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**R. Morgan Armstrong,**  
*Division Director*

**Patroller Conference** – The 2008 Southern Division Patroller Conference was attended by 15% of all the patrollers in the division. Last year we had about 80 in attendance and this year we had 184 out of our division population of 1,208 patrollers. If you missed the Conference in Kingsport, TN, this year, then you missed a lot. We were able to present the annual Outdoor Emergency Care Instructor Update Course (thanks to **Jane Poundstone, Leslie Carter** and a host of instructors), an Instructor Development Course (thanks to **Ann T. Wood** and her staff), and a CPR Course (thanks to **Paul and Debbie Gagon**). Fifteen Proposals were submitted to the Southern Division Board of Directors this year. Again this year as we did last year, the proposals that were filed prior to the meeting were submitted on Saturday but the vote on proposals was postponed until Sunday to allow patrollers attending the conference to talk proposals over with their Board Representatives and other Board members. Several proposals were also submitted during the conference and debate was lively. The division plans to continue to add programs of interest to the conference so it becomes even more attractive to patrollers. Please make plans to attend next year's conference.

**Patroller Conference Staff** – I want to thank our program staff for the great job they did at this conference. This group was expecting about a 20% increase over the conference attendance last year based on my expectations. We had about 80 in attendance last year and I was expecting another 16 or so increase. Was I wrong! Instead of 96 to 100 patrollers this year we had 184 for this conference. Despite my estimate being off by almost half, they pulled things together, got with the hotel and

were able to obtain larger meeting rooms and banquet space and re-supplied the hospitality suite repeatedly. My admiration to:

**Robb Raff**, Chair  
**Jo Ann Ehlinger** (Registration & Hospitality Suite)  
**Jonathan Hale** (Hospitality Suite)  
**Hugh Jernigan** (Hospitality Suite)  
**Teresa T. Stewart** (Registration)  
**Fred Wessels** (Registration & Accounting)

**Awards** – Another change in the Patroller Conference was the Awards Ceremony on Saturday night. This year personal invitations were sent to all patrollers who were to receive a Service Award of from 5 years of service up to 45 years of service. Many responded and were able to receive the award in person. Each award presented this year was announced at this Awards Event. Our division had three national awards this year: **Outstanding Patrol Representative** – **Joe Donadio** of Appalachian Ski Patrol, **Outstanding Paid Patroller** – **Chris Martin** of Appalachian Ski Patrol and **Runner-Up Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller** - **Teresa T. Stewart** of Hawksnest Ski Patrol. **Tim White**, Executive Director of the NSP presented these awards personally to the patrollers. We had a very large number of awards (see Awards Article this edition) and I want to give a special thanks to **Peggy Harris** and **T. Harris** for a tremendous effort in preparing all these awards. Their efforts help keep the Southern Division in the top ranking of divisions with national awards by making sure the quality work being done by our patrollers gets properly presented to the national team of judges.

**Division Director Election** – This January 2009 the division will be holding an election for Division Director. I was frankly surprised the time for a term of office had come and gone so quickly and it was time for another election. I would like to invite all who have an interest in running for the post of Division Director to check with **Lee T. Wittmann** our Elections Supervisor for the proper procedure and to file. I intend to run for a second term but encourage all who have a like interest to apply and to run for this very important office.

**Ski Season 2008-2009** – A lot is in the works for this ski season. The Southern Division will be working on adding instructors and programs to the Ski and Snowboard School and we always are working on Instructor Development. We have a new Leadership Course that the division is piloting for NSP and that will continue to be perfected. This year the NSP returns Powderfall to its agenda and the dates are April 14 – 17, 2009. The Federation Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski (FIPS) translated the International Federation of Ski Patrollers will hold an international conference in Sweden April 25 – May 2, 2009. Since the Southern Division is a member of FIPS, any patroller wishing to join me at this conference is invited. Contact me and I will give you the information on how to join this conference. The programs are presented by patrols from all over the world and are very, very interesting. I have never been to Sweden so I am looking forward to a new experience and seeing those patrollers from Korea, Japan, Chile, Australia, Great Britain that I met and skied with during the 2007 FIPS Conference in the United States. Patrol Representatives do not forget to begin working on Awards and your End of Year Report

beginning in September for a much easier and enjoyable time next spring. Looking forward to seeing you this ski season and in closing, I have acquired the recent release of **Ski Sentinels: the History of the National Ski Patrol**, which was released this past spring. If you would like it shown as I visit your mountain this year, let me know and I will bring it along. It may also be ordered directly from the NSP Catalogue.

R. Morgan Armstrong - Southern Division Director

### *From the Assistants...*

Richard Boyer,  
*1st. Assistant Division Director*



**End of Year Reports** – One of the things that has to be done as an Officer of the Division or Patrol Representative of the National Ski Patrol is a report at the end of the ski year. For those of you who do not know this includes all officers, both line and staff.

In the coming year I will send out forms to be used by all who need them. In the case of line and staff officers the forms capture the time and travel spent in the service of the ski patrol. The form for patrol directors requires more detail and compilation of time and activities for a myriad of folks under the patrol reps supervision and responsibility. Therefore, careful record keeping of these activities during the year makes this report easier and the absence of such history makes it darn near impossible.

We had, for all intents and purpose, a less than award winning result of getting these reports finished on time last year. I'll take the responsibility and write it off to inexperience on my part, for not being more diligent in reminding you patrol reps and officers. This year, though, I've become a veteran, so be forewarned. I will be reminding you soon and often.

The reports are due to be filed with me by April 15 to give all our mountains time to finish their ski year. Please send your report to me via both email and regular USPS mail. I have to summarize all the 18 mountain reports and the officer reports into one rather large collection, send it on to Morgan who has to add his detail and forward it on to National. Please, let's work together and get these done on a more timely basis this year by starting early and keeping track of necessary activities and time as we go during the ski season.

On a lighter note, we had a very good Patrollers Conference in Kingsport, Tennessee this past August and I, for one, am really looking forward to this ski year and seeing as many of you as Joan and I can on the slopes. Congratulations to all patrollers and patrols who received awards and recognition for their services and rescue activities. Have a good year; do like you usually do and make us all proud of this organization. I continue to be warmly amazed by the awesomeness of the people in the National Ski Patrol!

Richard Boyer

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Brent Bowman,  
*2<sup>nd</sup> ADD, Southern Division*

## **HERE COMES WINTER!!!!!!**

I am anxiously awaiting the first snowflakes in the Southern Division!! As many of you know I LOVE SNOW!!! Yes, my wife thinks I'm crazy but that is the least of my worries. I noticed that Alta and Snowbird had 3+ inches of snow on Sept 1! This means that there are fewer than 60 days before we will get to ride in the Southern Division!



OK, I promise not to use an exclamation point again in this article.

For those of you that did not attend the Southern Division Conference.....What a GREAT TIME YOU MISSED! (oops) Morgan gave tons of awards to some of the VERY deserving & HARD WORKING patrollers of the Southern Division. Among the highlights of the weekend for me was the "New (and Old) Officers Course". For those of you who are a Patrol Rep, Patrol Director or Assistant Patrol Rep/Director and have not attended this meeting you are really missing the boat. We covered the 'to do list' from "Awards" to "Year End Reports". This was done by a number of instructors. Each spent about 10 minutes covering their material and then 10-15 minutes with questions from the 'class'. Lots of great information was shared by all. Anyone who has not attended this session is truly missing a great opportunity to see how things run in the background of this organization. Be sure not to miss next summers meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on the slopes this season.

BRENT

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## **Notes From The North...**

Jan Starr  
*Assistant Division Director – North Area*

The days are getting shorter and the fleeces are on during the day which means ski season will soon be upon us. Refresher dates are set for the areas. These are posted on the Southern Division website and in this Southern Cross edition, along with training and evaluation dates.



As you go through your refresher please thank your instructors as they put a lot of time into this for all to participate. If you can't make your home area refresher and need to go to one at another area, CALL AHEAD TO THE IOR there. They may need to plan for extra people. It is not fair for you to just show up! Make sure you have the correct documentation that shows that you

attended a refresher so that you have verification if you would happen to show up on an OEC delinquent list.

As we go through the winter, remember that attitude is a big part of patrolling and work. It helps to keep positive about things no matter how little “freshies” we may have through the season. It will rub off on everyone around you and make it go much better!

A big WELCOME to **Ted Forbes** as our new VA Region Director. I look forward to working with him this season. He has his work cut out for him trying to fill Bill Smith’s shoes! I will miss Bill and all his help in the past seasons, but I know I will be seeing him out on the hill and in other capacities in patrolling. He will be out there “pacing” himself. A big THANK YOU to him for the wonderful job he has done for our Division.  
Hope to see you “on the hill”

Jan Starr

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Mike Harris,  
*Assistant Division Director – South Area*

### **The Edge of Wetness**

Wow, what a Southern Division Fall Conference! On August 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. Our Division had 184 registered participants in our annual Fall Conference. We were host to Tim and Jan White. Tim is the new Executive Director at our National Office in Lakewood, Colorado. The conference also had an Instructor Development Class, OEC Instructor Update, Snow Sports held meetings for NSP Transportation Instructors, NSP PSIA Instructors, and a CPR refresher. The rooms were a tremendous bargain, the food was delicious, and the hospitality suite hosted by the Hawksnest crew headed by **Rob Raff** was terrific with special thanks to **Fred Wessels**, **Angela Jones** and her husband **Stan**. Everyone in attendance appeared to have enjoyed themselves. There were two patrollers that were rumored to have taken golf lessons from their wives and **T. Ray** was rumored to have scored some impressive autographs.



The awards presented were amazing. **Peg Harris** will have a full article so I won’t steal her thunder on that. I just have to mention the Purple, Blue, and Yellow Merit Star awards for a life saved at Appalachian Ski Mountain and the National Outstanding Paid Patroller-**Chris Martin** and National Outstanding Patrol Representative-Joe Donadio. We are all proud of the awards recipients.

It is sad that Hawksnest will only be open for Tubing this winter. Your Region Director

**Jonathan Hale** has worked with the other three patrols in the region to move the events that were scheduled at Hawksnest. Everything seems to be going well in Dixie and Blue Ridge Regions. **Dennis** and **Jonathan** will report on their regions.

I am looking forward to seeing some of you at the upcoming round of refreshers. Just can't wait for the season to begin so we can spend time on the hill together.

Mike Harris  
aka Tyrone

### *From the Regions...*

Bill Smith,  
*Virginia Region Director*

## **A Fork in the Road**

By: Bill Smith, Virginia Region

I've long been a believer in the concept of the "fork in the road." Many times in life, we encounter decisions - or forks in the road - that force us to decide between one direction or another. Based on our experience, knowledge, emotion and luck, we choose. Somehow we hopefully always choose the correct fork that advances us to the next phase of our lives.

This situation has confronted me at every major crossroad of my life. And looking back, I know why I have made the decisions that I did. I needed to learn something, or help someone else, or be in the right place at the right time.

Since first joining the NSP many years ago, I have encountered a whole drawer full of forks in the road. I have been a proud member of my patrol, the region and the Division and have had the opportunity to serve in many capacities over the years. Those were the first of many either/or decisions I encountered in my ski patrol life that brought me to where I am today in the organization... starting down a new fork in the road.

As I seek out the next opportunity in my life, I do so knowing that I've grown as a person and a professional, I've stretched my abilities to greater lengths and I've had the absolute privilege of working with the most dedicated, talented and professional individuals on the patrols, the committees and board within the Region and Division.

I want each of you to know how greatly I appreciate the splendid support and cooperation which was given to me during my tenure as Region Director. What a great opportunity it has been.

To Ted Forbes, our new Virginia Region Director, I wish you a successful administration and express the hope that, should you find that I can be helpful at some time in the future, you will not hesitate to call on me.

To all of you in the Virginia Region, I wish each of you the best of luck as you encounter the forks in your own lives and those you will encounter in the life of the Region. Please stay in touch and be safe!!!

***"Shoot for the moon, even if you miss you'll still land among the stars"***

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To everyone in the Virginia Region and the Southern Division: As Little Red Riding Hood once said, “My, what big shoes you have.” Well, maybe I am taking a little poetic license here, but let me tell you, Bill Smith is a tough act to follow! I’ve had the great fortune to apprentice with Bill for the past year, and also to patrol with him; I’ve learned a lot and look forward to spending time with all of you on your home slopes.

My plan is to come see you at Refresher this fall, come ski with you during the season, and join you for our Regional training events such as the Senior Program, Ski and Toboggan Enhancement seminars etc. Learning is a big part of my life, and you can count on me to bring that lens to the job. I’m eager to build on the relationships I already have with many of you, and to develop even more across the Region as I travel. Here’s to a great Refresher Season and a hope that cold weather will be our constant companion this season! See you soon ..... Ted Forbes

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## Dixie Region

Dennis Slagle,  
*Dixie Region Director*

I apologize to everyone for not being at the fall meeting, due to extenuating circumstances. It had potential of being one of the best meetings yet. I definitely wanted to be there for the awards banquet knowing all the awards submitted for many in Dixie region. That was an outstanding job by everyone involved. I hope to see everyone at some of the refreshers and on the slopes this year. Most everything in Dixie has been scheduled and is on the calendar. Let’s hope for a good cold year (we are definitely due one).

Dennis Slagle

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## Blue Ridge Region

Jonathan F. Hale,  
*Blue Ridge Region Director*

Hey Fellow Patrollers,

Lot’s happening in Blue Ridge. One Refresher down and one to go. Much thanks goes to the team leaders (the real heroes) such as **Larry Bost, Richard Yercheck, Jenny Ware, Lisa Adams, Theresa Varner, Mark Latendresse, Mark Rees, Fred Wessels, Roger Bushnell and Butch McLean, Hugh Jernigan, Teresa Stewart** and newbie AIT **Cammie Hale** have made it another extremely well organized set of events.

The perennial off-scale duo of instructors **Cathy Lamarre** and **Lisa Adams** are conducting OEC cert classes in the High Country. Please volunteer to help them with testing and teaching as needed. The new requirements on OEC examinations from National are personnel-intensive



and I ask you to help these dedicated instructors with their examinations by volunteering as patients and examiners. A final exam can require as many as 30 volunteer examiners just to make it viable. We are working very hard through Leslie Carter to remedy this situation and she is battling for us on this issue presently.

Ski Hawksnest mountain owners finally succumbed to pressures from financial and political issues and will NOT be open for skiing this year and the foreseeable future. This has cast Ski Patrollers to the wind in search of places to ski. **Brent Rockett** (runner-up winner of the Division Patrol Rep of the Year award) has kept the Hawksnest Ski Patrol Family together through heart-wrenching meetings and spent hours finding new ski-homes for his Patrollers. Other Blue Ridge Mountain Patrol reps have been unbelievably gracious in opening their Patrols to some very good Patrollers. The Hawksnest Ski Patrol is the most decorated Patrol in the Southern Division and it will be sad to leave a patrol family behind. The On-the-hill refresher was a day filled with loud laughter mixed with tears. The Dixie Region has been exceptionally kind in opening up their Patrols to *Hawksnesters* with invitations from Wolf Ridge, Cataloochee, Ober Gatlinburg and others. We truly thank your kind offerings.

The Summer Patrollers symposium and Awards Banquet again showed the Blue Ridge Region taking home the bulk of awards. More than two thirds of the Division awards went to our Region and two National 1<sup>st</sup> Place Awards (just like last year). Appalachian Ski Mountain's PD/PR **Joe Donadio** won the National PD of the year and his associate, **Chris Martin** was the best of the paid Patroller in the country. Hats off to those two guys! I dare to say that the Blue Ridge Region is the most decorated Region in the country and I challenge someone to prove me wrong. It is due primarily to the people that are willing to volunteer their time (like those mentioned in *bold* above) that we are able to get the recognition that is so deserved. Thanks so much to all of you who volunteer your time to make a difference in people lives on a ski slope.

Lastly, I just want to notice the other people that we work for at our mountains, for it is their support that gives us this type of chance to do the specialized work that we do. At the Awards sat two owners **Grady and Reba Moretz** and their family, in support of the heroic efforts of their purple merit star winners that saved a Mother's life last year with fast AED action at the lodge door. The Appalachian Ski Patrol is class personified; they get it from Grady and Reba.

See you soon on the hill! Jonathan

*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 that you are becoming involved with (Outdoor Emergency Care, Toboggan and Ski, Mountain Travel and Rescue, Avalanche, Outdoor First Care, etc). This is also a SENIOR ELECTIVE.

