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Richard Boyer,
Division Director

I just got back from the May meeting of the Southeastern Ski Areas Association in beautiful Ober Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

We have a Friday get together of all participants at a happy-hour type venue. This is where we come to learn the specifics pertaining to the owners and managers within our Southern Division. One gets to know who is from where and what they feel is most important within the operation of each resort within the Division.

All over the Southeast we enjoy a diversity of management styles and personalities. It is a good suggestion to continually remind ourselves that we serve at management's call. We exist to help our resorts serve their customers. If any event in our patrol lives departs from this truth, we're on the wrong path. Attitudes and activities are all important. Ask yourself, "Did I just respond to that paying customer in a manner consistent with how my resort manager/owner would respond, and if not, what do I need to change?"

Our volunteerism is a service to our mountain/resort and our sport, and when it becomes anything else we may need to find another form of service for which we're to provide. Search your souls and know why you serve the ski patrol. Just to get a pass to ski, not good enough! Just to make skiing cheaper, not good enough! To serve the snow riding public and make their experience one they will take into their memory and want again and again, you're on the right track! In patrolling, one of the huge benefits is the group of "family" with whom you'll be working to make this one of the most fulfilling experiences in your life.

On another topic, I will travel to Denver this June for the NSP Board of Directors meeting. This year we expect to bring the group of Division Directors closer into the processes and details of what is happening within the



NSP. We're meeting and getting to know each other's strengths and concerns, realizing that we have an ever-growing responsibility in the operations of our NSP organization. The DD's and National Board Members are learning very well how to cooperate, compromise and strengthen the NSP. We don't always agree with each other, but we know the value of working together in a respectful, courteous and constructive manner. Disruptive and disrespectful behavior does not have a place in the NSP.

40th Anniversary of the Southern Division:

The Southern Division was started in 1972. Now, just over 40 years later we should celebrate that beginning and all that has transpired since to make the Southern Division of the National Ski Patrol System what we are so proud of and enjoy today. Please help us celebrate this at our August 10-12 Patrollers' Conference in Kingsport, Tennessee.

Memories of the First 40 Years of the Southern Division

Richard Boyer

Division Director, Southern Division
2011 to present (2013)

As a rather late celebration of the Southern Division's 40th anniversary, I would like to begin what I hope will become a series of glimpses into memories of people who are involved today in the Southern Division or have been contributing members to the first 40 years of the Southern Division.

I am asking each of the Division officers (you know who you are) to create an article to be published in the Southern Cross describing your ski patrol history and experience. Perhaps expand that to invite stories from people you know who have a long and/or important role in the making of our Southern Division. At the end, we will have a series of articles that describe our Division in a unique and personal way. Many of us are fortunate enough to patrol and interact with some of the original founders and you know they have a wealth of informative and funny stories to share, which will be lost unless we capture them soon!

I will begin this series:

My first experience with the Ski Patrol started when I was in third grade and learned to ski at Hidden Valley Ski Area in Rocky Mountain National Park. I would catch a ride with a park ranger before daybreak each and every Saturday and Sunday of the wintertime. These park rangers were my first stellar examples of ski patrollers.

In 1961 at Lassen Volcanic National Park in northern California, a park ranger named **Les Bodine** introduced me to the National Ski Patrol and I became a Junior Ski Patroller. I still have my first membership card from that time.

When I was fifteen, my Dad was transferred to the big mountains of Kennesaw, Georgia so my ski career was on hold until 1987 when I was invited to take the first Winter Emergency Care (WEC) course which was the fairly short-lived predecessor to our present Outdoor Emergency Care class. This class was taught by **Bill Warner** who patrolled at Sky Valley Resort near Dillard, Georgia.

I first patrolled at Scaly Mountain in North Carolina and was Patrol Representative in 1991-1992 (at that time, we were called 'Patrol Directors'). I joined Sky Valley Ski Resort in 1997 and patrolled there until 2001 when **Joan** and I transferred to Cataloochee Ski Area in Maggie Valley, North Carolina.

In 2001, **Neil Booth** (then Regional Director and **Nici Singletary** as Division Director) appointed me Deep South Section Chief. From 2002 to 2004, I became Regional Director of the Smoky Mountain Region (later merged into Dixie Region). Then 2004-2007 I was Assistant Division Director – South. **Morgan Armstrong** became Division Director in 2007 and appointed me First Assistant Division Director. In 2011, when Morgan Armstrong decided not to run, I was elected Division Director.

Brent Bowman,
2nd Assistant Division Director



I can't believe that it is already June. Seems like last month I was (we were) skiing.

One thing I really hate is humidity and it is already cranking up here in Atlanta. Good thing that I have been traveling a lot lately and most of it has been in the northern US where it is still cool. Speaking of cool it also is looking very likely that I will have to make a trip to Chile in July. I may just do a side trip to Portillo for some turns on the snow there. What a tough job I have!!

How many of you have been to the Patroller Conference in Kingsport?? How many of you did not have a good time?? Have you told your patrol buddies what a great time it was?? Are all of you coming this year?? This is really a great opportunity to see how the Southern Division interacts with the local patrols and National. There is also opportunity for socializing with patrollers from across the division. Some of the patrollers show up early on Friday to get in a round of golf. If you have never come to the meeting consider this your invitation to join us this summer in Kingsport, TN.

OEC classes are gearing up for the summer. Now is the time to dust off the rubber gloves and help out the class in your area. The instructor of record is always looking for some assistance and it is a great way to keep your first aid skills in tip-top shape.

See you in Kingsport!!!!

Byrd White,

Assistant Division Director – North

Good Intentions

Last fall it was my intension to visit all the resorts in Southern Division. Didn't happen. I did get to the refreshers at Bryce and, Wintergreen and WinterPlace but my plans to visit other resorts were thwarted by an uncooperative right knee. I spent the season working the Aid Room at WinterPlace. The knee has been replaced and I fully intend to make it to all the resorts next season. I really look forward to meeting everyone.

The annual reports from most of the resorts have been received and it looks like everyone had a pretty good season. At the end of every season the Patrol Representatives compile a report outlining what went on at their resorts. All of these reports are compiled into a single report that is then forwarded to the National office. In addition to data that gives a pretty good indication of the various patrol's health it is a great archive of information.

Coming soon is the annual patrollers Conference in Kingsport, TN. The event staff is working hard to insure that there is something that will interest all patrollers. While planning is underway it is not yet set in stone. If you have something that you feel would interest patrollers, please let us know.

