Mtn	Mark Rees 704-896-0747 Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	8:30 am
JAN	21	Senior Emergency Mgmt. Evaluation	Beech Mtn	Lisa Adams 828-387-2892 fkinteriors@skybest.com	8:30 am
JAN	22	Basic S & T Evaluation	Beech Mtn	Mark Rees 704-896-0747 Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	8:30 am
JAN	28,29	Senior S & T Evaluation	Hawksnest	Mark Rees 704-896-0747 Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	8:30am
FEB	11	Basic S & T Evaluation	Hawksnest	Mark Rees 704-896-0747 Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	8:30 am
MAR	5	Basic S & T Evaluation	Appalachian	Mark Rees 704-896-0747 Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	8:30 am

Dixie Region Calendar 2005-2006

Month	Date	Event	Location	Contact	Comments
OEC Courses and Challenges held in Region for 2005-2006					
DEC	3-4	OEC Challenge	Cataloochee, NC	Ann Christenson 770-394-5869 annchristenson@bellsouth.net	
OEC Events held in Region for 2005-2006					
OCT	8	OEC Instructor Refresher/Cataloochee	Western Carolina	Steve McCarragher 864-226-0019 mac001@charter.net	
OCT	15	OEC Instructor Refresher / Gatlinburg	Gatlinburg, TN	Jimmy Kuneman 865-850-7547 drikuneman@aol.com	
NOV	5	OEC Instructor Refresher / Wolf Laurel	Asheville, NC	Bill Boughton 828-645-8670 bill@boughton.com	
NOV	5	OEC Refresher @ Cataloochee	Cataloochee, NC	Steve McCarragher 864-226-0019 mac001@charter.net	
NOV	6	Cataloochee On the Hill	Cataloochee, NC	Dan Greene 770-640-6396 d.greene@mindspring.com	
NOV	12	Atlanta OEC Refresher	Atlanta, GA	Mike Goggs michaels1stclass@bellsouth.net	
NOV	12	OEC Refresher @ Gatlinburg	Gatlinburg, TN	Jimmy Kuneman 865-850-7547 drikuneman@aol.com	
NOV	13	Gatlinburg On the Hill	Gatlinburg, TN	Brandon Olson 865-471-5197 bnoswoosh@aol.com	
NOV	19	OEC Refresher @ Wolf Laurel	Asheville, NC	Bill Boughton 828-645-8670 bill@boughton.com	
NOV	20	Wolf Laurel On the Hill	Wolf Laurel, NC	Bill Boughton 828-645-8670 bill@boughton.com	
JAN	3	Smoky Mtn Nordic On the Hill	Smoky Mtn NP	Andy Meachan 865-494-8838 ammeacha@icx.net	
CPR Events for 2005-2006					
OCT	TBD	Sky Valley CPR Refresher	Atlanta, GA	Sylvia Talley 770-552-8968 snowmedic@mindspring.com	
OCT	TBD	Atlanta CPR Refresher	Atlanta, GA	Melanie Wofford 770-426-4182 mwolf39121@aol.com	
NOV	4	Cataloochee CPR Refresher	Maggie Valley, NC	Wayne Morgan 828-926-0258 X 316 papawfwm@bellsouth.net	
NOV	13	Gatlinburg CPR Refresher	Gatlinburg, TN	Brandon Olson 865-471-5197 bnoswoosh@aol.com	
NOV	TBD	Asheville CPR Refresher	Asheville, NC	TBD	
Educational Events for 2005-2006					
JAN	7	Toboggan Enhancement Clinic	Gatlinburg, TN	Brandon Olson 865-471-5197 bnoswoosh@aol.com	
JAN	12	Toboggan Enhancement Clinic	Cataloochee, NC	Tom Raudorf 865-483-5818 craudorf@aol.com	
JAN	20	Ski Enhancement Clinic	Wolf Laurel, NC	Brandon Olson 865-471-5197 bnoswoosh@aol.com	
JAN	28	Toboggan Enhancement Clinic	Wolf Laurel, NC	Brandon Olson 865-471-5197 bnoswoosh@aol.com	
JAN	29	Ski Enhancement Clinic	Cataloochee, NC	Tom Raudorf 865-483-5818 craudorf@aol.com	
MAR	6	MTR Fundamentals	TBF	John Parker 828-648-1931	
MAR	7	Avalanche Fundamentals	Cullowhee, NC	Dennis Slagle 919-528-9279 dslagle2@nc.rr.com	
FEB	11-12	Women's Only Clinic	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-2103 jjstarr@snowshoemtn.com	
Region Events for 2005-2006					
DEC	1-4	Atlanta Ski Swap Sale	Atlanta, GA	Ann Christenson 770-394-5869 annchristenson@bellsouth.net	
JAN	8	Examiner's Proficiency Clinic	Gatlinburg, TN	Brandon Olson 865-471-5197 bnoswoosh@aol.com	
JAN	15	Senior S & T Clinic	Gatlinburg, TN	Bob Brewster 828 684-8100 bobbrewster@charter.net	
JAN	22	Sr OEC Clinic	Cataloochee, NC	Bob Brewster 828 684-8100 bobbrewster@charter.net	
FEB	5	SR S&T Evaluation	Gatlinburg, TN	Bob Brewster 828 684-8100 bobbrewster@charter.net	
FEB	26	SR OEC Evaluation	Cataloochee, NC	Bob Brewster 828 684-8100 bobbrewster@charter.net	
Certified Events for 2005-2006					
MAR	18	Certified Pre-Evaluation Clinic	Snowshoe	Leslie Carter 434-325-1262	
MAR	19-20	Certified Evaluation	Snowshoe	Leslie Carter 434-325-1262	