Ann Wood held a course at the Fall Conference in Kingsport, TN in August that was a huge success.

Remember that this is a Senior Elective AND is the first step in becoming an instructor in any of the disciplines.

Interested students should contact Teresa directly at ([stewart.teresa@gmail.com](mailto:stewart.teresa@gmail.com)). Students will also need to buy the Instructor Development Student Manual (#502) from the NSP catalog or through the NSP on-line store. I will be contacting the Region Directors for input from their areas on potential needs for courses after the first of the year. Gear up – the season is almost here!



## Annual Southern Division Awards 2008

Awards Advisor,  
*Peg Harris*

Wow!!! Two years in a row with the Southern Division being awarded two National Outstanding Awards and one National Outstanding Runner Up. This year has really been an exciting one for me as your Southern Division Awards Advisor. I was really thrilled to receive all the nominations for the outstanding categories. As if that wasn't enough, there were national appointment nominations, merit stars and lots of years of service. The Southern Division is proving to be an awards powerhouse.

Your Division Director and your Division Awards Advisor really took a hard look at the way the 2007 awards banquet went. Both of us decided that this year we didn't want to look out at our audience to see folks falling asleep or leaving due to the length of the presentation. And this year, we thank you for approving of our changes!! It is very important that everyone receiving a service award and any of the other categories be recognized individually and I think that we accomplished this and we didn't see anyone leaving or falling asleep!! It was also very rewarding to have our National Executive Director, Tim White, present to witness our success and to present the National Outstanding awards.

And I cannot forget the sheer numbers present at the banquet this year – 184 strong. This is the most folks I have ever seen at any of the banquets I have attended. Thanks to Morgan for sending personal invitations to all who received a service award.

Now for the list of all Southern Division Patrollers who received awards this year.

### **Certificates of Appreciation**

Richard Chadick	Alumni Supervisor 2006-2007
Lisa Adams	Blue Ridge Region Senior Administrator 2005-2008
Jonathan Hale	Assistant Blue Ridge Region Director 2007
Bartek Drewnowski	Massanutten Patrol Director 2000-2008
Steve Kuller	Certified Program Supervisor 2005-2008
Dean Lyons	Sugar Mountain Patrol Director 1985-2008
Homestead Resort	Providing the facility for Leadership Course 2008
Watauga Medical Center	Providing the facility for Leadership Course 2008

### **Service Awards by Patrol**

#### **Administrative**

Jim Underwood                      40 years

***Appalachian***

Henry Horn	10 years		
Carroll Lowe	10 years	Larry Bost	20 years
Sam Taylor	10 years	Mitchell Davis, Jr	20 years
Mike Teague	10 years	James Morris	20 years
Michael Fletcher	15 years	Eddie Winkler	20 years
Reid Stewart	15 years	Lisa Winkler	20 years
Denise Bost	20 years	Tony Ray	30 years

***Beech***

Elise Allen	10 years	Robert Schisla	20 years
Lisa Adams	15 years	Cynthia Schoepfle	30 years
Darren Box	15 years	Michael Ohlson	40 years
David Kaser	15 years	Larry Waters	15 years

***Blackwater Nordic***

Stephen Strothers	10 years	Penelope Dimler	35 years
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***Bryce***

Lisa Gravitte	10 years	Patricia Lessy	30 years
Julie Stocker	10 years	John Leckie	35 years
Rodney Torp	10 years	Lacy Williams	35 years
Carlton Sampson	20 years	Robert McCowen	40 years

***Cataloochee***

Victoria Henley	10 years	Neil Booth	35 years
Constance LeBron	10 years	Robert Landin	35 years
Gordon Pettit	10 years	Charles Henley	40 years
James Peterson	15 years	Janie Bollinger	45 years
David Gunter	20 years	Roger Bollinger	45 years
Robert Feldmann	30 years	Jack Britt	45 years

***Cloudmont***

Celeste Bernstein	10 years	John Newton	40 years
Jeff Leonard	10 years		

***Hawksnest***

Bill Herring	10 years	James Shuttleworth	35 years
Brent Rockett	25 years	Dave Guertin	40 years
Harry Stowe	25 years		

***Homestead***

Ronald Goings	15 years		
James Birchfield, Sr	20 years		

**Massanutten**

Tom Byron	10 years	Michael Miller	25 years
Charles Harner	10 years	Leslie Carter	35 years
David Brown	20 years		

**Ober Gatlinburg**

Jeff Hostler	10 years	Brent Galloway	15 years
Eric Randall	10 years	Mark Howard	15 years
Stanley Shue	10 years	Steve Cortelyou	20 years
Randy Bjornstad	15 years	Dennis Slagle	30 years

**Sapphire**

Robert Melton	10 years
Timothy Bauer	30 years

**Smokey Mountain Nordic**

Patti Johnson	20 years
Deborah Meacham	25 years
Andy Meacham	30 years

**Snowshoe**

Gerry Bateman	10 years	Ian Archibald	10 years
Charlotte Bradley	10 years	Mark Mendes	15 years
Timothy Estep	10 years	Marti Mitchell	15 years
Gregory Gill	10 years	Marie Mohrman	15 years
Christopher Jacobs	10 years	Ann Slayton	15 years
David Justice	10 years	Les Stiers	15 years
Diana Lintala-Raming	10 years	Virginia Wiesz	20 years
David Orlando	10 years	Jeffrey Gooding	25 years
Jon Magi	30 years		

**Sugar**

Tim Hagaman	10 years	Mark Thurston	15 years
Terry Loges	10 years	Steven Wall	15 years
Babette Fleming	15 years	Jean Webb	15 years
Jane Johnson	15 years	Doug Groce	35 years
Mary Self	15 years	Norris Woody	35 years

**Timberline**

Darren Bennett	10 years	Scott Kersjes	10 years
William Cox	10 years	Frank Loughery	10 years
Julie Cyphers	10 years	Dale Schultz	25 years
Richard Dunn	10 years		

***Wintergreen***

Christopher Cuthbert	10 years	Tucker Crolius	15 years
Patricia Deane	10 years	Bill Smith	15 years
Landon Harris	10 years	James Dick	20 years
Brett Henryon	10 years	Mary Graham	20 years
Geoffrey Stagg	10 years	Stephen Wilcox	20 years
Carrie Webber	10 years	Robin Meyer	30 years

***Winterplace***

David Wallace	10 years	Joy Marr	25 years
Tressa Mason	15 years	George McMurray	25 years
Lowell Frantz	25 years	Gregory Rash	30 years
Michael Kelly	25 years		

***Wolf Ridge***

Michael Erb	10 years	Mary Waldrep	10 years
Sue Estridge	10 years	Rhonda Smith	15 years

**Merit Stars**

***Purple Merit Star***

John Whitener  
Tony Ray  
Joseph LaCroix

Successfully saving the life of a 44-year old female skier in cardiac arrest at the Appalachian Ski Mountain Thursday January 3, 2008.

***Blue Merit Star***

Chris Martin  
Joe Donadio

Successfully assisting in saving the life of a 44-year old female skier in cardiac arrest at Appalachian Ski Mountain Thursday January 3, 2008.

***Yellow Merit Star***

Mark Latendresse

Support in saving the life of a 44-year old female skier in cardiac arrest at Appalachian Ski Mountain Thursday January 3, 2008.

***Blue Merit Star***

Steve Ebb  
Joe Ayers  
Greg Gabrilets

***Yellow Merit Star***

Dave Crawford  
Amanda Ogle  
Joy Jucker

Superior medical acumen during the multiple patient rescue efforts during the Ober Gatlinburg Cardboard Sled Race on February 5, 2008

***Yellow Merit Star***

Lee Wilkinson Outstanding service to the National Ski Patrol  
Wolf Ridge

Steve Waldrep Outstanding service to the National Ski Patrol  
Wolf Ridge

David Gunter Exemplary service to the Cataloochee Ski Patrol  
Cataloochee

Peter Knowland Outstanding service to the Dixie Region Senior Program  
Cataloochee

Melanie Wolford Outstanding service to the Dixie Region Senior Program  
Cataloochee

Rhonda Ratcliff Outstanding support of Ober Gatlinburg Ski Patrol & Area  
Management during the 2006-2008 ski seasons

Craig Ratcliff Outstanding support of Ober Gatlinburg Ski Patrol & Area  
Management during the 2006-2008 ski seasons

**Patroller's Cross**

Rob Raff Personal sacrifice in service to all who ski  
Hawksnest

**NSP Angel Award**

Beverly Huff For her service and dedication to the Ober Gatlinburg Ski Patrol

**Leadership Commendation Award**

Harvey Varner LCA # 8411  
Hawksnest

**National Appointment**

Robert Brewster NA # 10806  
Cataloochee

Jonathan Hale NA # 10808  
Hawksnest

Tony Tingle NA # 10810  
Hawksnest

Richard Boyer NA # 10812  
Cataloochee

**Distinguished Service Award**

Lewis Dimler                      Given posthumously for his 30 years of service providing instruction and training of patrollers in four NSP Divisions and eight Patrols.

**Division Director's Award**

Neil Booth presented **Bill Smith** with a very beautiful and very large plaque in appreciation for all Bill did for him when he was the Southern Division Director.

Jonathan Hale presented **Tony Cheek** with a NSP key chain engraved on the back with “Tony the Tiger” for her efforts in running a successful Senior EMM evaluation for the 2008 season. Be careful Tony – once you are a star – the job will be yours for a very long time!!

**Division Outstanding Winners**

The winners received a plaque from the Southern Division and a Yellow Merit Star from National for being the Southern Division Winner. The runner-ups received a framed certificate signed by the Division Director.

***OEC Instructor***

Paul Thompson  
Wintergreen

***Runner Up***

Charles Quillen  
Wolf Ridge

***Instructor***

Jonathan Hale  
Hawksnest

***Runner Up***

Susanne Ebling  
Wintergreen

***Paid Patroller***

Chris Martin  
Appalachian

***Runner Up***

Meggan Monaghan  
Wintergreen

***Patrol Representative***

Joe Donadio  
Appalachian

***Runner Up***

Brent Rockett  
Hawksnest

***Auxiliary Patroller***

Teresa T. Stewart  
Hawksnest

***Runner Up***

Deborah Lentz  
Appalachian

***Young Adult Patroller***

Amy Norwood  
Appalachian

***Runner Up***

Brant Taylor  
Hawksnest

***Alpine Patroller***

Mark Taylor  
Hawksnest

***Runner Up***

Mike Fletcher  
Appalachian

***Large Alpine Patrol***

Wintergreen

***Runner Up***

Appalachian

***National Outstanding Winners From Southern Division***

The winners received a Gold Merit Star from National for being selected as the National Outstanding Winner.

***Patrol Representative***

Joe Donadio  
Appalachian

***Paid Patroller***

Chris Martin  
Appalachian

The runner up received a Silver Merit Star from National for being selected as the National Outstanding Runner Up.

***Runner Up Auxiliary***

Teresa T. Stewart  
Hawksnest

I cannot stress enough what a fun time I had assisting Morgan in giving out all the above mentioned awards. This is one of the best ways to thank those who so deserve the recognition. So with that said, I expect more nominations in all the categories next season so start thinking about who needs to be nominated now.

Thanks to all of you who made this year's awards banquet such a success!

**National Ski Patrol  
Southern Division  
2009 Division Director Election Procedure & Schedule**

December 1, 2008 is the deadline for the submission of nominees for the office of Southern Division Director. The election will be held in accordance with the Southern Division By-Laws, Article V. Election or Appointment of Officers.

All nominations will be acknowledged with an email from the Election Coordinator. It is strongly suggested that the correspondence be followed up if you do not receive an acknowledgement in a reasonable time.

Any questions or concerns should be addressed to Lee T. Wittmann, Election Coordinator.

**December 1, 2008 Deadline for submitting nominations**

Required:

Signed acceptance of nominee

One page resume

Candidate's one page platform (optional)

Info will be forwarded to Southern Cross editor for inclusion in January/Mid-winter issue and to the Internet Communications Supervisor for posting on web site. It is recommended that the candidate verify that the editor of the Southern Cross and the Internet Communications Supervisor have received their articles.

**December 15, 2008** Deadline for eligibility determination.

Ineligible candidates have seven days to appeal to the PAST Division Director.

**December 22, 2008** Election Coordinator submits slate to National Chair for review. Any concerns of Chair are due by January 1.

**February 1, 2009** Ballots, resumes & platforms will be sent to all Patrol Representatives of record.

**February 21, 2009 Deadline for the receipt of ballots in hand of election coordinator.**

**March 1, 2009** Election Coordinator will announce results of the election.

Any concerns or procedural questions should be addressed to the Election Coordinator:

Lee T. Wittmann  
102 Rainbow's End  
Beech Mountain, NC 28604  
Home 828.387.9722  
Office 828.387.3505  
Fax 828.387.3506  
[lwittmann@skybest.com](mailto:lwittmann@skybest.com)

## *From Around the Division...*

Southern Division Telecommunications  
*Rick Woodlee*

Once again, ski season approaches with ever increasing speed. Are you ready?

Let's look at some of the things that might need to be done:

1. Skis—ug! Look at all that rust on those life saving edges.
2. Skis—Look at that gouge, I thought I hit a rock at the end of last season.
3. Clothes—My ski cloths stink!
4. First aid belt—I do not think this stuff is sterile.
5. Patrol jacket—Do I have to get this jacket dry-cleaned?
6. Radio—I turned it on—nothing happened. I opened the battery compartment; then, some strange, corrosive paste oozed out. Well, I always wanted one of those new, do it all radios for less than \$100.

Does all this sound familiar? I guess I need to do some fall cleaning and start to get ready for patrolling.

This is a great time to get a new radio battery; or, even a new radio. You can get a new battery at a good price at 800-308-4805, or [WWW.batteriesamerica.com](http://WWW.batteriesamerica.com).

You can find a new radio on Ebay. I personally like the Puxing because it meets most of my operational and function requirements for less than \$100. You can find these radios by going to the Ebay internet site; then, search for "Puxing." Most likely you will get several hits for Puxing. Browse around and you will most likely find a Puxing Vhf radio for about \$50 plus shipping. (I think the high shipping amount is a rip-off; but, is still cheaper that the \$300 to \$500 type radios.)

Some of the specifications for the VHF radio are as follows:

1. Transmit power = 5 watts
2. Receive sensitivity = .2 uwatts/12 db sinad
3. Both broadband (25 MHz) and narrow band (12.5 MHz)  
(this is important if you are using a narrow band repeater)
4. A Li-ion battery that lasts me 3 days on one charge under normal use.
5. 118 channels
6. Lots of other bells and whistles
7. Optional speaker/mic
8. Optional program cable plus software to program the radio with a computer.  
(you can also program the radio manually---good luck)
9. Very small size (about the size of a regular pack of cigarettes)

There are other radios from China (I think made in the same factory) with names like the following: 1. Quanzhou 2. Licheng (who knows what other names)

If your mountain uses UHF; then, Puxing makes a UHF version too. If you need more information, please contact me.

Now is a great time to prepare your radio for patrolling use. 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 the 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.
4. This gives the technicians time to order and receive parts and fix the radio to like new condition.
5. 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 Part 90, para. 201-217. You are still required to have the primary operating parameters to be in tolerance. If there is an incident involving your radio; and, you are found to be negligent in maintaining those parameters; then, you are responsible. The primary operating parameters are as follows: frequency tolerance, spurious radiation, modulation, and power output.)

The operating requirements and procedures can be found in the FCC rules and regulations Part 90 para.401-449. A brief summary proper radio communications and operations is as follows:

1. Never use profanity or improper communications on the air.
2. Never interfere with other users of the frequency. (ie, 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 Areas' license close to your base radio; so, there is no question about frequency authorization and use.

One of my goals this year is to visit as many refreshers and ski areas as possible. I will bring my test equipment; and, (time permitting)I will be happy to check as many radios as possible. Please contact me if I can assist you in any of your telecommunications programs. Phone: 828-693-1554 or Email me at [N4FAT@juno.com](mailto:N4FAT@juno.com).

**The Southern Division and Sugar Mountain Ski Patrol take the lead.  
The Anniversary Fundraising Campaign: Guiding our Future**

On June 20, 2008 the National Ski Patrol kicked off its National Fundraising Campaign, an important fundraising mission that will span five years and play a considerable role in guiding the organization into the future. The Campaign is the first fundraiser to be developed by the NSP in its 70-year history.