Be careful, drive safely and have a great summer. I hope to see you in Kingsport the weekend of August 9, 10 &11.

Mike Harris,

Assistant Division Director – South

After a late start we also had a late end to winter this year. Guess all's well that ends well. As long as our mountains make a profit, please excuse the vulgarity. Seriously, our mountains profit keeps them open for us too. Rotator cuff surgery after refresher season kept me out except for an evaluator clinic at Appalachian, Christmas in the patrol room at Sugar, and basic S&T Evaluation at Appalachian (on skis) woo-hoo! I would have felt worse about being down except that Southern Division has **Brandon Olson** as Dixie Region Director and **Brent Rockett** as Blue Ridge Region Director. I can honestly say, they are two of the best I have worked with in the 36 years that I have been involved with Southern Division. I hope that many of you will consider attending the Southern Division Conference in Kingsport TN at the Meadowview Marriott in August. Looking forward to seeing many of you in the upcoming OEC refresher season and on the mountain.



Mike Harris

Southern Division Webmaster

Trish Deane,

Webmaster/Board Secretary

Southern Division Web Site

<http://www.southernnsp.org>



The web site continues to grow and to offer new features:

We now have the calendar in two formats. We still have the PDF that organizes dates by region, but we also now have a combined monthly calendar which makes it easier to see what is going on around the Division at a glance. I encourage everyone to get your courses approved by the RD of your region and registered with NSP as soon as possible so that we can get them onto the calendar in a timely manner. If your patrol has social or non-NSP events that you would like to include on the calendar so that patrollers from other mountains can take part, please send those directly to me at yogagirl@comcast.net.

- Bios continue to be added for new additions to the staff.
- Thanks to Teresa Stewart for scanning historical copies of the Southern Cross. Those are being added to the web site under Newsletter.
- New forms include the student patroller reimbursement form and the six-pack lesson planning guide.
- Preliminary information about the Southern Division Conference in Kingsport in August has been added to the site.

Southern Division Calendar
To see full event details, please consult the Calendar by Region further down this page.

August 2013 today < >

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Executive Committee Mtg - Kingsport, TN	10 Southern Division Conference - Kingsport, TN
11 Southern Division Conference - Kingsport, TN	12	13	14	15	16	17 Instructor Development Course - Wintergreen, VA
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Please keep your patrol information up to date with the Division. This includes contact information and your patrol web site link. If you have any recruiting events scheduled, please send information or a copy of your flier to me and I'll make sure we get it posted.

If anyone has any suggestions on how we can improve the web site, please let me know. I'm searching for a better way to present our photo history. If you have any ideas please forward them. Patrol photos, old or new, are welcome at any time. Please make sure Fred Wessels (southerndivisionhistory@gmail.com) gets a copy of your photos as well.

Trish Deane

Brandon Olson,

Dixie Region Director



Hello fellow patrollers! I hope that everyone enjoyed a great spring and is well on your way to enjoying a super summer! Like many of us, this is the time to jump out on the lake and hit the waves on the wakeboard or enjoy some skiing. I have been introduced to a wakeskate and hydrofoil, which are interesting to say the least! Notice...I did not say that I could get up and ride either one! If you don't enjoy the lake, the Southern Division geographically has some of the best whitewater rivers in the nation, and some even ranked in the world! Get out and enjoy an adrenaline rushed summer sport like kayaking or whitewater rafting. We have had killer amounts of rain, so there should be no reason to not have great flows! If you haven't taken the plunge and tried one of these awesome summer activities, you outta give it a shot!

On to the upcoming season...Let's hope that mother nature does a better job and turns some of our horrible washout rains from last winter into flaky white stuff this year. I know that some resorts at higher elevations had record years, and I hope that our lower elevation resorts can capitalize on a stellar upcoming year with some great conditions.

With our fingers crossed and hopes high, don't forget to plan schedules now to attend some NSP-PSIA or AASI, Certified or Senior Clinics, along with the abundant offerings of other electives out there that are offered all over the place. In order to find out where these are happening, you must sign on to www.nsp.org to find them, or visit our very own Southern Division Calendar at www.southernnsp.org.

Lastly, I want to strongly encourage everyone in the Division to sign in to your member account at www.nsp.org and update all your contact information in your profile. This really helps out everyone in the division should any of us need to contact you. If you have never signed in to www.nsp.org, please take a few minutes of your time to set up your log-in and get the ball rolling with all the cool stuff that you can access, including some killer deals from the Pro Deal pages.

In closing, keep in mind that this fall is again member vote time for our National Board of Directors. I want everyone to voice their opinions by placing the votes of your choosing between October 15th and December 1 this year. This is a crucial time for NSP and we want the absolute best in office to make sure that this awesome organization will be around for our children and grandchildren to enjoy as much as we have over the years.

Thanks for all that you do! Have a safe summer and see ya on the slopes in just a few months!

Brandon

Brent Rockett,
Blue Ridge Region Director



Blue Ridge Region Message

After a shaky start to the ski season, when winter finally arrived it stayed with us well into spring. All three mountains remained open into late March with Sugar Mt finally closing on March 31. All three had plenty of snow still covering the slopes at closing. I imagine there may even still be some remnants of snow around. Appalachian Mt had a very successful Wounded Warrior Event with 28 veterans and their family attending and a great turnout of the patrollers to assist with all the activities. With the successful fund raising by the patrol and all the positives responses from both the veterans and the patrollers, everyone is already looking forward to hosting this event again next year. It was very rewarding to be a part of this event.

Now that summer is upon us, it is time to get out and enjoy it. And I can think of no better place than the Blue Ridge Mountains. There are plenty of activities at all the mountains to be experienced. The lifts at Beech Mt are operating on the weekends for hiking and biking on the mountain. And again they will be hosting mountain bike races with the Brews 'n Views races on July 19-21 and the Monster Energy Race Series being held on August 17-18 and September 27-28. For a little something different Sugar Mt will be having their annual BeerFest in August.

And don't forget the Southern Division Conference in Kingsport the weekend of August 9-11. A good time is always had.

There is so much to do, so get out and enjoy the summer. Before long it will be OEC Refresher time. I hope to see you in the mountains this summer and at the Conference.

Enjoy the mountains!

Brent

From the Supervisors and Advisors...