Virginia Region Calendar 2005-2006

Month	Date	Event	Location	Contact	Comments
OEC Courses and Challenges held in Region for 2005-2006					
NOV	5	OEC Course Starts @ Massanutten	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski 540-289-4954 bdrewnowski@massresort.com	
OEC Events held in Region for 2005-2006					
OCT	15	Wintergreen On the Hill	Wintergreen	Tucker Crolius 434-325-8060 tcrolius@aol.com	
OCT	16	OEC Refresher / Wintergreen	Rockfish Vly Sch	Ted Forbes 434-979-7586 ted.forbes@capitalone.com	
OCT	21	Pre-refresher @ Homestead	Homestead	Bill Smith 757-851-1581 skibill@widomaker.com	
OCT	22	OEC Refresher @ Homestead	Homestead	Bill Smith 757-851-1581 skibill@widomaker.com	
OCT	29	Massanutten On the Hill	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski 540-289-4954 bdrewnowski@massresort.com	
OCT	30	OEC Refresher @ Massanutten	Massanutten	Will Drury 540-421-4890 mgb72wi@planetcomm.net	
Educational Events for 2005-2006					
DEC	10	Patroller Enrichment Seminar	Homestead	Cindy Diehl 703-494-9490 chuff@starpower.net	
JAN	15	Skier Enhancement Seminar	Wintergreen	John Shaffer 703-719-5945 john.shaffer@cfsc.army.mil	Min = 6, \$10.00 fee
JAN	28	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher 434-296-8485 heardmtn05@earthlink.net	Min = 6, \$10.00 fee
FEB	4	Transportation Instructor Course	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher 434-296-8485 heardmtn05@earthlink.net	Min = 6, \$10.00 fee
MAR	12	Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher 434-296-8485 heardmtn05@earthlink.net	Min = 6, \$10.00 fee
Region Events for 2005-2006					
NOV	12	Massanutten Ski Swap	Massanutten	Kenny Hess 540-289-4955 Kenhess@adelphia.net	
NOV	25	Wintergreen Ski Swap	Wintergreen	Jim McCaslin 703-250-5193 mccaslin_jim@hotmail.com	
DEC	10	Massanutten Transfer Orientation	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski 540-289-4954 bdrewnowski@massresort.com	
DEC	11	Wintergreen Transfer Orientation	Wintergreen	Ed Pouncey 703-266-2943 Ed.Pouncey@FairfaxCounty.gov	
JAN	7	Senior Ski Clinic – Full Day	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski 540-289-4954 bdrewnowski@massresort.com	
JAN	8	Senior Toboggan Clinic – Full Day	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski 540-289-4954 bdrewnowski@massresort.com	
JAN	21	Senior Emergency Management Clinic	Bryce	T Harris 804-320-1901 tandper@netzero.net	
JAN	22	Senior S & T Clinic	Massanutten	Mike Fisher 434-296-8485 heardmtn05@earthlink.net	
FEB	4	Certified Operations and OEC Clinic	Massanutten	Leslie Carter 434-295-4463 cartrplmbg@aol.com	
FEB	5	Certified S & T Clinic	Massanutten	Leslie Carter 434-295-4463 cartrplmbg@aol.com	
FEB	25	Senior Emergency Management Eval	Wintergreen	T Harris 804-320-1901 tandper@netzero.net	
FEB	26	Senior S & T Evaluation	Wintergreeg	Mike Fisher 434-296-8485 heardmtn05@earthlink.net	
MAR	12	Massanutten Picnic	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski 540-289-4954 bdrewnowski@massresort.com	

West Virginia Region Calendar 2005-2006

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
OEC Courses and Challenges held in Region for 2005-2006					
NOV	22	OEC Course Starts	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713 mvfarm@frontiernet.net	
DEC	17	OEC Evaluation	Winterplace	Walt Watson 304-253-6963 dewawatson@msn.com	
JAN	29	Basic OEC Evaluation	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713 mvfarm@frontiernet.net	
FEB	4	Senior Emergency Management Clinic	Winterplace	Bud Frantz 304-574-3768	
MAR	4	Senior Emergency Management Evaluation	Timberline	Janette Bennett 304-866-4925	
Educational Events for 2005-2006					
JAN	8	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713 mvfarm@frontiernet.net	
JAN	7	Ski Enhancement Seminar	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713 mvfarm@frontiernet.net	
DEC	10	Instructor Development Course	Winterplace	Greg Rash 502-423-0261 greg.rash@insightbb.com	
DEC	17	Ski Trainers Workshop	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713 mvfarm@frontiernet.net	
FEB	11	Women's Only Clinic	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713 mvfarm@frontiernet.net	
Regional Events for 2005-2006					
JAN	9	Basic Telemark Clinic	Winterplace	Tom Wagnor 304-787+3221	
JAN	21	Certified Clinic	Snowshoe	Leslie Carter 434-325-1262	
JAN	30	Basic S & T Evaluation	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713 mvfarm@frontiernet.net	
FEB	5	Senior S & T Clinic	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713 mvfarm@frontiernet.net	
FEB	27	Senior S & T Clinic	Winterplace	Bud Frantz 304-574-3768	
MAR	5	Senior S & T Evaluation	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713 mvfarm@frontiernet.net	
MAR	6	Basic S & T Evaluation	Timberline	Steve Checkko 304-776-8540	
MAR	17	Certified Pre-Evaluation Clinic	Snowshoe	Leslie Carter 434-325-1262	
MAR	18-19	Certified Evaluation	Snowshoe	Leslie Carter 434-325-1262	

Southern Division Roster 2005-2006

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