At the Southern Division Fall Conference in Kingsport, TN the Board of Directors voted to become a Platinum Sponsor. The Division will donate \$ 10,000.00 to the Campaign, to be paid 1/5 over the five years. Also the Sugar Mountain Ski Patrol in Banner Elk, NC. which has been part of The National Ski Patrol since 1969 will become a Silver Sponsor and donate \$ 500.00.

Sugar Mountain Patrol Representative Flynn Harris stated “It’s time to help and give back to our Organization. I hope other ski patrols in the Southern Division will also consider giving to the campaign.”

The Campaign will help shape the future of our organization by creating financial stability to support the goals and mission of the NSP. It has been created to ensure that the National Ski Patrol remains a financially secure non-profit institution and continues its historic purpose as established in the Federal Charter. The Campaign will target a broad range of benefactors including NSP members, industry partners, and the skiing and general public. The Campaign will run through the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NSP in 2013. The goal is to raise \$1,000,000 over five years. It will generally benefit these four major areas.

NSP Education and Credentialing Programs;  
Research and Promotion of Public Safety in Skiing and Outdoor Recreation;  
A Future Leaders’ Scholarship Program;  
National Office Infrastructure and Operating Systems.

Pledges can be paid over 5 years of the Campaign. Sponsorship levels include:

Bronze Sponsor: \$100 +  
Silver Sponsor: \$500 +  
Gold Sponsor: \$1,000 +  
Platinum Sponsor: \$5,000 +

The NSP is a 501c3 organization and donations are tax deductible. Pledges can be sent via check to: The NSP Fundraising Campaign, The National Ski Patrol, 133 S. Van Gordon St., Ste. 100, Lakewood, CO 80228. An email notifying NSP of your intent to donate can be sent to NSP Executive Director Tim White at [timw@nsp.org](mailto:timw@nsp.org).

By: Norris Woody



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**Limited Lifetime Membership Drive**

200 memberships will be available for \$550.00 on a first-come, first served basis

**LIFETIME MEMBER**

**Never pay National Dues\* again and help support the long-range efforts of the National Ski Patrol**

This offer is open to all Active and Alumni members of NSP and comes with:

- Framed Lifetime Membership Certificate
- Lifetime Membership Lapel Pin
- NSP Registration Card with Lifetime indication
- May Be Tax Deductible

**LIMITED LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP \$550.00 – one-time fee FOR THE FIRST 200 MEMBERS ONLY**

*\* Active members are still responsible for their patrol, section, region and division dues.*

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Yes, I want to help NSP and never pay National Dues again. My check is enclosed.  
 Yes, Please Bill My Credit Card (circle one) AE / Discover / MC / VISA

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please send check or money order to:  
**National Ski Patrol Systems, Inc.**  
133 S. Van Gordon Street, Suite 100  
Lakewood, CO 80228

## **Southern Division Calendar**

**Please refer to the Division Website for updated schedules!**

[www.southernnsp.org](http://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.

# 2008 - 2009 SOUTHERN DIVISION CALENDAR

Rev 10-01-2008

## 2008 DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE DATES

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL

## 2008 DIVISION PROGRAM DATES

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
11-29	Teaching Clinic – Ski & Snowboard School – PSIA Level I & II	Cataloochee	Briggs Allen		<a href="mailto:briggsaln@aol.com">briggsaln@aol.com</a>
11-30	Teaching Clinic – Ski & Snowboard School – PSIA Level I & II	Cataloochee	Briggs Allen		<a href="mailto:briggsaln@aol.com">briggsaln@aol.com</a>

**2009**  
**DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE DATES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
01-12	DEADLINE – Southern Cross articles		Teresa Stewart, Editor SC	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>
04-01	DUE – Awards Nominations		Peggy Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
04-01	DUE – Patrol – Financial Reports DUE – Division Expense Reimbursements Requests (2009-2010)		Jim Underwood	865-483-3675	<a href="mailto:jnu@bellsouth.net">jnu@bellsouth.net</a>
04-15	DUE – Patrol – End of Year Reports DUE – Supervisor – End of Year Reports		Richard Boyer, Jr.	770-975-5875	<a href="mailto:richardboyer@bellsouth.net">richardboyer@bellsouth.net</a>
05-22	DEADLINE – Southern Cross articles		Teresa Stewart, Editor SC	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>

**2009**  
**DIVISION PROGRAM DATES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
03-13	Certified – TEST	Snowshoe	Brandon Deane	434-296-8479	<a href="mailto:bdeane@blueridgeschool.com">bdeane@blueridgeschool.com</a>
03-14	Certified – TEST	Snowshoe	Brandon Deane	434-296-8479	<a href="mailto:bdeane@blueridgeschool.com">bdeane@blueridgeschool.com</a>
03-15	Certified – TEST	Snowshoe	Brandon Deane	434-296-8479	<a href="mailto:bdeane@blueridgeschool.com">bdeane@blueridgeschool.com</a>
04-14	Powderfall 2009	Snowbird, UT	NSP	303-988-1111	<a href="http://www.nsp.org">http://www.nsp.org</a>
04-15	Powderfall 2009	Snowbird, UT	NSP	303-988-1111	<a href="http://www.nsp.org">http://www.nsp.org</a>
04-16	Powderfall 2009	Snowbird, UT	NSP	303-988-1111	<a href="http://www.nsp.org">http://www.nsp.org</a>
04-17	Powderfall 2009	Snowbird, UT	NSP	303-988-1111	<a href="http://www.nsp.org">http://www.nsp.org</a>
05-16	Executive Committee Meeting	Roanoke, VA	R. Morgan Armstrong	276-629-1654	<a href="mailto:rmasp@comcast.net">rmasp@comcast.net</a>

**2008  
BLUE RIDGE REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
10-04	OEC Refresher – Hawksnest/Sugar	Valle Crusis	Teresa Stewart	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>
11-01	OEC Refresher – Carolina Highlands	Valle Crusis	Teresa Stewart	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>
11-01	CPR Refresher	Beech	Ann T. Wood	336-282-3097	<a href="mailto:awood@ptcog.org">awood@ptcog.org</a>
12-07	S&T Examiners Clinic	Appalachian	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>

**2009  
BLUE RIDGE REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
01-04	S&T Basic – Test	Sugar	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
01-10	S&T Senior – Clinic	Beech	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
01-11	Senior EMM – Clinic	Beech	Toni Cheek	423-676-5493	<a href="mailto:tbcheek@fedex.com">tbcheek@fedex.com</a>
01-31	S&T Basic – Test	Beech	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
02-01	S&T Basic – Test	Beech	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
02-07	Ski & Snowboard School	Beech	Briggs Allen		<a href="mailto:briggsaln@aol.com">briggsaln@aol.com</a>
02-08	Ski & Snowboard School	Beech	Briggs Allen		<a href="mailto:briggsaln@aol.com">briggsaln@aol.com</a>
02-21	Senior EMM – Test	Appalachian	Toni Cheek	423-676-5493	<a href="mailto:tbcheek@fedex.com">tbcheek@fedex.com</a>
02-26	S&T Basic – Test	Appalachian	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>

**2008  
DIXIE REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
10-04	Pre-Refresher – Cataloochee	Western Carolina University	Wayne Morgan	828-926-0285	<a href="mailto:wmorgan@cataloochee.com">wmorgan@cataloochee.com</a>
10-18	Pre-Refresher – Ober Gatlinburg	Pellissippi State	Adrienne Armes	865-617-7669	<a href="mailto:One_ton_Cherokee@hotmail.com">One_ton_Cherokee@hotmail.com</a>
10-25	Pre-Refresher	Cloudmont	Jamie Marshall	404-386-2765	<a href="mailto:fjmarshl@aol.com">fjmarshl@aol.com</a>
10-26	Refresher – OEC	Cloudmont	Jamie Marshall	404-386-2765	<a href="mailto:fjmarshl@aol.com">fjmarshl@aol.com</a>
11-01	Pre-Refresher	Wolf Ridge	Phil Bentley	828-713-4462	<a href="mailto:philbentley@charter.net">philbentley@charter.net</a>
11-01	Refresher – OEC	Cataloochee	Wayne Morgan	828-926-0285	<a href="mailto:wmorgan@cataloochee.com">wmorgan@cataloochee.com</a>
11-02	Refresher – On-the-Hill	Cataloochee	Dan Greene	770-640-6396	<a href="mailto:d.greene@mindspring.com">d.greene@mindspring.com</a>
11-15	Refresher – Ober Gatlinburg	Pellissippi State	Adrienne Armes	865-617-7669	<a href="mailto:One_ton_Cherokee@hotmail.com">One_ton_Cherokee@hotmail.com</a>
11-15	Refresher – OEC	Wolf Ridge	Phil Bentley	828-713-4462	<a href="mailto:philbentley@charter.net">philbentley@charter.net</a>
11-29	Teaching Clinic – Ski & Snowboard School – PSIA Level I & II	Cataloochee	Briggs Allen		<a href="mailto:briggsaln@aol.com">briggsaln@aol.com</a>
11-30	Teaching Clinic – Ski & Snowboard School – PSIA Level I & II	Cataloochee	Briggs Allen		<a href="mailto:briggsaln@aol.com">briggsaln@aol.com</a>

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DIXIE REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
01-11	Senior S&T Clinic	Cataloochee	Bob Brewster	828-423-3410	<a href="mailto:bobbrewster@charter.net">bobbrewster@charter.net</a>
01-25	Senior EMM Clinic	Cataloochee	Bob Brewster	828-423-3410	<a href="mailto:bobbrewster@charter.net">bobbrewster@charter.net</a>
02-01	Senior S&T Clinic	Wolf Ridge	Bob Brewster	828-423-3410	<a href="mailto:bobbrewster@charter.net">bobbrewster@charter.net</a>
02-21	Senior S&T Test	Ober Gatlinburg	Bob Brewster	828-423-3410	<a href="mailto:bobbrewster@charter.net">bobbrewster@charter.net</a>
02-22	Senior S&T Test	Ober Gatlinburg	Bob Brewster	828-423-3410	<a href="mailto:bobbrewster@charter.net">bobbrewster@charter.net</a>
03-01	Senior EMM Test	Cataloochee	Bob Brewster	828-423-3410	<a href="mailto:bobbrewster@charter.net">bobbrewster@charter.net</a>

**2008  
VIRGINIA REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
10-04	Pre-Refresher	Massanutten	Will Drewery	540-421-4890	<a href="mailto:wdrewery@hughes.net">wdrewery@hughes.net</a>
10-04	Pre-refresher	Wintergreen	Greg Pence	804-821-4309	<a href="mailto:gpence@flowserve.com">gpence@flowserve.com</a>
10-17	Pro Night - Freestyle	Charlottesville	Denika Gum	434-973-6885	<a href="mailto:hiuallll@aol.com">hiuallll@aol.com</a>
10-18	Refresher – OEC	Wintergreen	Greg Pence	804-821-4309	<a href="mailto:gpence@flowserve.com">gpence@flowserve.com</a>
10-18	Bryce Ski Swap	Richmond	Bill Kost	703-255-6663	<a href="mailto:billkost@cox.net">billkost@cox.net</a>
10-18	Pre-Refresher	Bryce	Bill Kost	703-255-6663	billkost@cox.net
10-18	Patrol Meeting	Bryce	Bill Kost	703-255-6663	<a href="mailto:billkost@cox.net">billkost@cox.net</a>
10-19	Refresher – on the hill	Wintergreen	Tucker Crolius	434-325-8060	<a href="mailto:tcrolius@aol.com">tcrolius@aol.com</a>
10-19	Refresher – OEC	Bryce	Bill Kost	703-255-6663	billkost@cox.net
10-25	Refresher – on the hill	Massanutten	Steve Kuller	540-289-4925	<a href="mailto:skuller@massresort.com">skuller@massresort.com</a>
10-26	Refresher – OEC	Massanutten	Will Drewery	540-421-4890	<a href="mailto:wdrewery@hughes.net">wdrewery@hughes.net</a>
11-01	OEC Basic Course – Begin Date	Massanutten	Steve Kuller	540-289-4925	<a href="mailto:skuller@massresort.com">skuller@massresort.com</a>
11-28	Ski Swap – Wintergreen Patrol	Wintergreen	Jim McCaslin	703-250-5193	<a href="mailto:mccaslin_jim@earthlink.net">mccaslin_jim@earthlink.net</a>
12-21	Transfer Orientation	Wintergreen	Ted Forbes	434-979-9354	<a href="mailto:forbest@darden.virginia.edu">forbest@darden.virginia.edu</a>

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VIRGINIA REGION EVENTS**

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01-10	Senior EMM Clinic	Bryce	T Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
01-11	Senior S & T Clinic	Massanutten	T Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
01-24	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Massanutten	Mike Fisher	434-296-8485	<a href="mailto:heardmtn06@hughes.net">heardmtn06@hughes.net</a>
01-25	Ski Enhancement Seminar	Wintergreen	John Shaffer	703-719-5945	<a href="mailto:john.shaffer@us.army.mil">john.shaffer@us.army.mil</a>
02-07	Ski Enhancement Seminar	Massanutten	John Shaffer	703-719-5945	<a href="mailto:john.shaffer@us.army.mil">john.shaffer@us.army.mil</a>
02-21	Senior EMM Evaluation	Bryce	T Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
02-22	Senior S & T Evaluation	Wintergreen	T Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
03-07	Instructor Development	Massanutten	Cathy Riley-Hall	703-830-9520	<a href="#">Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.</a>
03-08	Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher	434-296-8485	<a href="mailto:heardmtn06@hughes.net">heardmtn06@hughes.net</a>

**2008**  
**WEST VIRGINIA REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
10-04	PreRefresher	SnowShoe	Dan Philippi	304-572-0535	dphilippi@carolina.rr.com
10-18	Refresher – OEC	Timberline	Bill Cox	703-351-9747	Mountain.bc@verizon.net
10-25	Refresher – OEC	WinterPlace	Gorge McMurry		jorgemcmurray@gmail.com
11-01	Refresher – OEC	Snowshoe	Dan Philippi	304-572-0535	dphilippi@carolina.rr.com
12-06	Instructor Development	WinterPlace	Greg Rash		Greg.rash@insightbb.com
12-14	Ski Trainers Workshop	Snowshoe	Dan Philippi	304-572-5035	<a href="mailto:dphilippi@carolina.rr.com">dphilippi@carolina.rr.com</a>

**2009**  
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01-31	Sr. EMM Clinic	WinterPlace	George McMurray		<a href="mailto:jorgemcmurray@gmail.com">jorgemcmurray@gmail.com</a>
02-08	Ski Enhancement Seminar	Snowshoe	Jan Starr	304-572-2103	<a href="mailto:mvfarm@frontiernet.net">mvfarm@frontiernet.net</a>
02-22	Toboggan Enhancement	Snowshoe	Jan Starr	304-572-2103	<a href="mailto:mvfarm@frontiernet.net">mvfarm@frontiernet.net</a>
03-07	Sr. EMM Evaluation	Timberline	Bill Cox	703-351-9747	<a href="mailto:Mountain.bc@verizon.net">Mountain.bc@verizon.net</a>
03-08	Sr. S&T Evaluation	Snowshoe	Jan Starr	304-572-2103	<a href="mailto:mvfarm@frontiernet.net">mvfarm@frontiernet.net</a>
03-13	Certified – TEST	Snowshoe	Brandon Deane	434-296-8479	<a href="mailto:bdeane@blueridgeschool.com">bdeane@blueridgeschool.com</a>
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## A BIG EVENT IS COMING TO THE SOUTHERN DIVISION

When I was a kid (yes, more than 50 years ago if you must know), once a year the Fair would come to town. Flyers would go up all over the county and all the kids would get excited. Everyone went to the Fair.

The Southern Division is hoping to have an event equally as important and exciting for the patrollers of the division and we want each and everyone to **COME TO THE SOUTHERN DIVISION CONFERENCE**.

This is the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Ski Patrol. Last year we expanded the Fall Officers Meeting into more of a conference and we are taking that concept and adding to it so this year the event is primarily a **SKI PATROLLERS CONFERENCE**. We will still be conducting the Fall Officers Meeting for those of you who want or might need to be heard on an issue but we are making the weekend a fun weekend dedicated to the patrollers of the division.