Alumni ... Alumni ... Alumni ... Alumni ... Alumni ... Alumni ... Alumni

Randi Lowery,

Assistant Dixie Region Director

For our 40th anniversary, we are reminded of the many Southern Division NSP members among us with many years of patrolling, others who have “retired” from active membership, and many more who have disappeared from the rolls who are, or were, a vital part of our patrols.

Many of our members are unaware of the alumni status, but NSP offers an alumni membership that allows our retiring work force to remain active and vital contributors.



Do you know someone who has retired from your patrol? Pass this information on, and invite them to Kingsport. I am building onto an existing database in order to send out invitations. Please let me know of anyone you think would wish to be included and I will make sure they are added to the list. Stay tuned for more about an informal round table get-together for alumni at the fall conference.

What is an Alumni?

According to NSP policies and procedures, “alumni members are those who have retired from active patrolling. Alumni members will be recognized as alumni by their membership identification card, which indicates the combined years as both an active member and an alumni member. Alumni membership is available to anyone who has been registered with the NSP as a patroller for a minimum of one year. The annual dues for alumni membership are \$27, \$10 of which is returned to the division for disbursement in accordance with the division policy. When an active lifetime member is no longer an active patroller, the lifetime membership automatically becomes a lifetime alumni membership. Alumni members are not required to fulfill any refresher requirements, except as required to maintain instructor certifications. Any duly-registered alumni member who has satisfied the continuing education requirements for being an instructor may serve in that capacity with the division in which he or she is registered. Alumni members serve in an advisory capacity at local, region, division, and national levels of the NSP. An alumni member may not wear a patrol uniform. Alumni are authorized to wear the alumni sweater pin. Alumni are authorized to wear the official alumni chest patch on their personal parkas. Alumni are authorized to purchase and wear a basic ID bar with the word “Alumni” under their name. Appointments will continue to be recognized. Alumni are authorized to purchase patches and ID bars that indicate these honorary achievements. If an alumni member wishes to return to active NSP membership status, he or she must meet the requirements for active membership as set forth in Sections 5.1.2 and 5.7.3 of the policies and procedures.”

Randi

Outdoor Emergency Care ... Outdoor Emergency Care ... Outdoor Emergency Care

Bob Brewster,
OEC Supervisor



Well it's that time of year when everyone has hung up their equipment, thinking of warm summer days on the lake, cool hikes in the mountains, anything but patrolling. But for many of us in the division it's a busy time for patrol business, myself included. In OEC I am communicating with National, my regional advisors and instructors preparing everyone for the upcoming refresher season. As I stated in my past Southern Crosses, new things are happening and as a division we are looking to stay on top of the cutting edge ways to bring OEC training to new candidates, existing patrollers, new instructors and existing patrollers alike. Let's see what's coming up for the 2013/2014 Season.

Cycle C Refresher

Major topics in the cycle this year include Triage, ICS, Endocrine, Lymphatic and Reproductive Systems, trauma will be the focus of patient assessment, airway management, substance abuse and poisoning, principles of trauma, injuries to the lower body, face and neck injuries, thoracic injuries, pediatric emergencies, behavioral emergencies, obstetric and gynecologic emergencies, ambulance/special operations and case presentations. Whew if you don't think that's enough material to cover in a day there will also be required skills that go along with many of these topics that each of you will be required to demonstrate. That is a lot of stuff. It is very important prior to attending your refreshers you review the chapters applicable to the above topics. Some of your patrols may be testing a new online refresher. In this case much of the didactic material (lecture, non-skill material) will be completed on line. Once you complete this you print out a certificate which is brought to the refresher. At the refresher all you will need to do is demonstrate the skills required for the Cycle C refresher. A number of patrols in other divisions tested this program last year with great success and I hope to have some of our patrols participate this fall. Please make sure if you are a visiting patroller to a refresher that you get your card signed as well as the form at the back of the refresher guide. This may be your only proof of attendance.

Cycle C Instructor Refresher

Instructors you should have received an email from me notifying you about your instructor refresher material. The Instructor Refresher Guide will not be mailed to you this year, instead it is available to you solely on the NSP website under instructor resources. If you did not receive this email from me it means your address is incorrect in my national data bank please send me your corrected address.

OEC Classes

Last year's beta test of an online OEC live class, teaching chapters, using the Google Plus platform proved problematic at times. With connectivity problems and a limited class number it will be discontinued for this year but a new solution is in its place. Taking a cue from university courses and working with Pearson's Course Smart, National now has an OEC online course that will be available on a patrol, region or division wide basis. We are presently working on live skills chapters that accompany the online chapters. This is not meant to

replace traditional OEC courses but to supplement them. We have heard from many PR/PD's, IOR's, etc. about great potential candidates who just don't have the schedules or can't travel the distances to the area courses. The online courses hopefully will be able to capture some of these people. We hope to be working on an initial course this summer and have it available this fall. Please contact me with more information.

Fall Meeting/Conference

Why attend Kingsport in August? Well if you're on the Board of Directors you have the meeting. Do you need an instructor update, it's there. A Senior OEC T/E update, ditto. That's why patrollers attend right? Unfortunately, I think that's the perception of what it's all about but many of us who are responsible for the content of the conference (I prefer calling it this) want it to be much more. It should be a place to learn, meet new patrollers, share ideas from others and much more importantly share in the fellowship of the organization that we hold dear to us. So even though we are offering courses both OEC and Senior OEC as updates for instructors I want to let everyone know they are open to all. In addition there are other educational offerings meeting the needs of the many diverse patrollers in the division.

We will be offering an instructor update this year. For all of you that updated the 5th edition you still have one year to go, but why wait? If you attend you will be required to sign up for three of the four offered 1-½ classes. Tentative classes include: A forms class reviewing all new and pertinent forms that national and the division has to offer, an autism class which reviews how to work and teach those affected by autism, an overview of the new online OEC class, and integrating medical treatments on the fringes of OEC. At press time these courses may be subject to change.

Have a great summer see you in Kingsport!

Transportation ... Transportation ... Transportation ... Transportation ...

Tony Tingle,

Division Transportation Supervisor



I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. Snow will be flying before we know it. While we are waiting, here are a few things to ponder while you are mowing your grass. First, the Southern Division Fall Conference is coming up in August. The Outdoor Emergency Transportation (OET) program will have a meeting at the conference in Kingsport Tennessee. If you have been to one of these meetings before, you know that it is a time to handle some administrative stuff, discuss what we are doing right with the OET program and (more importantly) get your opinion out there for the things that we need to fix. There's always a question and answer session.