This year our new Executive Director of the National Ski Patrol, **Tim White**, will attend our conference. You will be able to hear what has, is and will be going on with the National Ski Patrol from the best source of information available. Every patroller at the conference will also have an opportunity to talk with our Executive Director about where we will be heading with the National Ski Patrol. A lot is going on with patrolling and this Southern Division Conference will be history in the making.

The event will be held at the MeadowView Marriott Resort & Conference Center, 1901 Meadowview Parkway, Kingsport, TN 37660 on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. We are planning to show the new film about the National Ski Patrol and its

history, conduct a CPR Class for patrollers, hold the Instructor Update Course for the Outdoor Emergency Care Instructors and provide an Instructor Development Course for patrollers who would like to begin instructing in any discipline. Awards will be given out during the evening Banquet on Saturday with special invitations going to those patrollers who will receive service awards for years dedicated to the NSP this year. We also are asking ski shops to attend and bring pro forms and equipment for our patrollers.

The Kingsport Area is a fabulous venue for the family. Dollywood is not far away and there will be local attractions information for you and for the family. Shopping in this area is always great and the resort is a destination resort for golfers. Plan to spend an extra day and enjoy all of the benefits of our discounted room rates. Every night there will be a party in the hospitality suite for patrollers, their families and their guests.

A new, Leadership Course is being developed for the National Ski Patrol by members of the Southern Division. Patrollers at this Conference will get to see a program about this new course. **Bill Smith, Mary Underwood, Ted Forbes and Jim Underwood** haven written and produced this new course and it has received rave reviews by the two groups of fortunate patrollers who took it at the Homestead Resort, Hot Springs, Virginia and Watauga Medical Center, Boone, North Carolina.

Again this year, Proposals for the operation of the division will be taken on Saturday but not voted on until Sunday. This gives all patrollers present at the Conference an opportunity to talk to voting members so patrollers are able to make a difference in how the business of the division is conducted. Any patroller may make a Proposal (Motion on what needs to be changed) and have it heard by the full Board of Directors. Contact the Division Director at [rmasp@comcast.net](mailto:rmasp@comcast.net) for forms and instructions.

The Southern Division Conference is for everyone. Learn about and participate in the government of your division, take a course or update a skill while having a good time over the weekend, party with patrollers from all over the division, find out who is getting an award and be present should your patrol gets an award.

*Fact versus Rumor - Fact versus Rumor - Fact versus Rumor - Fact versus Rumor - Fact versus Rumor*

## FACT versus RUMOR

**Question:** We have policies and procedures clearly published regarding our own patrol's involvement in medical treatment of a patient and what can and can't be discussed by patrollers but what are the rules regarding information discussed with us about an event involving a foreign patrol?

This issue recently was sent to the Executive Committee of the Southern Division for review. The facts might differ but it can occur that a patroller knows someone (usually a non-patroller) who has had a family member or a friend injured in a snow sports accident at another resort.

The family member or friend discusses the matter with the patroller and the discussion turns critical and may indicate a desire to sue. During this discussion the patroller is told certain facts about the event. Some or all of these facts may be accurate, some may be partly accurate or some or all may be a total misconception of what actually took place. What does a patroller do with this information?

The Executive Committee discussed various answers to try to find the best solution. Some of the discussion included the following answers. Remain silent? Report it to his or her Patrol Representative? Report it to his or her Patrol Director? Report it to the first patroller he or she runs into from that patrol? Report it up the chain of command of NSP? If the patroller does contact someone, should one use the telephone, U. S. Postal Service or email?

The Executive Committee discussed this at length and determined a guide for the Southern Division on how to handle this difficult problem. Here were our thoughts about how best to answer these issues.

First, everyone agreed one should not remain silent if criticism was voiced about how a matter was handled. The patrol involved would want to know so they might address a problem or if there was no problem with treatment of the patient, they might want to decide what if anything to do about a false rumor. This might especially be true if there were newspaper accounts published and the facts were stated incorrectly in the newspaper. This also might be the first indication of someone considering the filing of a suit and here knowledge is valuable for the protection of evidence for everyone concerned. Anytime litigation is mentioned public comment should be limited so as not to find "off the cuff" statements being used as a basis for a subpoena for a court appearance.

Second, it was agreed that email should not be used. It is not secure enough to handle this type of communication.

Third, the Executive Committee agreed that since this issue is an operational issue dealing with resort operations and the potential for resort liability, the patroller should report this matter to the Patrol Director of his or her patrol. The Patrol Director should be requested to contact the Patrol Director of the patrol being discussed and involved in the original event by mail or telephone but never by email. This keeps the matter within the chain of command on the operational side of the NSP house and would not involve the NSP directly unless and until a suit was actually filed. The report should include the information, which was related to the patroller, along with the name and contact information of the patroller who heard the information. The matter should not be discussed with any other person (patroller or otherwise) so as not to compound the problem.

Fourth, if a line officer or program officer is told of the matter then the line officer or program officer should ask the patroller to follow the guidelines in the above steps. A follow-up phone call to the patroller and his Patrol Director would be in order to confirm how it was handled. Whenever a legal question arises every one should always direct this inquiry to the Region or Division Legal Advisor.

It will be a rare instance when one patroller is told of information about an accident at another patrol but it has and will happen in the future. Rather than be without guidance on this rare issue, the Executive Committee thought it wise to provide some guidance.

Submitted May 17, 2008

R. Morgan Armstrong,  
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### *From the Assistants...*

Richard Boyer,  
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**“End of Year Report”** is, to many patrol reps, a dreaded phrase used near the end of each season to take up more precious time. And for what? We seem to throw all these bits of information together then send them off into the great abyss, never to be looked at again or used for any practical and good measure. Well, I’m here to try to give some explanation as to why these reports are good and even at times necessary for our services as an educational and patrolling organization.

First of all, National requires each division director to compose an annual report, which covers among other things, the state of the well-being of each division. All your reports are summarized into a segment that serves as part three of this Division Director report.

Secondly, the Division Director uses this information to assure the patrols doing what is necessary for their continued ability to perform the services the resorts expect of our organization.

In the near future we will publish this EOY Summary in the Southern Cross so you can begin to directly benefit from this fact gathering. I’d like to do some trend studies of some of the major elements of this report, comparing year to year growth and composition of the patrols for planning purposes and to measure where individual patrols may be progressing or otherwise.

We received some valuable input in this past executive committee meeting regarding the EOY Report process and will take it under advisement in attempting to make it more predictable, less burdensome, less seasonally painful and more useful to patrols.

I am still gathering your **“Injury to Patroller”** reports to pass on to our International Federation of Ski Patrollers (FIPS). Thanks to those of you who have taken the few minutes to fill out this rather simple two-page report and email it to me. For those of you who have suffered an injury while patrolling or training for patrol, please consider visiting our website

(www.southernsp.org) clicking on the FIPS Injury Report Survey button (found on the right side of the homepage at the bottom of the box titled "Southern News"), filling it out and emailing it to me. Remember, this is for either current injuries, past injuries or will be used for injuries that may befall any of us in the future. This survey will help to identify, qualify, and quantify the nature and severity of injuries that may be incurred while patrolling, so that in the future we might identify certain procedures and practices that may need to be altered so that some injuries may be prevented.

Have a good off-season, and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Patrollers Conference this Fall in Kingsport, Tennessee.



Brent Bowman,  
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Now that the season has ended, everyone has reports in to the Division, we have filed our taxes (hopefully not had to pay!), and graduations are over; it's time to take a rest.

***What we can't ???!!!!???***

We forgot it's time for the OEC class. Darn!! I wanted to pull weeds in the yard and wash the car. Well too bad. The folks that bring us the OEC class each year need a little assistance. Get out and help them. It is only a couple of Saturday or Sundays for you. Think about all of the hours they spend prepping and conducting classes. They are desperate for instructors and hands on people for the class. If you don't believe me call or e-mail your local OEC class instructor.

We finished out the season in great style in the Deep South. I actually witnessed SNOW in Atlanta!! This was a first for me as the two other occasions it snowed in the past 8 years I was out of town.

We are looking forward to a great meeting in August. If you have never attended the Southern Division Conference now is your chance. This is a great opportunity for each of us to find out what is going on at the Division and National level in the NSP. We will hopefully be hosting a meeting for the NSP Ski and Board School at the meeting. Those of you that are a part of the school should mark this important August date on your calendars.

That all for me until next time. See you on the classroom .....

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## Notes From The North...

Jan Starr

*Assistant Division Director – North Area*



Welcome Spring! Everything is finally green here in the mountains, and winter/ski season is a thing of the past. Hope that everyone had a good one despite the little natural snowfall that was experienced at some areas.

Congratulations to the new basic, Senior and Certified patrollers. Thanks to all that helped instruct and train these new folks.

Before you know it we will be receiving our OEC refresher material to get ready for another ski season. When you are spending time “surfing” on your computer, don’t forget to visit our web page; [www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org) and [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org) for information and updates on what is happening with NSP.

At the spring meeting a tentative schedule for next season was compiled and will be posted on our web site. This will help plan your Fall as it will have refresher dates. My plan is to visit as many refreshers as I can. Until then have a great summer!

Jan

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Mike Harris,

*Assistant Division Director – South Area*

### ***As The Bull Wheel Turns***

Despite mediocre temperatures and drought the southern areas have had a successful season. Moral stayed high throughout the season in our patrols. We also had enthusiastic participation in our programs this year. Our new Senior Program Supervisor, **Toni Cheek**, had a very good first year. I heard good things about the avalanche course that **Dennis Slagle** ran in the Dixie region. I attended **Mary Underwood**, **Bill Smith**, and **Ted Forbes** new Basic Leadership Development Course pilot held in Boone on May 10<sup>th</sup>; and would like to recommend it hardily. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend the Southern Division Fall Conference August 16<sup>th</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the MeadowView Marriott in Kingsport, TN. This will be a tremendous conference and lots of fun.



Keep the shiny side up

Charles M. "Chuck" Lollar  
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The Southern Division has a new Legal Committee. It's members are active Southern Division patrollers admitted to practice law in several of the jurisdictions within the Division. The Committee has already undertaken a number of tasks for the Division and its patrollers. It modified a new NSP risk management form for use by instructors and program administrators at ski patrol courses or events. It has worked with Division Director Morgan Armstrong in drafting a proposal for a national patroller immunity bill to be adopted by Congress. It has also addressed other important issues facing local patrols, such as the effect that patrol purchase of equipment such as snowmobiles may have upon federal and state tax-exempt status.

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The Committee is available to advise local patrols and patrollers in legal issues relating to the activities and mission of the NSP and its members.

## Virginia Region

Bill Smith,

*Virginia Region Director*



## Virginia News

Hello from Virginia...I hope you each had a great season at your resorts and maybe even got in a few “fun side trips” as well. After this past season it’s hard to think of us as being a part of the “Northern Region.” The temperatures certainly had their ups and downs, but somehow with more ups than downs! It was certainly a warm one here in Virginia, but as always, our folks came through and made the best of a less than desirable situation. Hopefully with the coming season we will be treated to one that is colder and has more snow.

Spring here in Virginia is such a pretty time, but generally signals the end of the usual ski season as we know it in the south. That however doesn’t mean that ski patrol work is over for the year, it just takes on a new face. There are meetings and training sessions to attend, awards to bestow for hard work, planning to be done and many other tasks that signals the end of one season and the beginning of the next. Lately those tasks and seasons all seem to blend together.

As I write this article, the Division Executive Officer’s have just returned from what I consider a successful spring meeting in Roanoke. A lot of good work was accomplished while we were there.

In the coming weeks/months we will be working to pull together a Virginia Region Calendar. If you have a specific program you would like to see presented this coming season please drop me a note and let me know right away ([skibill@widomaker.com](mailto:skibill@widomaker.com)).

During the past year, there were a number of great education programs presented in Virginia and the other regions. Many folks attended the programs and hopefully got some great new ideas and information related to the ski and snow sports industry. Thanks to everyone (students and instructors alike) for your support for these programs.

Welcome to all of the new patrollers that spent much of their fall and winter training and learning the ropes. And congratulations to the new Senior’s and those that made progress towards obtaining Certified.

Last but not least, let’s not forget the Southern Division Conference that will be held in Kingsport, TN on August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the MeadowView Marriott. The meeting will begin



**Virginia’s Homestead patroller’s discuss a case study during ‘07 refresher**

on Saturday and continue for a half-day on Sunday. There will be much to accomplish and a great deal of fun to be had by all!!! On Saturday evening the Awards Banquet will be held and hopefully there will be a lot of awards given out for all the hard work that was done this year by so many of you. Come one, come all!!! Don't forget these sessions are open to **everyone**. **Yes, all patroller's!!!**

In closing, treat yourself to an extra dish of ice cream for the great job you did this past season and start getting ready for the new season soon by thinking about how you can be a better and safer patroller. Guess that's about it for now. However, please don't hesitate to contact me if I can help in some small way. Hope to see you soon!!!

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## **Dixie Region**

Dennis Slagle,  
*Dixie Region Director*

It has been a few years since I have been involved in regional or divisional offices, but I have always, and now enjoy serving the patrollers and patrols of Dixie Region as your representative to the executive committee of Southern Division.

First thing I want to say to all the patrols in Dixie is that I appreciate the hospitality afforded me during my visits. I do regret that I did not make it to each patrol this year. They will be at the top of the list for visitation next year. There are just are not enough weekends in the season to do everything (especially when you miss some because warm weather).

I think we had an outstanding submission rate for award nominations this year from Dixie. We had several from just about every patrol. Your awards people did an excellent job, and hopefully we will have some rewards for some very deserving individuals.

I also want to thank all the participants of the Dixie-Avalanche course this year. Seems we hardly ever have enough students sign up even have a course. But we made up for it this year, as we had 23 students. That is the largest class I can ever remember in Dixie for an Avalanche course since I've been teaching it (and I don't want to talk about how long that's been).

I would like to encourage all patrollers in Dixie Region to come and participate at the Southern Division Conference on August 16, 17 in Kingsport. It is fairly close proximity for most in Dixie region. There are usually several courses offered at the conference and there has been talk of offering a CPR refresher, something that everyone has to have. Everything at present has not been set, but keep watch for circulars advertising the conference for a schedule of events. Come, meet and party with patrollers from all the regions of Southern Division. You can see first hand who are the winners for the Southern Division awards at the awards banquet on Saturday night. I hope to see you there.

Dennis Slagle,  
RD Dixie Region

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## Blue Ridge Region

Jonathan F. Hale,  
*Blue Ridge Region Director*



This 2008 season was a whirlwind of activity in the Blue Ridge Region and based on my personal poll of Mountain owners (3 of 4) a success in all ways including financial. Every year, I am amazed how many of the residents of the low country where I live (near Winston-Salem, NC) have a perception that because we didn't have accumulated snow in the lowlands, that there was no snow on the slopes. As we know, our creative mountain snowmakers, get better every year getting snow where it needs to be to keep the skiing public happy.

In the Blue Ridge, we have had a tremendously successful year with many new Basic Patrollers, Senior Patrollers, and new Candidates rising to attain rank successfully. I attribute this to the best PDs and PRs in the Southeast. I was able to attend all of the examinations for attaining rank this year and will speak for the examiners when I say that we saw better-trained candidates this year than we have seen in years past. Congratulations to all of the staff trainers- you are the key factor for what is right with the National Ski Patrol. Congratulations to all of you.

Secondarily, the other part of the success story is those that administer the examination system that brings uniform support to training and equity among the testing processes at all of the mountains. Being new to the position, I wanted to make sure that this process was the same at all mountains and that the judgment of Candidates was object and uniform at every mountain. I was extremely heartened to see the uniformity and objectivity that purveys from test to test, especially on Skiing and Toboggan skills. I attribute the almost uncanny uniformity to the unheralded folk known as examiners. You will find them standing in the rain or snow on the side of a slope with a pencil in their hand writing in a little book when everyone else is skiing.

Note to all Patrollers: ***Hug an Examiner!***

Finally, the four people that really make the process objective and equitable within the confines of the NSP System are the regional advisors. They are **Toni Cheek, David Hall, and Hugh Jernigan**. These are the hardest working people in the Region and they deserve our thanks.  
Jonathan

## **Notes from the Southern Division Snowsports School**

Briggs Allen,

*Ski and Snowboard School Supervisor*

Hello everyone. The Southern Division Snowsports School continues to be alive and well. In the 2006-07 ski season we attempted to contact everyone that was listed on our roster as being affiliated with our ski school. Basically we needed updated addresses, contact information, current PSIA/AASI level and continuing education obtained in such. Additionally, there was a brief survey soliciting your opinion of needs and wants from the program. Thanks very much to everyone that took the time to answer my request. I received information from every patrol within the Southern Division with the exception of those in the West Virginia Region.

The survey results were really no surprise in that our members stated that they wanted and needed more localized training opportunities as well as better communication between the Snowsports School and its members. Consequently, we are planning to expand last years workshop for next season to at least three skiing/boarding/teaching workshops in each of the regions. These workshops will focus on the skills needed to pass the Level II PSIA/AASI certification. Additionally we hope to have a major clinic within the division taught by PSIA/AASI demo team members. This clinic will count towards your PSIA/AASI continuing education hours.

Finally, there will be a meeting of the Snowsports School at the Fall Southern Division Conference August 16-17 in Kingsport Tennessee. I am requesting that either each patrol send their designated instructor and/or their assistant instructors to this meeting. This will be a good time for open communications regarding what we can do to make this valuable program run smoothly for all of us. I will be sending out an e-mail with the date and time of this meeting. Make plans now to attend.

***Transportation...Transportation...Transportation...Transportation...Transportation***

Tony Tingle,

*Transportation Supervisor*

### **Conference Round-Table**

There is a lot more to do at the Southern Division Conference than sit in meetings (see the articles above). Here's the part near and dear to my heart...One of the things to do is attend the Transportation Program Workshop / Roundtable Discussion. Got questions? We'll try to answer them. Got suggestions? Bring them with you. Want to help? Drop me a line.



## *Basic Leadership Development Program...Basic Leadership Development Program*

Mary Underwood,  
*Patroller Enrichment Seminar Supervisor & Basic Leadership Development*

### **Leadership Course Held In Boone**

Basic Leadership for the Ski Patroller, a leadership course developed and being piloted in Southern Division was held in Boone, NC on Saturday, May 10. Fifteen participants, and several division officers attended the course. The course consists of 5 components: Leadership 101, Coaching and Mentoring, Risk Management, Communication, and Leadership Opportunities. All the participants gave this course their “seal of approval”. Here are some of their comments: *“I still like classes with participants from different patrols—great comments and learning environment.”* (**Teresa Stewart**- Hawksnest) *“I thought the course was thorough in covering different management components and relevant to ski patrol issues and needs. This was a hands-on course with open discussion and scenarios.”* (**Bob Lewis**-Ober Gatlinburg) *“This course spoke to me so directly that I felt that you had designed it just for me, and then I thought of it from the perspective of the other attendees. I realized it fit their needs as well—a mark of a really good course.”* (**Jonathan Hale**-RD Blue Ridge)

**Hugh Jernigan** generously offered his home at Hawksnest for visiting patrollers to spend Friday night before the course. Several patrollers enjoyed Hugh’s hospitality and entertainment was provided by **Morgan Armstrong** and **Jonathan Hale** on guitars. **Ron Rocha**, a Cataloochee patroller, smiled and said *“feels just like home”*. Southern Division patrollers always find a way to have a good time!



**OEC ... OEC ... OEC ... OEC ... OEC ... OEC ... OEC ... OEC ... OEC ... OEC ... OEC ... OEC**

Leslie Carter,  
Division OEC Supervisor

**A GOOD JOB BY ALL !**

Due to a variety of influences this past ski season I was unable to visit many of the Patrols as previously planned but due to the hard work on the part of all Instructors, Instructors of Record and Instructor Trainers we had a very successful season.

**PROGRAM STATISTICS 2007-2008 SEASON:**

- 61 Instructor Candidates currently in the Mentoring Process
- 30 NEW Instructors completed Mentoring Program
- 342 Total OEC Instructors currently on Southern Division Roster
- 12 Cycle “C” Refreshers held
- 6 Cycle “C” Make-Up Refreshers held
- 24 OEC Courses were run 3 of which are currently underway or about to start

**OEC INSTRUCTOR UPDATE 2008:**

Instructor Status must be renewed every 3 years - within each 3-year period (check your card for your renewal date) an Instructor must:

- **Attend 1 Instructor Update – AUGUST 16, 2008 – Kingsport TN**
- Teach at 1 OEC Class
- Teach at 1 OEC Refresher

	2006	2007	2008
Attend Update	X		
Teach at OEC Class		X	
Teach at Refresher			X

**OR**

	2006	2007	2008
Attend Update	X		
Teach at OEC Class	X		
Teach at Refresher	X		

If you are not sure where you stand contact your Patrol Administrative IT for information BUT remember it is really YOUR responsibility to maintain your credentials !

**BLUE RIDGE**

Appalachian      Debbie Lentz  
Beech              Lisa Adams  
Hawksnest        Teresa Stewart  
Sugar                Patricia Woody

**DIXIE**

Cataloochee      Steve McCarragher  
Cloudmont        (see Sylvia Talley)  
Sapphire Valley    Justus Baird  
Ober                Dennis Slagle **or**  
Rhonda Ratcliff  
Wolf Ridge        Larry Erb

## VIRGINIA

Bryce Jonathan Snow  
Homestead Greg Pence (Wintergreen)  
Massanutten Tom Byron  
Wintergreen Greg Pence

## WEST VIRGINIA

Blackwater Nordic Janette Bennette  
Snowshoe / Dan Philippi  
Silvercreek Jason Hall  
Timberline Janette Bennette  
Winterplace Walt Watson

### ***ON THE NATIONAL FRONT:***

OEC 5<sup>th</sup> Edition has been delayed again with a potential release date of March 2010. During a recent teleconference the textbook “matrix” that has already been approved by the NSP Board of Directions was received and reviewed. This matrix was also provided to the Executive Committee for Review at the most recent meeting this May. A number of concerns regarding potential content have arisen and are currently being discussed with **Ed McNamara**, National OEC Program Director and **Denis Meade**, National Education Director. If you would like more information on this please contact me via email at [CARTRPLMBG@aol.com](mailto:CARTRPLMBG@aol.com) .

The National Instructor Trainer Manual is one step closer to being released and should be available by the end of the summer. Meanwhile we will continue to use the “red notebook” provided to current Instructor Trainers.

***HELP WANTED!*** Southern Division is currently seeking interested parties to assume the duties of OEC Instructor Trainer. This Job Title includes 5 areas of responsibilities which include: Supervisor Mentor Program, provide QA for Refreshers and classes, track participation and submit awards for Instructors for a specific Patrol. Each of these tasks are assigned separately on a regional and Patrol level. For additional information and an application please contact:

Leslie Carter – Southern Division OEC Supervisor [CARTRPLMBG@aol.com](mailto:CARTRPLMBG@aol.com)  
Hugh Jernigan – Blue Ridge Region OEC Administrator [Hugh.Jernigan@ncmail.net](mailto:Hugh.Jernigan@ncmail.net)  
Sylvia Talley – Dixie Region OEC Administrator [snowmedic@mindspring.com](mailto:snowmedic@mindspring.com)  
Nancy DiBenedetto – VA Region OEC Administrator [Nancy.m.dibenedetto@medstar.net](mailto:Nancy.m.dibenedetto@medstar.net)  
Jane Poundstone – WV Region OEC Administrator [vjpoundstone@yahoo.com](mailto:vjpoundstone@yahoo.com)

***So have a GREAT summer and I hope to see your smiling face in August !***



**2008 OEC Instructor Update  
Southern Division NSP  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2008**



As in previous years, the Annual OEC Instructor Update will run concurrently with the 2008 Southern Division Conference and Annual Awards Banquet to be held **Saturday, August 16** thru **Sunday, August 17, 2008** at the **MeadowView Marriott Conference Center, 1901 Meadowview Parkway, Kingsport, TN**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE MEETING REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK TO THE ADDRESS INDICATED.**

If you choose to stay at the Meadowview, the negotiated room rate is \$94.00 plus 16.5% tax. **You must make your own room reservations by Friday, July 18, 2008 to obtain this rate.** Call **1-888-632-3697** or **1-423-578-6600** for reservations, and ask for the special NSP rate.

**SATURDAY SESSIONS - Check-In Welcome 8:00 AM**

**GENERAL SESSION HELD IN BOD MEETING ROOM**

- Presentation by National Ski Patrol Executive Director - *Tim White*
- OEC Supervisor Report – *Leslie Carter*

**UPDATE SESSIONS**

- EFFECTIVE PRESENTATIONS – Key elements of presenting lectures, power point and practical training sessions. *Presenter To Be Announced*
- IOR / IT ROUND TABLE – Open Discussion for Instructor's of Record and Observing Instructor Trainers, Administrative Instructor Trainers and other interested parties. Topics to include OEC Course Completion Forms and other course related paperwork, implementation of OEC Standardized Practical Test format, roles/responsibilities of the Observing and Administrative Instructor Trainers. *Nancy DiBenedetto, Hugh Jernigan, Sylvia Talley, Jane Poundstone*

**To assist with facilities and materials planning please register for three Sessions. If you are REQUIRED to attend the Board of Directors Meeting (Patrol Representatives, Patrol Directors, Regional Directors, Program Supervisors), your full day attendance at the meeting and the associated presentations fulfills your OEC Instructor Update Requirement.**

## *Instructor Development...Instructor Development...Instructor Development*

Ann Wood,  
*Instructor Development Supervisor*

An Instructor Development course has been scheduled in Kingsport, TN as part of the Fall Conference. This course is split over two days with Saturday from 10:15 am – 12:00, lunch break from 12:00-1:00 pm then meeting again from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Sunday the class will meet from 9:00 am-12:00 noon.

Remember that this is a Senior Elective AND is the first step in becoming an instructor in any of the disciplines (Outdoor Emergency Care, Toboggan and Ski, Mountain Travel and Rescue, Avalanche, Outdoor First Care, etc).

Interested students should contact Ann Wood directly at ([anntwood@aol.com](mailto:anntwood@aol.com)). Students will also need to buy the Instructor Development Student Manual (#502) from the NSP catalog or through the NSP on-line store.



*From Around the Division...*

Dixie Region - Cataloochee Toboggan Training with Candidates!

*(Photos submitted by Neil Booth)*



Convincing Bob....



Carrying Forth the Ski Patrol Flag.....



Training and Flag were Successful....!

**Appalachian Ski Patrol** participates in EmergencyFest at  
Appalachian State University on June 14<sup>th</sup>

*(photo submitted by Mike Harris)*



(Vick Misenheimer, Kent Graham, Mike Teague, Joe Donadio, Scott Grogan, Mike Harris, Bill Conrad – left to right)

**Join us for Fun in the Mountains**  
**Southern Division**  
**Fall Conference & Annual Awards Banquet**

**August 16-17, 2008**  
***MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center***



<http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/tricc-meadowview-conference-resort-and-convention-center/>

**Please reserve your room at the rate of \$94.00 plus 16.5% tax and ask for the National Ski Patrol Conference**  
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 **JULY 18, 2008**

**Here are some of the events scheduled for patrollers this year:**

Board of Directors Meeting on Saturday and Sunday

OEC Instructor Update - Saturday

Old and New Officers Course - Sunday

**NEW** – Instructor Development Course – scheduled for Saturday and Sunday

**NEW** – CPR Refresher Course – Sunday

**NEW** – Division Snowsports and Transportation Roundtable Meeting – Saturday

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.**

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

**See you there!**

**Sincerely,**

**Rob Raff - Southern Division Meeting Coordinator**



**Southern Division - NSP  
Fall Conference  
Reservation Form  
2008**



Saturday, August 16, 2008 @ 8:00 am  
Sunday, August 17, 2008 @ 8:00 am

MeadowView Marriott Conference Resort and Convention Center - Kingsport, Tennessee

Please complete one form for each person attending:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number you can be reached at: \_\_\_\_\_

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:	Saturday	Sunday
Board of Directors Meeting – Main Meeting Room	8:00 am–4:00 pm	8:00 am–10:00 am
OEC Instructor Update – register for three components *	8:00 am–4:00 pm	
_____ General Session – Presentation by NSP	8:00 am	
_____ Executive Director Tim White – Main Meeting Room		
_____ Effective Presentations		
_____ IOR / IT Round Table		
Southern Division Snowsports And Transportation	4:00 pm	
Instructor Development Class	10:15 am–4:00 pm	9:00 am–12 Noon
CPR Refresher Class		9:00 am–12 Noon
NEW and Old Officers Course – Main Meeting Room		10:00 am–12 Noon

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Registration Only = \$10.00 per person

\_\_\_\_\_ FULL Meeting Reservation to include lunch and Awards Banquet = \$55.00 per person

\_\_\_\_\_ LUNCH (12 Noon- 1:00pm ) and Conference Registration on Saturday = \$24.00 per person

\_\_\_\_\_ AWARDS Banquet (6:00 pm)– and Conference Registration on Saturday = \$36.00 per person

Total enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form and check (made out to “Hawksnest Ski Patrol –So. Div. Fall Conference”) to:  
**Fred Wessels, 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](mailto:hnsptres@gmail.com). Select "Service/Other". Your confirmation will serve as your receipt.

*Reservation Fees Must Be Received At Above Address By August 6, 2008 And Are Nonrefundable After That Date.  
HOTEL reservations MUST be made separately by July 18, 2008.*



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**Southern Division NSP  
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- OEC Text 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Update – *Larry Bost*

#### **UPDATE SESSIONS**

- **MENTORING 101** – Responsibilities of the Mentor and Instructor Candidate, Evaluation Skills for the Mentor, Documentation. *Judy Kay-Monaghan*
  - **INTRODUCING THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM** – *Bill Smith and Mary Underwood*
  - **IOR / IT ROUND TABLE** – Open Discussion for Instructor's of Record and Observing Instructor Trainer of ANY OEC Course and other interested parties. Topics to include OEC Challenge Course Pre-Requisites and Syllabus, implementation of OEC Standardized Practical Test format, role of the assigned Instructor Trainer. *Leslie Carter, Nancy Dibenedetto, Hugh Jernigan, Sylvia Talley, Jane Poundstone*
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## **Southern Division Calendar**

**Please refer to the Division Website for updated schedules!**

[www.southernnsp.org](http://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.