One thing we will surely talk about is course closure. This seems to be a recurring problem for Patroller's in general and the OET program in particular. We are not the only Division that has trouble closing courses. Some of that stems from issues with the database at National, and Darcy and the computer folks are aware of the issue and they are working on that bug. Some of the problems closing courses originate in confusion because you can register them online, but there is not an online way to close them. Sometimes folks have trouble with the paperwork, and sometimes we just forget. Whatever the reason, there is a push to get open courses closed. A closed course means that your students get credit and you and your instructors have a record of your teaching activities. I may be asking for help to close some courses in the near future.

What is new from the Transportation Program? I am participating in monthly conference calls with the other Division Transportation Supervisors, and **Jay Zedak**, the new National Transportation guy. Communication is better than it has ever been (both from the top down and the bottom up). As a group we are working towards standardizing some stuff in the program to help us in our teaching. If you have anything that is near and dear to your heart about the OET program that you think needs attention, send it my way and I'll make sure it makes it into one of the monthly conversations. One of the outcomes of these calls will be the opportunity to give the OET program feedback via online surveys. Surveys are a-comin' and the first is targeted towards Patrol Reps and Patrol Leaders find out what the OET provides to their individual patrols and what the Division Supervisors can do to help meet any unsatisfied OET teaching needs. PR's and PD's, be on the lookout. Might be a couple of months but it is coming.

I hope to see you in Kingsport at the Fall Conference. If there is anything you feel needs to be an OET Roundtable Topic, send it my way. Have a great summer!

Tony

Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports

Briggs Allen,

Snowsports Supervisor



Even though it is early summer, the Snowsports School is well into making plans for the 2013-14 season.

But first things first, let's talk about our biennial 2013 PSIA/AASI Demo Team Clinic held in February at Timberline Resort. In the words of one of our clinic participants "it doesn't get any better than this"! The 2 1/2 day clinic started out with fresh powder on Friday morning and ended Sunday at lunchtime in fresh powder. The West Virginia skies graciously provided us with over a foot of the light, fluffy white stuff that allowed us to venture at times off of the designated slopes into the un-groomed trees. That's something you don't get to do very often in the South! The skiing portion of the clinic was filled to capacity with 17 patrollers representing: Beech, Bryce, Cataloochee, Ober Gatlinburg, Timberline, Wintergreen and Wolf Ridge. There were three snowboard patrollers representing: Beech, Massanutten and Ober/Cataloochee. Additional participants from the Timberline and Massanutten Ski and Snowboard Schools joined us to fill our classes. All of us went through drills, learning new skills and coaching not only to improve our on the snow performance as well as picking up some new teaching techniques. And the great part about the clinic was that WE ALL HAD FUN! The ultimate compliment came from our Demo Team Instructors, **Rob Sogard** from Snowbird, **Jennifer Simpson Vail** and **Tommy Morsch** Bristol Mountain all indicated that they had a blast and would instruct at our clinic again in a minute. They really never know what to expect when they go out to teach in clinics like this. And of course there is the Timberline Resort and Ski Patrol... both incredibly accommodating and gracious hosts as well as providing a great dinner for us on Friday night. All in all it was an amazing Demo Clinic and fun experience that will not be back again until 2015. Make plans to join us as it just doesn't get any better than this.

Speaking of great clinics, our AASI Level III instructor **Pete Jucker** taught a snowboard improvement clinic for the Snowsports School at Massanutten in mid February. The clinic was well received and the participant's evaluations were all glowing.

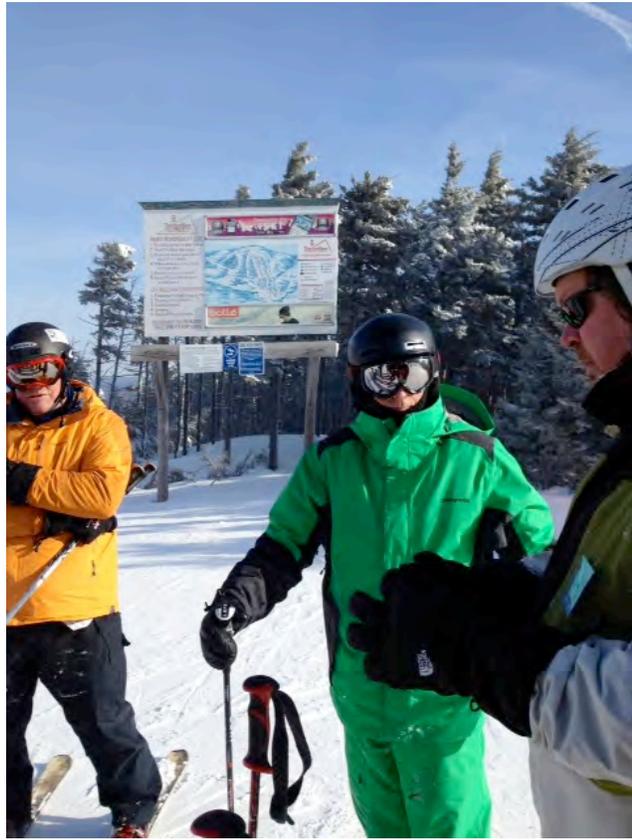
So there it is for the 2012-13 season, we started a bit slow by having to cancel the Cataloochee Train the Trainer Clinic due to poor weather conditions but ended strong. Stay tuned for the 2013-14 season clinics as we once again plan ski and snowboard clinics with the guarantee that you will become a better skier/snowboarder and improve your on the snow and instructor skills. And by the way... telemarkers be on the lookout for a clinic just for you this upcoming season.

Well that's about it and remember Snowsports skills are easy... turn right, turn left and repeat as necessary.

Biennial 2013 PSIA/AASI Demo Team Clinic – Timberline Resort
(Photos submitted by Briggs Allen)



PSIA Demo Team Manager Rob Sogard from Snowbird Utah prepares to demonstrate a skiing task.



Rob discusses a run with Brent Bowman and Jim Hughes.

Professional ... Professional ... Professional ... Professional ... Professional ... Professional

Wayne Morgan,
Professional Director

On my way home from the ski area today, a black bear ran across the road about 25 yards in front of me. Yep, must be summer! But, I was reminded today, there are about 150 days until ski season starts again. So, thankfully, the cycle continues.