## 2008 - 2009 SOUTHERN DIVISION CALENDAR

Rev 06-01-2008

### 2008 DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE DATES

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
08-15	<b><u>Executive Committee Meeting</u></b>	Kingsport, TN	Morgan Armstrong, DD	276-629-1654	<a href="mailto:rmasp@comcast.net">rmasp@comcast.net</a>
08-16	<b><u>SOUTHERN DIVISION CONFERENCE (1<sup>st</sup> Day)</u></b>	Kingsport, TN	Morgan Armstrong, DD	276-629-1654	<a href="mailto:rmasp@comcast.net">rmasp@comcast.net</a>
08-17	<b><u>SOUTHERN DIVISION CONFERENCE (2<sup>ND</sup> Day)</u></b>	Kingsport, TN	Morgan Armstrong, DD	276-629-1654	<a href="mailto:rmasp@comcast.net">rmasp@comcast.net</a>
09-08	DEADLINE – Southern Cross articles		Teresa Stewart, Editor SC	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>

### 2008 DIVISION PROGRAMS DATES

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
	No events scheduled				

### 2009 DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE DATES

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
01-12	DEADLINE – Southern Cross articles		Teresa Stewart, Editor SC	704-625-2103	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>
04-01	DUE – Awards Nominations		Peggy Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
04-01	DUE – Patrol – Financial Reports DUE – Division Expense Reimbursements Requests (2009-2010)		Jim Underwood	865-483-3675	<a href="mailto:jnu@bellsouth.net">jnu@bellsouth.net</a>
04-01	DUE – Patrol – End of Year Reports DUE – Supervisor – End of Year Reports		Richard Boyer, Jr.	770-975-5875	<a href="mailto:richardboyer@bellsouth.net">richardboyer@bellsouth.net</a>
04-15	DUE – Budget Requests to Division for Ski Season 2009-20010		Jim Underwood	865-483-3675	<a href="mailto:jnu@bellsouth.net">jnu@bellsouth.net</a>
05-22	DEADLINE – Southern Cross articles		Teresa Stewart, Editor SC	704-625-2103	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>

**2009  
DIVISION PROGRAMS DATES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
03-20 – 03-22	Certified – TEST	Snowshoe	Brandon Deane	434-296-8479	bdeane@blueridgeschool.com

**2008  
BLUE RIDGE REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
09-13	OEC Pre-Refresher	Appalachian	Teresa Stewart	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>
10-04	OEC Refresher – Grandfather	Valle Crucis	Teresa Stewart	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>
11-01	OEC Refresher – Carolina Highlands	Valle Crucis	Teresa Stewart	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>
11-01	CPR Refresher	Beech	Ann T. Wood	336-282-3097	<a href="mailto:awood@ptcog.org">awood@ptcog.org</a>
12-06	S&T Examiners Clinic	Appalachian	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
08-23	CPR Refresher	Sugar	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>

**2009  
BLUE RIDGE REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
01-03	S&T Basic – Test	Sugar	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
01-10	S&T Senior – Clinic	Beech	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
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02-21	S&T Basic – Test	Hawksnest	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
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**2008  
DIXIE REGION EVENTS**

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	No events scheduled				

**2009  
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	No events scheduled				

**2008  
VIRGINIA REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
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09-13	Refresher – lead instructor meeting	Wintergreen	Greg Pence	804-821-4309	<a href="mailto:gpence@flowserve.com">gpence@flowserve.com</a>
10-04	Pre-refresher – OEC	Wintergreen	Greg Pence	804-821-4309	<a href="mailto:gpence@flowserve.com">gpence@flowserve.com</a>
10-18	Refresher – OEC	Wintergreen	Greg Pence	804-821-4309	<a href="mailto:gpence@flowserve.com">gpence@flowserve.com</a>
10-19	Refresher – on the hill	Wintergreen	Tucker Crolius	434-325-8060	<a href="mailto:tcrolius@aol.com">tcrolius@aol.com</a>

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[06-01-08]

<b>THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION</b>		
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<p>Division Director – Morgan Armstrong (Chair) (X)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Division Director – Richard Boyer, Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Division Director – Brent E. Bowman Assistant Division Director – North – Jan Starr Assistant Division Director – South – Mike Harris</p> <p>Past Division Director – Neil Booth Professional Director – Bartek Drewnowski</p> <p>Secretary – Kelly Duke Drewnowski Treasurer – Jim Underwood</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL MEMBERS (X)</u></p> <p>OEC Supervisor – Leslie Carter (X) Legal Advisor – Chuck Lollar (X)</p> <p>[8]</p>	<p>Region Director – Blue Ridge – Jonathan Hale Assistant RD – Blue Ridge – Charles L. Lentz</p> <p>Region Director – Dixie – Dennis F. Slagle Assistant RD – Dixie – Brandon Olson</p> <p>Region Director – Virginia – Bill Smith Assistant RD – Virginia – Ted Forbes</p> <p>Region Director – West Virginia – Byrd E. White, III Assistant RD – West Virginia – Thomas Wagner</p> <p>[8]</p>	<p>Appalachian Patrol – Joe Donadio Ski Beech Patrol – Tom Watson Ski Hawksnest Patrol – Brent S. Rockett Sugar Mountain Patrol – Flynn Harris</p> <p>Cataloochee Patrol – June L. Ray Cloudmont Patrol – Bob Palik Ober Gatlinburg Patrol – Brent Galloway Sapphire Patrol – Justus Baird Wolf Ridge Patrol – Phil Bentley Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol – Don Jones</p> <p>Bryce Patrol – William “Bill” Kost Homestead Patrol – David Woods Massanutten Patrol – Ron Dull Wintergreen Patrol – Ted Forbes</p> <p>Blackwater Nordic Patrol – Brad Moore Snowshoe Patrol – Becky E. Sharp The New Winterplace Patrol – Walter Watson Timberline Patrol – Janette Bennett</p> <p>[18] = [34] <span style="float: right;">[Quorum = 18]</span></p>
<p>X = Non-voting member of the Board Chair = May only vote to break a tie vote [Division Bylaws, Article IV, §4] OEC Supervisor = Additional member not entitled to vote [Division Bylaws, Article IV, §§ 2, and 5] Legal Advisor / Parliamentarian = legal counsel [Division Policies &amp; Procedures Manual, 4<sup>th</sup> edition – revised, §3, Program Structure – Legal Advisor]</p>		

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**Southern Division Website** - The Southern Division website located at [www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org) has been the focus of much attention by the Webmaster, **Kelly Drewnowski**, with assistance in formulation by **Teresa T. Stewart**. The officers of the division have worked very hard to keep the calendar and the staff directory current. Those two documents are updated twice a month during the fall and winter season and it is the hope of all of us at the division level that you, the patroller, have not only noted the difference in this site but are using it on a frequent basis.

**New Risk Management Form** - A new form has been posted on the Website under the Forms Section. The new risk management form should be in current use by *instructors and program administrators at each and every ski patrol course or event*. This form was first drafted by the National Ski Patrol staff and then was modified by our Southern Division Legal Committee, **Charles "Chuck" Lollar**, esquire, as the chairperson. We have one form and only one form, so regardless of the state in which you happen to be holding the event, the choice of the proper legal form is very easy. Being on our website it is also very easy to access or print. Please be sure to use it.

**Personal Injury Survey** - The International Federation of Ski Patrollers (FIPS) is asking any patroller injured in a patrol related situation to fill out the injury form (posted on our division website at [www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org)) and forward that form to our 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Division Director, **Richard Boyer**. Visit the site and read about the information needed and please help us make patrolling safer by filing the form if you are injured. The NSP has also launched an injury study for patrollers and will be in addition to but complement the FIPS study.

**NSP Mid-winter Meeting** – The Board of Directors and Division Directors met in Lakewood, CO from January 10 – 12, 2008 with a

variety of topics and issues being discussed. Mr. **Terry LaLiberte** was voted Chairman of the Board for a full term after having served about 1 year on the last term, which was vacant.

Our Executive Director, **Tim White**, reported that while he had been in office for only a short time and has been busy hiring new staff for several positions, a lot has been accomplished. He warned us the old computer system requires a great amount of loading of information by hand so for the short term the membership might see some delay in the registration system. He notes this is a primary concern of his and this issue is also one recognized by the NSP Board. An IT study will be started as will a focus on changing and improving the NSP Website.

He also mentioned the following matters to the Board. The National Ski Patrol and the American Snowsports Education Association are working together and the relations are stable. All the new staff positions, which were divided between ASEA and NSP, are now 100% dedicated to working for the NSP and ASEA has its own staff. We still share a few old staff positions, which is to the benefit of both organizations. Having critical staff positions dedicated solely to being NSP staff will make for a better work environment since the staff will not have to make time divisions between the two organizations. While it may take some additional time for the staff to become fully trained, NSP will be better able to serve the membership once the training is complete. The National Ski Area Association and the NSP are jointly working on several projects. One in particular deals with paid patroller issues and looks like a great match-up of expertise and resources. NSP is forming a new Safety Committee to help with various safety issues with snow sports and patrolling as the focal points. The NSP is going to launch a program to construct a training program and certification for Mountain Hosts to place trained and certified hosts with resorts in the same way it places patrollers with them. This program is expected to increase the rolls of the NSP. We have about 26,000 patroller members at this time and the Mountain Host Program may add as many as 5,000 members. The Mountain Host Program will align NSP with NSAA for better service by us to the resort industry.

**Patroller Insurance** - The NSP has acquired insurance for patrollers with Adventure Advocates at a price of \$35 per year per family. If you need insurance please contact the National Ski Patrol Office on the website and inquire about this very valuable service. Ask about the limits and benefits offered at this great price.

**Southern Division Board Members, Mark Rees and Larry Bost**, were joined by our newest Board Member, **Lisa Adams**, at the conference and all were hard at work during the three meeting days. **Norris Woody** also attended the conference and made several presentations to the Board.

**Recruitment & Retention Committee** - **Norris Woody** is also the Southern Division Chair with his wife, **Patricia Woody**, as Assistant Chair of the new Recruitment and Retention Committee of the Southern Division. This Committee will be working with the NSP Recruitment and Retention Committee. Members of this Committee include the following: **Roger and Janie Bollinger** (Alumni), **Gil Davis** (Patrol Director/Representative), **Patricia Woody** (Auxiliary & Assistant Chair) and **Megan Monaghan** (Young Adult Patroller).

**Ski Sentinels, the Story of the National Ski Patrol** is a new film produced and directed by **Richard W. Moulton** and features **Rick Hamlin**, Easter Division Director and **George**

**Wesson** as well as many other famous patrollers including **Charles Minot “Minnie” Dole**. The NSP will have copies of this film available shortly through the Catalogue. The film was given a premier showing at the NSP Mid-winter Meeting and got a standing ovation from everyone in attendance. This will be a must show for each and every patrol and will be a great history lesson for all new candidate classes being taught from this point forward.

**The Canadian Ski Patrol** has signed a Joint Statement of Understanding with the NSP and their Board Chairman, **Brian Low**, attended our Mid-winter Board Meeting. We will be sharing more information and have a much closer working relationship with CSP. Mr. Low also complimented the NSP for returning to the International Federation of Ski Patrollers (FIPS). One interesting thing he told us about was how CSP markets items with a CSP logo on sale items and has a separate CSP logo for their uniform that may only be used on the uniform and may not be worn or sold to anyone not on active duty.

**Fundraising Experts Needed** by the NSP. Anyone with experience in fund raising for schools, churches, charities, hospitals or any similar organization is asked to send your name to **Morgan Armstrong**, Southern Division Director, for forwarding to the NSP Board. A special committee of experts in this field is being assembled to help the NSP tap into additional funding sources. This will help keep our dues down and provide better and more programs for the NSP membership.

**Let’s talk** - The Southern Division is very interested in what each patroller wants and needs to be able to be a better patroller. Talk to your patrol representative, region director, assistant division director or the division director at every opportunity. Let us know what you think and what you need. Every line officer is tasked to ask patrollers what they want and need and pass the word up the chain to the division director. The National Board is listening and wants to hear from us, so let’s talk.

## Awards Presented at the National Board Mid-winter Meeting



← Brian Low, National Chair of the Canadian Ski Patrol (CSP), presents a plaque to NSP National Chair Terry LaLiberte to commemorate a renewed cooperative relationship between the CSP and the NSP.

Rocky Mountain Division Director, Ed Gassman, presents a plaque identifying NSP National Executive Director Tim White as an Honorary Patroller for his timely care of a Board member who required emergency hospitalization. →





National Chair Terry LaLiberte presents Rocky Mountain Division Director Ed Gassman a crystal plaque recognizing his dedication and service above and beyond for the Membership of the National Ski Patrol.

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#### **FIPS (International Federation of Ski Patrollers)**

Some of you may be aware of this, but for those who are not, there is another international organization of ski patrollers. Its name is Federation Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski. We who don't speak French refer to it as the International Federation of Ski Patrollers (FIPS) and the Southern Division has become a member. It was felt that the broader our exposure to what is transpiring in the world of snow sports, the better we can make informed decisions about topics which may be vital to our passion and interests. Pursuant to that goal, this international organization is conducting a survey on injuries that befall ski patrollers. In doing this they hope to obtain a body of information that is not available anywhere in the world, but should be, for our own good and the good of future patrollers. The purpose of the survey is to gather information on these incidents and to compile them into meaningful statistics for efforts toward prevention of or reduction of patroller injuries in the future.



To this end, if you have incurred any injury, no matter how slight, in the past or do so in the future, please consider participating in this survey by filling out the form available on our [www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org) website (to the best of your knowledge if said injury was distant in the past). Please send the completed form by clicking the submit button (or if that doesn't work because of your computer's configuration, click the "file" drop down, select "send", then "page by email", address to me as indicated below and fire it away). Any questions or comments may be sent to: [richardboyer@bellsouth.net](mailto:richardboyer@bellsouth.net) Further information about the organization may be obtained at [www.FIPS2007.org](http://www.FIPS2007.org).

## Southern Division Web Site

The Southern Division of the National Ski Patrol has a brand new web site which is all our own. This means we are not piggy-backing on National's web site anymore. **Kelly Drownowski**, our Southern Division Secretary, who is a professional in web design and does so much for our division that most of us can't imagine, is the brain behind this useful tool. Thank you, Kelly, for all your hard work and continued dedication to the NSP.

Please visit your site at [www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org), for programs, forms and other library references, staff lists and contact info, calendars, the Southern Cross library, photos of ski patrollers in action, other pertinent links and more.

We will continue to develop this web site to meet the needs of our patrollers in the Southern Division. Suggestions will be welcome by submitting them to Kelly, Morgan or me. Have a great year, ski well and hope for more snow!

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Brent Bowman,  
*2<sup>nd</sup> ADD, Southern Division*

**The** season has started slowly for many of us this year. I personally find it hard to get motivated to ski in N.C. when it is 70 degrees in Atlanta. As I mentioned in my last newsletter article we were trying to find someone to head the NSP Snowsports School. Well we actually found two great people to run it. We have **Ric Lavallee** from Cataloochee who is a PSIA Level-3 Ski Instructor, PSIA Ski Area Trainer, NSP Senior, OEC Instructor and Toboggan Instructor. Ric grew up in Canada and has lived and skied all over the world. He is a great skier and an even better trainer of ski instructors. He does a great job of coaching instructors on the chair for the next step in the progression for the training session. Progressions are the toughest thing for a new instructor to learn. In the examination phase of the PSIA testing progressions are what the testers and judges want to see. (ie.) if we start with a maneuver what should you do (or practice) for a 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th step in getting the student to complete or better understand the movements required to make the maneuver. Ric will be running the Skills portion of the program. The administrative side of the program (I think the harder one!) is being handled by **Briggs Allen** from Beech Mountain. Briggs is a PSIA Level 1 Ski Instructor and NSP OEC instructor. He is also active with the Beech Ski School. Although we got a late start on the beginning of the program this season Briggs has scheduled an instructors clinic at Appalachian for the current instructors. This clinic is to try to get more of the current Level 1 instructors back on track to become Level 2 instructors. We look forward to more clinics if possible later this season (one in the North?). Keep watching the calendar on the web site for additional information. Next year we promise to come out with more great classes and programs to get the SnowSports School geared up.



See you on the hill.....BRENT

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## Notes From The North...

Jan Starr

Assistant Division Director – North Area



**I hope** everyone got through the holidays and spent time with family and friends, and maybe even got some skiing/riding time in. I know most areas had limited terrain open, but some is better than none.

All paperwork from refreshers, registrations, and upcoming events should be at the national office by now. They have all new staff there so please bear with them if you are not getting response back quickly on questions or you haven't gotten new registration cards yet.

**Ted Forbes, Mary Underwood** and **Bill Smith** did a great job with the new Patrol Leadership Program that was hosted at the Homestead in December. There was a lot of fun group participation breakouts and great input from the folks attending from Wintergreen and Winterplace. Thanks to them for being the “guinea pigs”.

Training should have started for your “newbie’s”. It will be tough to get in with limited terrain but we owe them as much time as possible so they become proficient in their skills. Warm quiet days are great for outside OEC scenarios. Check out the [southernmsp.org](http://southernmsp.org) web page for a calendar with dates for Senior events near you.

Plan on participating and learning to better yourself and your patrol.

Cold and snow should be here any time now and conditions will get better! See you then.

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Mike Harris,

Assistant Division Director – South Area

After a very dry and warm start, winter is finally arriving with moisture and cold. Only a few events have had to be postponed and with the frequent updating of the current calendar on our great new [www.southernmsp.org](http://www.southernmsp.org) web site and supervisors e-mailing participants, everything is working smoothly.



Congratulations to **Lisa Adams** for becoming another Southern Division Member of NSP National Board of Directors. After **E. B. Fox** needed to move on for business reasons, **Jonathan Hale** has stepped up into the Region Director position for Blue Ridge and is doing a great job. Congratulations and thanks to Jonathan. After talking with **Dennis Slagle** he says “Dixie is still praying for snow”.

I would like to convey just how proud we should be of the owners and managers of all our ski areas. Considering the double whammy of the drought and unseasonably warm weather, they have provided better conditions than was expected.

## Virginia Region

Bill Smith,  
*Virginia Region Director*

### Virginia News

Once again this year, Mother Nature has tried to get the best of us here in Virginia by sending warm weather and rain our way. As I write this article, our areas have mostly survived the thaws and are definitely looking forward to the arrival of some cold weather.



This season, a great deal of emphasis is being placed on training throughout the region. There are many great opportunities for patroller's to gain new knowledge and skills in order to better serve their patrol and area.

Four refresher programs were held in Virginia this year giving everyone an opportunity to complete that requirement in a convenient manner. I managed to get to several of them and I must say the folks involved in putting those programs together and those assisting in conducting them, did a really GREAT JOB!!! My personal thanks go out to each of the IOR's and Instructor's that were involved in all of the Virginia programs.

Candidate classes are progressing nicely with final evaluations scheduled a little later in the season. Out of these classes, a whole new crop of patrollers will have been grown.

Speaking of growing new patroller's, under the capable leadership of **Meggan Monaghan**, and with active support from a number of fellow patroller's, Wintergreen will once again offer its Youth Patroller Program for the 2007-2008 season. Open to strong skiers and riders ages 10 - 14, the program is designed to give interested kids a real flavor for all the different aspects of patrolling. The Youth Patrollers are recognized by arm-bands, and are accompanied on the hill by members of the Patrol. They'll spend eight weekends learning about the history of the NSP, some first aid skills and CPR, as well as spending time with the lifts department, snow-making and groomers. And when conditions are appropriate, they'll come out early and learn about opening the mountain and about snow safety. Folks at Wintergreen are excited about this program as a way to get our local kids interested early in patrolling! And what a way to grow future patroller's!!!

The Virginia Senior program appears to be very strong this year with at least 6-8 candidates scheduled for the various clinics and evaluations that will be held in late January and February. This year, Bryce Mountain hosted the Senior Emergency Management Clinic and Massanutten handled the S&T Clinic. Thanks **Bartek** for stepping up on such short notice. Then in late February, evaluations will be held at Bryce and Massanutten respectively. **"T" Harris** is the "Shepard" and contact person for the Virginia Region program this year. Please see the Regional Calendar for contact information.

After working on the development of a new leadership program for over a year, on December 8, 2007, the first pilot offering of the Division's new "***Basic Leadership Development for the Ski Patroller***" program was presented at The Homestead. There were students from Snowshoe/Silver Creek, Wintergreen and Winterplace. Those in attendance gave a thumb's up to the new program. (See related article)

Additionally, several other educational programs will be offered in the coming weeks. They include: a Toboggan Enhancement Seminar on January 26<sup>th</sup>; a Skier Enhancement Seminar on January 27<sup>th</sup>; a second Skier Enhancement Seminar on February 10<sup>th</sup> at Wintergreen; an Instructor Development Program at Massanutten and finally an Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue course, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Check the calendar for further information on these and the programs mentioned above and be sure to sign up early. Also, don't just show up at a Clinic or Exam if you have not signed up ahead of time. This is very important, as we need to have the appropriate resources and staff on hand to handle the number of personnel we are expecting. Your cooperation with this request is greatly appreciated.

## Division Launches New Leadership Program

By Bill Smith – Virginia Region

After working on the development of a new leadership program for over a year, on December 8, 2007, the first pilot offering of the Division's new "***Basic Leadership Development for the Ski Patroller***" program was presented in the Northern Region at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia. There were students from Snowshoe/Silvercreek, Wintergreen and Winterplace. Those in attendance gave a thumb's up to the new program.



L to R Front: (Bob Leavenworth, Kate Atha, Jan Starr Back: Paul Gagon, Brittney Mueller, Shad Knupp, Alex Overmiller)

An integral part of patrolling and taking on patrol leadership opportunities are basic managerial/leadership skills that cover a multitude of topics. To be an effective patroller and serve in a patrol leadership capacity a patroller must be proficient in basic leadership skills.

With those thoughts in mind, over the past year, **Mary and Jim Underwood** and **Bill Smith** have worked to create the new program. The program is designed to help better prepare patroller's to function in their many leadership roles within their respective patrols such as instructor's, PR's, PD's, etc.

This course is designed to help individuals become more proficient at the everyday leadership activities and experiences encountered.

The overall goals of the course are:

1. To help students sharpen their leadership skills to a level of proficiency commensurate with their duties as patroller's and leaders.

2. To show students how to apply leadership skills to real, on-the-job situations.
3. To promote effective job performance by training students to use leadership skills in creative problem solving.

## Course Overview

Unit 1. **Leadership 101:** This unit covers basic leadership/managerial functions. Students will learn how the concepts apply to everyday patrolling.

Unit 2. **Coaching and Motivating:** This segment is designed for the student to learn the characteristics of effective coaches, identify the similarities between effective coaches and effective leaders, identify four critical coaching techniques, and match coaching techniques with subordinate performance.

Unit 3. **Communications:** In this unit the student will identify types and purposes of communications, discuss major concepts of communications, talk about verbal and nonverbal barriers to communications, explain perception and its effect on communication, explore the process of listening, discuss the five types of listening, talk about the major barriers to effective listening, and identify techniques for improving general listening effectiveness.

Unit 4. **Risk Management:** Here the student will examine why the patroller should be concerned with preventing snow sports accidents, what the primary causes of skiing/snowboarding accidents are, examine basic types of unsafe acts, discuss resort liabilities, and look at what can be done to satisfy all parties.

Unit 5. **Leadership Opportunities:** This unit will help the student to understand the leadership and educational structure of the Division, gain knowledge of NSP publications and websites, and identify appropriate paths to pursue an educational or leadership role within a patrol, region or division.

In teaching this course, the following instructional methods were employed.

- A. A homework assignment prior to the course
- B. In-class assignments
- C. In-class discussion of assignments
- D. Brainstorming to generate details
- E. In-class evaluation
- F. Exercises/Activities

The new program is eight hours in length and has been approved by National as a Senior elective.

Several NSP Board members have expressed an interest in the possibility of turning this program into one that would be offered by National for all members.

At the December offering instructor/evaluator's included: **Ted Forbes, Mary Underwood, Jim Underwood, Bill Smith, Morgan Armstrong and Jan Starr.**

A second pilot offering is planned for the Southern Region of the Division sometime before summer begins. If you are interested in taking this course this spring or for further information contact Mary Underwood, [maryu@bellsouth.net](mailto:maryu@bellsouth.net) (865) 483-3675 or Bill Smith, [skibill@widomaker.com](mailto:skibill@widomaker.com) (757) 810-1690.

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## **Blue Ridge Region**

Jonathan F. Hale

*Blue Ridge Region Director*

Hi there,

I've replaced E.B. before he got started well due to a promotion and other items beyond his control. I will depend on **E.B., Mike Harris, Richard Boyer** and **Morgan Armstrong** for guidance in the coming years.

Hey Guys, how 'bout figuring out how to send us some cold weather.



The Blue Ridge Region has been busy this summer and fall with three OEC classes. **Cathy LeMarre** and our new **National Board Member, Lisa Adams** have been busy with two class in the Boone area. **Hugh Jernigan** also had one in the Winston-Salem last summer that graduated 5 Patrollers. I think that we have bragging rights now with THREE National Board members, but who's counting... We make up for lack of snow with lots of training and administrative work!

**New Risk Management Form** - A new form has been posted on the Website under the Forms Section. The new risk management form should be in current use by instructors and program administrators at each and every ski patrol course or event. We have one form and only one form, so regardless of the state in which you happen to be holding the event, the choice of the proper legal form is very easy. Being on our website, it is also very easy to access or print. Please be sure to use it.

I would like to take this chance to introduce the new Regional Senior Program Coordinator, **Ms. Toni Cheek**. I remember several years ago when she was the best Senior EMM OEC performer that I had ever seen at an exam. She will get a lot of help from many others as she works her program.

We have four new Basic Patrollers after the exam on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January. From Sugar Mountain we have **Brad Eddens**, “**Big**” **John Donaldson**, and **David Phillips** (heir to the vast *Self* fortune) with Division Student Patroller of the Year **Brandon Landreth** passing from Hawksnest.

In the first week of January, Appalachian Ski Mountain had a full-fledged MI event at their facility. For those of you that have not heard details, a 44-year old female suffered a full cardiac arrest on the porch outside the main office. **Joe Lacroix** and **Tony Ray** were first on the scene and started CPR. **John Whitener**, **Joe Donadio**, and **Chris Martin** brought the AED and after 3 shocks a regular heart rhythm was restored. Family members give full credit to our folks for saving their mother's life and they have no doubt that their Mom would not be with us if the *App* patrollers had not been there to take quick action.

Approximately 2 hours later the patient was sitting up talking to her cardiologist in the ER. According to the family her prognosis is excellent. **Mark Latendresse** and **Rich King** also assisted.

I would like to echo what **Cindy Hinshaw** said, “It makes me proud to be associated with a group such as this.” To everyone who was involved (and the **Moretz family** for buying the AED), this is what it's all about.

Finally, I must impart a brief story:

I was at Sugar Mountain last Sunday and stopped at an accident to interview a young teenage witness to an accident. She said that her Dad was on Patrol and that her name was **McKenna Loges** (SnowPig’s daughter). When I told her that I hadn’t noted the family resemblance, she remarked with immediate fervor (and I quote) “I get MY looks from Mom’s side of the family.”

Pray for snow!

Sugar Mountain now has a →  
state-of-the-art skating rink with  
accompanying food/meeting center.  
It is quite a place-visit it.  
(Photo submitted by Jonathan Hale)



## Notes from the Southern Division Snowsports School

Briggs Allen,  
*Ski and Snowboard School Supervisor*

Hello to all. As I write this update about our Snowsports School activities there are winter weather warnings posted for all of our mountainous regions. Hopefully a good omen for things to come from both the weather and this program.

In late November I was appointed to this position along with **Ric Lavallee** (technical director) of the Snowsports School. I am a 20-year patroller from Beech Mountain who is currently working on my PSIA Level II certification. Rick patrols at Cataloochee and is a veteran PSIA Level III. Together we hope to provide assistance, as well as new and abundant training opportunities for our divisional Snowsports School members.

Recently a data survey was sent to all known Snowsports School members requesting updated contact, certification and continuing education information. Additionally, priorities for our program were sought. *Many* of the e-mail addresses I had were incorrect so forms were then sent via snail mail. Thanks to all of you that have returned the needed information and to those that have not... please do so. If you are assisting your patrol with instruction in skiing or boarding and did not receive the data survey contact me. To make this program work well we need to have effective communication.

I have also talked with PSIA Eastern representatives regarding the needs of our Snowsports School members in the Southern Division. Additionally, I would like to foster a greater, cooperative spirit between our two organizations and as an initial step I will write an article in an upcoming PSIA-E newsletter regarding our program.

My ultimate (next year) goals are to have workshops in each region so that we can better prepare our Snowsports School members for the PSIA/AASI Level I and II certifications. I would also like to have an annual “signature” skiing/boarding event for our Division that would be taught by National and or Eastern PSIA/AASI Demo Team members.

Presently, a workshop in preparation for PSIA/AASI Level II certification is in the final stages and may have been announced by the time that you read this. It will be held in the Blue Ridge Region. Stay tuned.

Finally, remember skiing is basically simple....turn right, turn left...repeat as necessary.

Tony Tingle,  
*Transportation Supervisor*



## **FUN-DUH-MENTALS**

This writing is intended for the newer folks to the Ski Patrol gig. Some of you have already been evaluated for Basic Alpine Patroller Status, and for those of you who have passed.....Congrats! For those of you still in training, have you ever thought.....This Ski Patrol Stuff was supposed to be FUN! That trainer want's me to do what? – DUH. I think that trainer guy is MENTAL!

I'll offer a bit of advice. **CONCENTRATE ON THE FUN-DUH-MENTALS.** As the candidates at Hawksnest can attest, I repeat the phrase....*Run the Course, Run the Course, Run the Course*, several times during their training. A snowplow, sideslip, transition course is a great way to hone those edge control skills necessary to successfully transport patients in a toboggan. This goes for those one-board and two board patrollers alike. Once you develop the edge control skills, actually running a toboggan and being successful at your Basic Patroller Evaluation becomes much easier.

Effective use of your edges and being able to change edges are necessary skills you need to run a toboggan. Pages 77 through 86 of the Outdoor Emergency Transportation Manual offer some great exercises for developing and improving your edge control skills. There are good transportation instructors in each Region, make use of them! These folks really like to see new candidates succeed. Go out and have FUN. Run the Course – DUH. And make your evaluators go MENTAL because you are so good!

Train Hard! Good Luck!

If you have questions regarding the transportation program, don't hesitate to drop me a line at [geofolks@att.net](mailto:geofolks@att.net).

Thanks.....Tony

*Certified ...Certified Program...Certified Program...Certified Program...Certified*

Stephen Kuller,  
*Certified Program Supervisor*

**Hello,**

I want to take this opportunity to reflect on our current season. Most of the resorts have encountered the unseasonable weather pattern that presented itself to us last year? We have had to alter our schedules, cancel tests, clinics, and training. Yet we still get the training done, we reschedule tests, clinics and make things work. That is what must continue to happen in our division to thrive.

Certified members are actively looking for new solutions, locations, and personnel to advance the program. We have three returning candidates from last year. If at this writing, things do not change we will have a total of five new starts. This is the maximum we can handle with our current membership. This is what is needed to grow the program. Interest from the Blue Ridge region and Virginia region is strong this year. We will continue to explore new members from other regions.

We Held our First ever Clinic at Sugar Mountain on Saturday January 12, 2008.

We had two new candidates from Sugar interested in participating in our program, and one returning candidate from Hawksnest. This clinic was possible with the help from **Flynn Harris, Dean Lyons** and General Manager **Gunther Jochl**. A very special thank you goes out to them for this opportunity. We would love to hear from those of you in the division that has not traditionally participated in the program. We wish to expand this opportunity to all that have an interest.

Yes, the program takes a dedicated person with the eagerness to learn, a willingness to grow, and the time for development. This is your opportunity to let someone know that you want this program at your mountain. We have patrollers that are willing to talk to you, answer your questions, and share the process with you. Please step out of your comfort zone.

We currently have several candidates that have made the commitment to the program; they will be giving it their all. This is a three-year commitment and it will take most the entire three years. During this process these candidates will be sharing the strengths of the program at their home resorts. Some of you will want to know what they have learned, accomplished, and shared. Ask them and they will respond with eagerness and a willingness that only comes from hard work.

Thanks again for letting me stir your interest in this program.



Ian Archibald,  
*Division Medical Advisor*

### **Summary of 2005 ISSS Meeting; Report to Southern Division NSP**

Earlier this year, the final report from the 2005 INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SKIING SAFETY (ISSS) meeting held in Japan was published. These meetings occur every 2 years but the report is not published until just prior to the next meeting. This is a review of several papers presented that I feel are relevant to ski patrollers.

“Injuries in Norwegian Ski Resorts 2002-2004” is an epidemiological study involving 12 major ski resorts that account for approximately 60% of the uphill lift transports that occur in all of Norway. They defined an injury as any event that led to a visit to the ski patrol as a result of a skiing accident. They report an injury rate of 1.5 injuries per 1,000 skiers/boarders (compared to 3 per 1,000 in Nth America ; 1999-2000 data). The cause of injury in 85% of the skiing accidents was a fall by the skier/boarder. Collisions were twice as likely to occur for skiers as for boarders. Most head and spine injuries occurred in snowboard parks. Overall 19% of all injuries occurred in snowboard parks, usually with a higher level of severity. Snowboarders suffer the most wrist fractures; 96% of snowboard fractures occur in the absence of wrist protection. Skiing children under the age of 12 and ski boarders had the most lower leg/ankle fractures. Skiers have the most knee injuries and they are twice as likely to be in females. Head injury rates were similar in helmet verses non-helmet users. Injured helmeted skiers had a significantly higher level of ability. This study was not designed to look at the protectiveness of helmets. I feel this data is similar to Nth America other than overall injury rate. Snowboard Park safety is obviously an area that requires increased safety. Careful design, snowboarder education and responders who are well trained to deal rapidly with head and spine injuries are clearly important in this special environment. More emphasis is needed to educate beginner snowboarders about the protective benefits of wrist guards.

Vermont Ski Safety reported on skiing fatalities that occurred “on piste” in US ski resorts from 1991/92 through 2004/05. There is less than 1 death per 1,000,000 visits. The characteristics of fatal injuries include male, skier, mid to late twenties, skilled, usually impacting a fixed object at high speed. They concluded that there had been no change in frequency in last 14 years. In the last 3 years helmet usage has gone from 25% to 33%, but there is no evidence this has changed the occurrence of fatalities. Skiers are still likely to have died from impact with a fixed object and boarders are more likely to have died from impact with the snow surface. Helmets were worn by 38% of fatally injured skier/boarders. Only 33% of helmeted fatally injured skiers/boarders had some sort of head injury as the primary cause of death compared to 63% who did not wear helmets. This study

again provides evidence that while the wearing of a helmet will not prevent fatal head injuries it will reduce the severity of injury.