I had the opportunity to visit and attend a clinic at Timberline this season. I had a great time and appreciated the hospitality from our brothers in the North. Oh yeah, I learned a lot at the clinic, too, and still sport the hat. Thanks, Jon!

The Southern Division Fall Conference, on August 9-10-11, will include the Patrol Directors Round Table on Friday afternoon at 5:00 pm. We had a better group last year and look for an even better group this year.

- How involved are your guys with what's going on at National?
- There's another board election this fall. Does your patrol represent by exercising their voting rights or does it really make any difference?
- Who's running anyway and what do they stand for?
- Where is the Southern Division going to be in the next five or ten years? Better yet, where is your patrol going to be in the next five or ten years, and what role are you going to play in that direction?

Voice your thoughts and ideas at the Round Table. If there are concerns or new business that you want to be brought to the Executive Committee meeting, I will have that opportunity to do so.

The Fall Conference has a little different look this year. The Board meeting will be adjourned at noon on Saturday until Sunday morning. This gives the Board members an opportunity to attend training or certification updates. Are there special interests areas that you would like to see presented during this time? Let me know if you have ideas.

All Patrol Directors and any other interested persons, please join us at the PD's round table on Friday afternoon at the Fall Patrollers Conference. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and catching up on how things went this season.



Election Coordinator ... Election Coordinator ... Election Coordinator ...

Bill Smith,
Election Coordinator

Boyer Re-Elected as Division Director

The 2013 election process for the position of Division Director, Southern Division was conducted as outlined in the Division by-laws and was closed on February 21, 2013.

Richard Boyer was the sole candidate for the position.



As prescribed in the by-laws, ballots were sent to all Southern Division Patrol Representative's for them to be able to cast a vote on behalf of their patrol. All ballots cast were for Richard Boyer, thus he was re-elected to the position of Division Director, for a second two-year term.

An announcement was sent to the Division leadership and the NSP National Chair, Bert Mitchell in late February with the election results.

Congratulations Richard!!!

Certified Program ... Certified Program ... Certified Program ...

Brandon Deane,
Certified Supervisor



Are you continually pursuing excellence in patrolling? GREAT!

Then we want you to join us as we work together to acquire the knowledge and experience needed to be able to patrol without compromise.

Who are we?

We are all patrollers.

Some of us are paid to patrol.

Some of us patrol on a voluntary basis.

All of us volunteer to participate in NSP programs.

Some of us are shift supervisors, patrol directors, or mountain managers

Some of us are patrol officers, patrol reps, section chiefs, or region directors.

Some of us are OEC instructors, transportation instructors, AVI instructors, or program supervisors.

All of us participate in the Certified Program.

Please join us in our pursuit of excellence in patrolling!

Join the Certified Program!

For more information email **Brandon Deane** at cbdeane@comcast.net or talk to any member of the program. If you have been patrolling for several years you can make a valuable contribution to our efforts.

Instructor Development...Instructor Development...Instructor Development

Teresa T. Stewart,

Instructor Development Supervisor

The NSP Instructor Development course is an integral part of all the NSP Educational courses. This is a required step before the mentoring stage with an instructor within the specific discipline with which you are becoming involved (Outdoor Emergency Care, Toboggan and Ski, Mountain Travel and Rescue, Avalanche, Outdoor First Care, etc). This is also a **SENIOR ELECTIVE**.

Interested students should look at the Division Calendar on the Division Website (www.southernnsps.org) for registered courses in their Region and contact the Region Instructor Development contact or drop me an email at (stewart.teresa@gmail.com).

Instructors and Instructor Trainers can expect to see changes coming this fall season. Stay tuned to the website and the Southern Cross for updates as well as information available at the Fall Patrol Conference. Also, coming soon is an on-line Instructor Development Continuing Education module.

Historian / Archivist ... Historian / Archivist ... Historian / Archivist ... Historian / Archivist

Fred Wessels,

Historian/Archivist

Southern Cross Online Archives



I would like to thank **Teresa Stewart** and **Trish Deane** for their hard work in getting back issues of the Southern Cross available on the Southern Division Website. At this time, you can view 1975 thru 1989 and 2001 to current. I think this is a valuable resource. If anyone has copies not listed or from the 1990's, we would love to have a copy. Thanks again Teresa and Trish for helping preserve our History.

The Southern Division Fall Conference is around the corner.

If you have never attended the Conference, **WHY NOT!!!!** It is a great opportunity to meet fellow patrollers and if you are not careful, you may learn something. Oh, and the Hospitality Suite is very Hospitable. We plan to have an open mike for the Suite this year. If you want to bring your instruments and get in a little jam session, please do so and drop **Rob Raff** an email to make arrangements.

The Meadowview has also given us a generous discount for those who wish to play golf. \$40.00 for 18 holes including the cart fees. If you wish to play, please contact the Cattails Golf Club at 423-578-6625 for reservations. It is a busy weekend at the resort so get your tee times early.

See you in Kingsport.

Women's Program ... Women's Program ... Women's Program ... Women's Program

Joy Jucker,

Women's Program Supervisor

**Southern Division Women's Program
2013/2014 Clinics**



How often does a National Program Director visit the Southern Division? Not very frequently you say?

Due to the expert planning and organization of the Southern Division Snowsports School with supervisor **Briggs Allen, Linda Barthel** came to Wintergreen, VA. She is the National Women's Program director. Along with Linda, two other instructors from the Central Division, made the long trip, to help our division get a women's program off the ground. The clinic was a success due to Linda and her team, Briggs Allen, Wintergreen Resort and its patrol directors **Judy Kay-Monaghan** and **Tucker Crolius**. Even with the warm spring like temperatures, we still had a full day of skiing and video analysis. Toboggan practice was on day two. Ladies tried their hand at "outside the handle" techniques for the first time in their patroller careers. It was an awesome sight!! Big smiles everywhere, with "I just did that" written on their faces.

Don't miss the Women's Program booth at the fall convention in Kingsport. What will be there? Pictures, pamphlets, and details on the 2014 Southern Division Clinic. It will be held in the southern part of the division for 2014. If the annual ski and toboggan proficiency check off scares you, then this clinic is for you. Come work with women instructors and build your confidence.

Face bookers: Be sure to "like" the women's page. NSP Southern Division Women's Program

Southern Division Women's Clinic

Photos submitted by Joy Jucker

A six-pack chair of Southern Division women patrollers enjoying a day of fun! Wintergreen, VA Jan 12, 2013



Southern Division Women's Clinic

Photos submitted by Joy Jucker

Perfect outside the handles technique



Team discussion and feedback



Tabitha in the handles and Rhonda on the tail rope, showing how to traverse and communicate



National Ski Patrol Safety Team ... National Ski Patrol Safety Team ...

Brett Henyon,

Division National Ski Patrol Safety Team



The Safety Team is continuing to work with local regions to develop Safety Programs and disseminating national initiatives. Your Safety Team will be focusing on new ways to integrate The Responsibility Code, educating skiers and riders about terrain park safety, and again this year we will be looking for new ways to educate the public about ski lift safety. Remember – “Sit Back and Hold On” –

The Safety will be adding a few more members from different regions (names will be announced in the next few week) and for the first time pre-season the Safety Team will be meeting in Colorado for a pre-season Strategic Planning meeting focusing on current key topics and national trends.

Current Safety Team Programs:

- Season Long Program - Recognizes patrollers, employees and area guests who demonstrate and follow safety procedures at your local area.
- Safety Week - January
- NSAA Safety Poster Contest
- Patrol Sweeps
- Patrol Room Tours
- Ambulance or Flight for Life Tours
- Safety Presentations
- Prizes for Demonstrating Safety on the Hill



Team Vision Statement

NSP Safety Team will be the leader in mountain safety, education, awareness and hazards reduction.

Team Mission Statement



The National Ski Patrol Safety Team is to be the leaders of the ski industry in education, mountain safety for employee and guests. We will represent all members of the National Ski Patrol organization, its mission statement; with the highest level of patroller skills, commitment to creativity and integrity.

Brett Henyon

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Cataloochee Senior OEC

Contributed by Dennis Alexander – Cataloochee Ski Patrol

In the Dixie region our philosophy when it comes to becoming a Senior OEC patroller, is it is not about the badge but the experience. When training at this level it becomes more about the management of the scene than just the OEC skills obtained when you became a basic patroller. While training for the Senior OEC we throw all kinds of scenarios at you so that when it comes time for evaluation hopefully you have developed the confidence to successfully lead any scenario. We have a dedicated crew of trainers who absolutely love what they do and make it a fun and enjoyable experience.



We start the season out with a call to patrol reps for their suggestions of candidates who have had their basic status for at least one full season and whom they think could benefit from the senior program in their patrols. After we have a list, we actively recruit patrollers to become involved in the senior program. When these candidates accept, they are required to attend an orientation that details the expectations they will have to follow. We expect the candidates to train as many Sundays as possible and to attend a volunteer clinic. While there is no guarantee candidates will pass, the level of training provided makes for a more confident, skilled and experienced patroller. We invite all patrollers to attend our weekly practice session whether they are enrolled in the Senior program, just interested in finding out more about Senior OEC, or just wanting to further their OEC skills. Over the last few years we have seen an increase in patrollers wanting to become senior and would like to see that trend continue. We would also like to invite patrollers to the fall conference; various classes will be held as well as information available on the senior program. For those Senior OEC Trainer/Evaluators there will be a mandatory 3-year update on Saturday.

Pete Knowland, one of the instructors, keeps challenging the students every Sunday by mixing up their training and he always keeps them thinking. For the prospects who want to take the Senior OEC, Knowland has made a Senior OEC Training book that has all the paperwork needed for a Senior OEC candidate to take the Senior OEC evaluation. I hope this book will end up going to the national level so that all senior programs can use it. My hope is to bring consistency into the program by making sure all evaluators grade on the same level and that all candidates are provided training at each location so that everyone has access to our training program. If you are interested in becoming a senior patroller talk to your patrol rep so they can verify that you qualify and get you headed in the right direction.



Senior OEC Evaluation @ Cataloochee February 23, 2013

(Photos submitted by Bob Brewster)

Congratulations to the following patrollers who passed their Senior OEC Evaluation.

Jen Knaebel - Cataloochee

Matt Adams - Cataloochee

Tim Panella - Cataloochee

Pete Jucker - Cataloochee

Tom Barry - Ober Gatlinburg

Special Congratulations goes out to **Pete Jucker** of Cataloochee and **Tom Barry** of Ober Gatlinburg for not only passing their OEC portion of Senior but also completing their final requirements to earn their Senior patches.

Great work and congratulations to all of you.





May 6, 2013

Greetings Southern Division Patrollers-

Congratulations on the 75th Anniversary of the National Ski Patrol! The museum was very pleased to host the kick-off celebration last October and the NSP bench that was installed in front of the museum is an outstanding addition to our entry and has attracted much attention. It is clear that there is much positive energy among the members of the National Ski Patrol which is so wonderful to see, especially in an organization with your rich history.

The Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum would like to continue our excellent relationship with the National Ski Patrol and to that end I met recently with Eastern Division officers and Past Southern Division Director Morgan Armstrong. We discussed the creation of a permanent NSP exhibit at the museum. We feel that our facility is an excellent place to house an NSP exhibit as it is in the shadow of the recognized birthplace of the National Ski Patrol in Stowe, Vermont.

I am writing to gauge your interest in having a permanent NSP exhibit. Our museum board will consider creating such an exhibit if there is sufficient desire from NSP Patrollers. How will we know? The museum has offered a challenge to the Eastern Division membership that will last from now until June 1, 2013. If 200 members of the NSP become museum members between now and then, the VTSSM will move forward with the exhibit. Currently there are about 8,000 members of the Eastern Division, so 200 members represent a quarter of a percent of your membership, which we thought was a very reasonable goal. Past Division Director Armstrong asked if the Southern Division membership could also participate, and we would welcome your participation. Active members, Alumni members and even family members will be counted toward the goal.

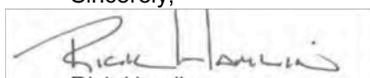
How do you join? Log on to www.vtssm.com and you will find a link to join in the upper right hand corner, or select the link in the News/Events section.

How much does it cost? \$60

What do you get when you become a museum member? You will be eligible for discounts at the museum and museum events. In addition, each member receives a package of coupons worth over \$1200 for hotels, lift tickets, greens fees for golf, and other discounts. There are also several coupons for 20% discounts at ski shops in northern, central and southern Vermont. There is more information about these coupons on the web site.

Is here anything else you should know? Yes! When you join, be sure to reference "National Ski Patrol" in the note area during the checkout process so that we can count your membership against the total goal and to insure you get next season's coupons. We look forward to your response!

Sincerely,



Rick Hamlin
Board Chairman

In Memoriam



DAVID KILMER
Wintergreen Ski Patrol
May 29, 2013

David passed away on May 29, 2013, at his home in Troutville, VA. He is survived by his wife Susan and daughter Julia.

David was fighting a rare form of blood cancer (RARS-T, refractory anemia) since 2008. He received transfusions for over a year and finally received a bone marrow transplant in November of 2012. While he was cancer free since December 2012 (yes, he did crush it), complications from the transplant and graft versus host disease claimed his life. David always kept a positive attitude and zest for life, and I know that many patrollers were not even aware of his battle with cancer until our bone marrow donor drive in the fall of 2012.

David joined Wintergreen Ski Patrol in 2006. Not surprisingly, he received the Outstanding Candidate of the Year award. He achieved Senior status during the 08/09 season. David was Instructor of Record (Papa Bear) for the candidate OEC class for both the 10/11 and 11/12 seasons. He was awarded the Patroller of the Year in 2012. He was awarded Southern Division Outstanding OEC Instructor in 2012 and was runner-up for the National Outstanding OEC Instructor that same year.

David's enthusiasm and energy were absolutely contagious. He undeniably left his mark on his patrol. His fellow patrollers have been sharing many stories over the last few months about David and will undoubtedly continue to do so in the future. It speaks volumes that his name was entered in the patrol lexicon, as in, "pulling a Kilmer" to refer to running up the slope to reach an accident.

He will be missed. He will not be forgotten.

A memorial Service will be held Saturday, June 8 at the Parkway Wesleyan Church (3645 Orange Ave. Roanoke, VA) at 2:00 pm.

In Memoriam

JUSTUS NATHAN BAIRD, III

Sapphire Valley Ski Patrol

February 8, 1943-April 21, 2013

Justus Baird died April 21, 2013, in Arlington, Virginia, from prostate cancer. He was preceded in death by his sister, Deborah Tilson Baird. He is survived by his sister, Barbara Baird of Harriman, Tennessee. He was born on February 8, 1943, to Dr. "Betty" Mary Elizabeth Tilson Baird Brown and Justus Nathan Baird, Jr. in St. Louis, Missouri. After graduating from the Castle Heights Military Academy High School (Lebanon, TN) in 1960, he went on to earn four degrees: B.S. Forestry with a swimming scholarship (U. Georgia at Athens, 1964), M.A. in Entomology including extensive work in central America (U. Kansas, 1968), Masters in Public Health (U. Texas, 1973), and PhD in Environmental Health (U. Texas, 1989). From 1968 to 1971 he was a captain in the US Army, Medical Service Corps, and served in Vietnam, protecting troops from infectious diseases. In his first career, Justus directed public health departments in Houston, San Antonio, and Milwaukee. In his second career, he worked as a board certified financial planner and ski patrol director. Throughout his life he pursued a number of passions: tracing his Scottish ancestry, barbershop singing, investing, sailboat racing, competitive masters swimming, and messing around with computers. His community advocacy included fighting for visitation rights of divorced fathers and improving local environmental planning. A voracious reader, Justus was known for his breadth of knowledge in a wide variety of topics and would threaten anyone who tried to dispose of his copious amounts of reading material. He shared his love of nature through his bountiful gardening, family camping trips, and timeless photography. He is survived by two ex-wives, Linda Elaine Janson of Houston (maiden name Norling, married from 1970-1980), and Dr. Salpi Adrouny of Atlanta (married from 1991-2012). He is also survived by two children from his first marriage, son, Rabbi Justus N. Baird, IV of Princeton, NJ, and daughter Dr. Jennifer Baird Humberson of Richmond, VA. Justus cherished his five grandchildren and fostered in them a love for reading, sports, and the outdoors. Donations may be made to the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Happy 75th, NSP!

We're proud to be part of
this great organization!

Southern Division Patrols: Appalachian · Beech Mountain
Blackwater Nordic · Bryce · Cataloochee · Cloudmont
Hawksnest · Homestead · Massanutten · Ober Gatlinburg
Sapphire · Smoky Mountain Nordic · Snowshoe/Silvercreek
Sugar Mountain · Timberline · Wintergreen
Winterplace · Wolf Ridge

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Southern Division Calendar & Staff Directory

Please refer to the **Division Website** for updated schedules!
www.southernnsp.org

The calendar is flexible dependant on the weather – please check the calendar and/or with your patrol representative / Region Director for the most up-to-date changes.

Join us for Fun in the Mountains
Southern Division - Patroller Conference

August 9-11, 2013
MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center

Please reserve your room at the rate of \$99.00 plus 16.5% tax (\$115.34 total) and ask for the National Ski Patrol 2013 rate
Call (888) 632-3697 (Central Reservations) or (423) 578-6600 / (800) 820-5055 MeadowView direct.

Hotel deadline for reserving rooms at the NSP rate is **FRIDAY - JULY 12, 2013**
<http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/tricc-meadowview-conference-resort-and-convention-center/>



Here are the events scheduled for patrollers this year:

- Annual Board of Directors Meeting
- Senior OEC Trainer / Evaluator Update (Mandatory Update for all Senior OEC Evaluators)
- Basic OEC Update
- Digital Beacons and Avalanche Awareness
- Autism Safety and Awareness
- Professional Director Roundtable
- Incident Investigation Training/Workshop
- Help! My Patrol Needs Members – Recruiting and Retention – Looking at the Present and the Future
- Transportation and Snowsports Program Meeting
- Administrative Program Supervisors Roundtable
- Awards Banquet Saturday Evening

This is a full service hotel and conference center that caters to the needs of its guests. There are two State Parks close by for outdoor recreation. The hotel has its own golf course, plus swimming pool and hot tub. The meeting facilities are first class, and the Hospitality Suite is now an experience. Golf times are limited – so call ahead for reservations if you are interested (\$40.00 for 18 holes includes green and cart fees).

This is the Official Notice for the Annual Board Meeting and I would like to add my official invitation to all members and alumni. This is your event! Please join us for a fun, informative, and educational experience deep in the mountains of Tennessee.

See you there!

Sincerely,

Richard Boyer – Southern Division Director
Rob Raff - Southern Division Meeting Coordinator
Teresa T. Stewart – Southern Division Meeting Organizer



**Southern Division - NSP
Patroller Conference
Registration Form
2013**



**Friday, August 9, 2013; Saturday, August 10, 2013
Please complete one form for each person attending:**

Name: _____
 Address: _____ Email address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone Number you can be reached at: Home _____ Cell _____
 Patrol: _____ Title: _____

Please register me for the following events: ****Schedule is subject to change – Final schedule available @ Conference

Please register me for the following events:	Friday	Saturday
Professional Director Roundtable (Wayne Morgan)	5:00 - 7:00 pm	
Administrative Program Supervisor Roundtable – (Byrd White 1 st ADD)	4:00 - 5:00 pm	
Executive Board Committee Meeting	7:00 - 10:00 pm	
Board of Directors Meeting – Main Meeting Room		8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Senior OEC Trainer/Evaluator Update (Bob Brewster)		8:00 until finished
On-line OEC Class (Bob Brewster) 1 of 4 required		8:30 am – 10:00 am
Updated NSP Forms (Bob Brewster) 1 of 4 required		10:30 am – 12:00 pm
LUNCH		12:00 pm -1:00 pm
On The Fringes of OEC (Bob Brewster) 1 of 4 required		1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Autism Awareness (Scott Campbell) 1 of 4 required		2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Digital Beacons and Avalanche Awareness (Scott Campbell)		4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Incident Investigation Training / Workshop (Wayne Morgan)		1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Help! My Patrol Needs Members – Recruitment & Retention (Bill Smith)		4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Transportation & Snowsports Program (Briggs Allen/Tony Tingle)		4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Alumni Roundtable (Randi Lowery)		4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
AWARDS Banquet		7:00 pm

	<u>Before July 27th</u>	<u>After July 27th</u>
_____ FULL Meeting Conference Registration, Lunch, and Awards Banquet	\$74.00	\$84.00
_____ AWARDS Banquet (7:00 pm) and Conference Registration	\$51.00	\$61.00
_____ LUNCH (12 Noon- 1:00pm) and Conference Registration on Saturday	\$41.00	\$51.00
_____ Conference Registration (Hospitality Suite Included)	\$18.00	\$28.00

Total enclosed = \$ _____

**Mail completed form and check (made out to "Hawksnest Ski Patrol – So. Div. Fall Conference") to:
 Fred Wessels – Conference Registrar, 522 Jervey Road, Tryon, NC 28782**
 For your convenience, you may pay your registration fee online using PayPal. Send your payment to hnsptres@gmail.com. Select "Service/Other". Your confirmation will be your receipt.
Reservation Fees Must Be Received At Above Address By July 27, 2013. And Are Nonrefundable After That Date.

Senior OEC Trainer/Evaluator Update – (Bob Brewster)

For those Senior Trainer/ Evaluators who have not yet gone through the required update. Every Senior OEC T/E must be updated prior to participating in any training or evaluating in the 2013/2014 season. The update includes an overview of the new training manual including changes in evaluating candidates. Also T/E's will work with new scorecards scoring scenarios and every T/E must lead and pass a senior level scenario. This update counts a Basic OEC instructor update as well. Course begins at 8:30 am and will run as long as necessary dependent on the number of participants. Other courses will be given on a limited basis through the fall in the division; it is highly recommended Senior OEC T/E's attend this update.

Basic OEC Update – (Bob Brewster)

Counts towards the required tri-annual update for instructors. Four courses will be offered through Saturday and possibly an additional course on Sunday. Instructors must attend three of the four-hour and a half, two hour courses. Courses at this time are subject to change.

- Course 1 – **On-line OEC Class:** This is an overview of the new on-line OEC course that has been developed by NSP in cooperation with Pearson publishing. Demonstration of online capabilities as well as the live components and necessary requirements to register and offer the course will be demonstrated.
- Course 2 – **Updated NSP Forms:** An overview of all the new forms NSP has out, when, why and how to use them. Throw out all your old forms because they are no longer being accepted. Also where do you find these forms, who fills them out and who do they go to.
- Course 3 – **On the Fringes of OEC:** The 5th edition has probably brought us just as many questions as answers as to with what and how we can and should treat our patients in today's litigious society. This course will look at the role of a medical advisor in a patrol, what are some new or old interventions available to patrollers outside or just inside the 5th edition and how we can integrate some additional medical treatments to our patrols.
- Course 4 – **Autism Safety and Awareness (Scott Campbell):** This is an important enough topic for all of us as patrollers to make it one of the electives for the update.
 - **AUTISM!** Why did that kid just run back into a burning building? Why does he scream when I touch him anywhere on his body? Why does she flap her arms and twirl in circles? How can I communicate with him when he does not talk? Why shouldn't we give her a cookie? Why did he snap his head back and break my nose when I grabbed him from behind? Why did he have a seizure when I only checked for equal and reactive pupils? Learn how to survive and not further injure your next patient with an autism spectrum disorder! Scott Campbell has given over 200 presentations since 2005 on autism safety and awareness to first responders and families, including eleven of them in national forums. He has been a member of the Public Safety Workgroup for autism awareness by the Commonwealth of Virginia since 2010, and one of only two parents certified to teach the parent training module since December 2011. This WILL Count towards Instructor Development Instructor Update requirement.

Avalanche Awareness and New Digital Beacons: Scott Campbell – Division Avalanche Supervisor

There was an annual average of only 5 deaths from avalanches in the 1950's. That has increased to an annual average of about 35 in the past five years. Scott Campbell, Division Avalanche Program Supervisor will be providing a general overview of avalanche awareness and then detailed training with the latest digital avalanche beacons or transmitters.

Help! My Patrol Needs Members ... Presenter: Bill Smith

Does your patrol need more staff? Are you having difficulty recruiting members? If so, this presentation may be able to assist you. Utilizing the Wintergreen Ski Patrol's "*Recruitment and Retention ... A look at the present and to the future*" report as the basis of his presentation, Bill will present information to show how Wintergreen took a reading on the health of their organization that better prepared them to keep their current members and find new ones. To do that however, we sometimes have to ask the hard questions, the ones that we need to ask, but are often afraid of the answers. Come and join us and learn what questions were asked and what some of the answers were.

Incident Investigation Training/Workshop: Wayne Morgan – Contact Person

This is geared towards the Patrol Director and Patrol Representative as well as patrollers – description is pending.