For the aging patroller with a knee replacement a Japanese study “Sports Activities after Total Knee Replacement” is interesting. Only 12% returned to sports within 1 year of the total knee surgery. However of those participating in sports preoperatively 65% returned eventually to some sport. This included downhill skiing, jogging, hiking and mountaineering; usually at a lower impact level than preoperatively. They did not look at the effect of these activities on wear and loosening of total knee replacements.

A study from Mammoth California “Head injury in Snowboarding- Evaluating the protective role of Helmets” looked at the speed of fall at various skill levels and the mitigating effect that helmets may have on injury prevention. 2/3rds of snowboarder falls occur due to the “opposite edge phenomenon”, When the downhill edge of the board catches it causes an abrupt rotation of the board resulting in a backwards fall onto posterior aspect of pelvis torso and occiput of the head. They studied the average speed of beginner and intermediate boarders (18 kilometer/hour, 32 kilometers per hour). They then simulated “opposite edge phenomenon” head injuries and found that a helmet will reduce the likelihood of severe brain injury from 80% to 20% at falls of 30 kph. They noted that a typical skier travels at 55 kph usually on more difficult terrain. There was no evidence to suggest increases stress on the neck due to helmet use. They felt that helmet use “is prudent” because it reduces the chance of severe head injury without exacerbating other potential injuries.

Finally Vermont Ski Safety reviewed the “Functional and Release Characteristics of Alpine Ski Equipment” with particular attention to ski rental and retail shop testing standards. They concluded that:

1. Sprains and fractures of the lower leg were associated with the quality of the release system
  2. Serious ACL sprains were not related to the quality of the release system.
  3. 50% of the ski equipment used by the general population in the study could have benefited from proper inspection.
  4. New standards with tighter tolerances on release value selection or equipment inspection are not necessary.
  5. More effective implementation of existing standards is necessary.
- They recommended annual inspection of all equipment from a properly trained and supervised shop technician. All professional skiers, especially patrollers take note!

Again, this meeting brings together all facets of the ski industry; ski resorts, ski patrols and medical professionals interested in ski/snow board injuries along with the equipment industry to further the advancement and safety of these winter sports.

There are several other papers in the report which are interesting but not directly related to our activities on ski patrol. The 2007 meeting of ISSS was held in Scotland and the 2009 meeting is scheduled in Garmisch Partenkirchen, Germany.

Reference: Skiing Trauma and Safety 16<sup>th</sup> Volume  
Robert J. Johnson, J.E. Shealy, T. Yamagishi, editors  
ASTM: STP 1474

### *From Around the Division...*

#### **Update on the North Carolina NSP License Plate Project**

Most North Carolina patrollers have surely heard about this project by now, but I know there are more than a few who still haven't heard. For them, and for those of you outside of the state, let me bring you up to date.

I was driving around town one day this past spring when I began to wonder why it was that we had so many different specialty plates in North Carolina – celebrating or honoring NASCAR, retired police officers, Purple Heart recipients, the Great Smoky Mountains, Appalachian Trail, even watermelon (yes, watermelon). Why didn't we have a National Ski Patrol plate? I went home and started researching, found another organization who outlined how they had gone about it, and called the DMV in Raleigh. Among other requirements, they informed me I needed to get a representative who would support a bill since it needed to go through legislation. As it happened, one of our NC senators lives in my hometown, and in fact, his kids had been on the local high school ski team that I had coached some years back. **Senator Tom Apodaca** readily agreed to take on the project. All I needed were 300 signatures, and a design idea. I drew up a design, which **Adam Tucker**, a fellow patroller and graphic designer, digitalized.

At this point I want to stress that the design is not finished – first because the little pot bellied character with the sled will be replaced by a real silhouette as soon as I can get a good photo to Adam, but also because it won't be finalized until *after* the bill is passed, when we sit down with the state and work out the details.

The idea is to restrict purchase of the plate to licensed patrollers. However, if we don't collect enough signatures, it is possible to opt to open it up to the general public. I need to collect signatures from one more patrol, even so, it's going to be tight....I currently have 227 signatures of the 300 needed....that's 73 short, so here it is:

If you have not already signed up; if you are a NC resident or you are in a situation where you could purchase a NC license plate; if you are interested in purchasing

an NSP license plate in the future - please send me your name, address, phone #, and home patrol if you have one to [Rlowery1@aol.com](mailto:Rlowery1@aol.com) so that I can add you to the petition. There is no obligation at this point, it is simply a petition. Further updates to follow.

Randi Lowery,  
Assistant Patrol Representative, Wolf Ridge Ski Patrol



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## NEWS RELEASE - National Ski Patrol

### **The Magnificent Seven: Official NSP Safety Team Announced**

January 18, 2008—Lakewood, Colorado—In partnership with Patagonia, the National Ski Patrol (NSP) has revived the historic NSP Safety Team. Seven team members have been chosen from myriad qualified applicants and were announced today. All are active ski patrollers who have contributed significantly to slope safety during their NSP career and will serve as visible ambassadors for the NSP and for ski/snowboard safety over the next two years.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for NSP members to be recognized for their contributions to slope safety and make the slopes even safer,” said NSP Executive Director Tim White. “We received many applications from strong candidates, but the seven that were chosen have truly gone the extra mile to make the slopes a safer experience for the skiing and riding public.”

The NSP Safety Team is a diverse group that includes Paul Baugher (Crystal Mountain, Wash.), Dennis McMahan (Apple Mountain, Mich.), Jim Phillipe (Aspen, Colo.), Craig Simson (Keystone, Colo.), Ed Strapp (Sugarloaf, Maine), **Jean Webb (Sugar Mountain, N.C.)**, and Lonny Whitcomb (Liberty Mountain, Pa.). Bios of all team members are available at [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org).

The seven were chosen because of their demonstrable successes in ski/snowboard safety, from avalanche education to terrain park safety to community outreach. Each will participate in a variety of NSP safety programs and initiatives, will apply

their experience to safety-related focus groups and industry discussions, and will be featured in NSP materials—starting with safety tips at [nsp.org](http://nsp.org) during National Safety Awareness Week, Jan. 19-25. Team members will also receive a team uniform from Patagonia.

NSP has utilized a Safety Team in the past, but the concept had not been used in recent years. The NSP, founded in 1938, is celebrating 70 years of service and safety in 2008, which provided the ideal backdrop for reviving the team. For more information contact **Tim White** or **April Darrow** at the National Ski Patrol: 303.988.1111.

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## Photos from around the Division



**A Day at the Beech**  
Photo by Lee Wittmann

Beech Mountain Patrollers (left to right) David Kaser, Linsey Strohschein, Ken Greene, Amanda Ohlson, Susie Strohschein, Toni Cheek, Brie Young, Chris Haley & Collin Waldron.

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## Southern Division Obituaries

### Lewis E. Dimler

Lew Dimler was a tireless, highly regarded and respected patroller who died on September 5, 2007 after a courageous 11-year battle with prostate cancer. He was 65.

Lew was a U.S. Air Force veteran of 20 years whose love of skiing began during a tour in Austria in the 1970's. Skiing became his avocation, where he found new friends and responsibilities in the NSP. Lew took a broader view of patrolling which had no boundaries. He was a member of multiple patrols in four Divisions during his 30 years with NSP including Bryce Mtn., Massanutten Mtn., and Shenandoah Nordic, VA, Blue Knob and Whitetail, PA, Blackwater Nordic (White Grass, WV), Bryan Mt. Nordic (Devils Thumb, CO), and Soldier Hollow, UT with the 2002 Olympic and Paralympic Nordic Patrols. Lew knew patrollers everywhere.

Lew had a self-proclaimed mission. His training in military intelligence gave him the ability to see the big picture as the continuous recruiting and training of patrollers and incorporation of best practices. He took the initiative to run a Ski Patrol booth for a few years at the Washington, DC Ski Show to provide public relations and recruitment for patrols in four local regions. As a Senior patroller and CPR/WEC/OEC Instructor, he was instrumental in organizing and supporting courses in northern Virginia with candidates and instructors from Eastern and Southern Division patrols. His energy was boundless acquiring equipment and recruiting instructors and patrollers as patients and helpers. He also conducted on-the-hill OEC and S & T training and testing and made sure the candidates got it right. Lew's dedication and enthusiasm easily transferred to candidates as their core motivation to join and succeed in NSP. With his positive attitude, he was always willing to help and do whatever was needed to get the job done.

Lew touched many lives over the years with his great laugh and his soft heart. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

Lew is survived by his wife, Penny, who is also a Patroller, his daughter Kelly Buttrey and grandson Evan Lewis Buttrey, and his step-children: Sarah Richards, Drew Richards and wife Denise, and grandson Colin Drew Richards.

Pictures are available @ <http://www.tiny.cc/Lew>

Donations to the American Cancer Society @ [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Michael Calabrese, Blue Knob Ski Patrol

William Cox, Timberline Ski Patrol

## Southern Division Calendar

Please refer to the Division Website for updated schedules!

[www.southernnsp.org](http://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.

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*Instructor Development...Instructor Development...Instructor Development...Instructor Development*

Ann Wood,  
*Instructor Development Supervisor*

An Instructor Development course has been scheduled at Wolf Ridge Ski Lodge in Mars Hill, NC. This class will be split over two days with the first class on February 10, 2008 and the second half of the class on March 2, 2008. The course times are 8:30 am – 12:00 noon. Anyone interested in attending should contact Rhonda Smith at either 828-645-9171 OR [rskismith@aol.com](mailto:rskismith@aol.com).

Remember that this is also a Senior elective!

If anyone is interested in hosting a class, let me know at ([anntwood@aol.com](mailto:anntwood@aol.com)).

## 2008 SOUTHERN DIVISION CALENDAR

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2008 DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE DATES					
DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
04-01	DUE – Awards Nominations		Peggy Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
04-01	DUE – Patrol – Financial Reports DUE – Division Expense Reimbursements Requests (2007-2008)		Jim Underwood	865-483-3675	<a href="mailto:jnu@bellsouth.net">jnu@bellsouth.net</a>
04-01	DUE – Patrol – End of Year Reports DUE – Supervisor – End of Year Reports		Richard Boyer, Jr.	770-975-5875	<a href="mailto:richardboyer@bellsouth.net">richardboyer@bellsouth.net</a>
04-15	DUE – Budget Requests to Division for Ski Season 2008-2009		Jim Underwood	865-483-3675	<a href="mailto:jnu@bellsouth.net">jnu@bellsouth.net</a>
05-17	<b><u>Executive Committee Meeting</u></b>	Roanoke, VA	Morgan Armstrong, DD	276-629-1654	<a href="mailto:rmasp@comcast.net">rmasp@comcast.net</a>
05-21	DEADLINE – Southern Cross articles		Teresa Stewart, Editor SC	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>
08-15	<b><u>Executive Committee Meeting</u></b>	Kingsport, TN	Morgan Armstrong, DD	276-629-1654	<a href="mailto:rmasp@comcast.net">rmasp@comcast.net</a>
08-16	<b><u>SOUTHERN DIVISION CONFERENCE (1<sup>st</sup> Day)</u></b>	Kingsport, TN	Morgan Armstrong, DD	276-629-1654	<a href="mailto:rmasp@comcast.net">rmasp@comcast.net</a>
08-17	<b><u>SOUTHERN DIVISION CONFERENCE (2<sup>ND</sup> Day)</u></b>	Kingsport, TN	Morgan Armstrong, DD	276-629-1654	<a href="mailto:rmasp@comcast.net">rmasp@comcast.net</a>
09-08	DEADLINE – Southern Cross articles		Teresa Stewart, Editor SC	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>

2008 DIVISION PROGRAM DATES					
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02-02	Certified – Clinic	Wintergreen	Steve Kuller	540-234-9108	<a href="mailto:sdk@juno.com">sdk@juno.com</a>
02-09 & 02-10	Certified – Clinic (Mandatory for new candidates)	Snowshoe	Steve Kuller	540-234-9108	<a href="mailto:sdk@juno.com">sdk@juno.com</a>

**2008  
DIVISION PROGRAM DATES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
03-20 – 03-22	Certified – TEST	Snowshoe	Steve Kuller	540-234-9108	<a href="mailto:sdk@juno.com">sdk@juno.com</a>

**2008  
BLUE RIDGE REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
02-02	Senior S&T – Clinic	Hawksnest	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
02-03	Senior S&T – Clinic	Hawksnest	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
02-24	Basic Patrollers S&T TEST	Hawksnest	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
03-02	Basic Patrollers S&T TEST	Appalachian	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
03-09	Senior EMM – TEST	Appalachian	Lisa Adams	828-387-2892	<a href="mailto:pleasingmona@skybest.com">pleasingmona@skybest.com</a>

**2008  
DIXIE REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
02-10	S&T TEST	Ober Gatlinburg	Brandon Olson	865-471-5197 865-603-3045	
02-24	Senior EMM TEST	Cataloochee	Bob Brewster	828-684-8100	

**2008  
VIRGINIA REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
02-10	Skier Enhancement Seminar	Wintergreen	John Shaffer	703-719-5945	<a href="mailto:john.shaffer@us.army.mil">john.shaffer@us.army.mil</a>
02-23	Senior EMM – TEST	Bryce	T. Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
02-24	Senior S&T – TEST	Massanutten	T. Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
03-08	Instructor Development Course	Massanutten	Cathy Riley-Hall	703-830-9520	<a href="mailto:Catherine.Riley-Hall@fairfaxcounty.gov">Catherine.Riley-Hall@fairfaxcounty.gov</a>
03-09	Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher	434-296-8485	<a href="mailto:heardmtn05@earthlink.net">heardmtn05@earthlink.net</a>

**2008  
WEST VIRGINIA REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
02-02	Senior EMM Clinic	WinterPlace	George McMurray		<a href="mailto:jorgemcmurray@gmail.com">jorgemcmurray@gmail.com</a>
02-03	Senior S&T Clinic	Snowshoe	Dan Philippi	304-572-0535	<a href="mailto:dphilippi@carolina.rr.com">dphilippi@carolina.rr.com</a>
03-01	Senior EMM TEST	Timberline	Bill Cox		<a href="mailto:Mountain.bc@verizon.net">Mountain.bc@verizon.net</a>
03-02	Senior S&T TEST	Snowshoe	Dan Philippi	304-572-0535	<a href="mailto:dphilippi@carolina.rr.com">dphilippi@carolina.rr.com</a>

**2008**  
**SOUTHERN DIVISION STAFF DIRECTORY**  
 [02-01-08]

<b>THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION</b>		
<b>DIVISION LEVEL</b>	<b>REGION LEVEL</b>	<b>PATROL LEVEL</b>
<p>Division Director – Morgan Armstrong (Chair) (X)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Division Director – Richard Boyer, Jr.                      2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Division Director – Brent E. Bowman                      Assistant Division Director – North – Jan Starr                      Assistant Division Director – South – Mike Harris</p> <p>Past Division Director – Neil Booth                      Professional Director – Bartek Drewnowski</p> <p>Secretary – Kelly Duke Drewnowski                      Treasurer – Jim Underwood</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL MEMBERS</u> (X)</p> <p>OEC Supervisor – Leslie Carter (X)                      Legal Advisor – Chuck Lollar (X)</p> <p>[8]</p>	<p>Region Director – Blue Ridge – Jonathan Hale                      Assistant RD – Blue Ridge –</p> <p>Region Director – Dixie – Dennis F. Slagle                      Assistant RD – Dixie – Brandon Olson</p> <p>Region Director – Virginia – Bill Smith                      Assistant RD – Virginia – Ted Forbes</p> <p>Region Director – West Virginia – Byrd E. White, III                      Assistant RD – West Virginia – Thomas Wagner</p> <p>[8]</p>	<p>Appalachian Patrol – Joe Donadio                      Ski Beech Patrol – Tom Watson                      Ski Hawksnest Patrol – Brent S. Rockett                      Sugar Mountain Patrol – Flynn Harris</p> <p>Cataloochee Patrol – June L. Ray                      Cloudmont Patrol – Bob Palik                      Ober Gatlinburg Patrol – Brent Galloway                      Sapphire Patrol – Justus Baird                      Wolf Ridge Patrol – Phil Bentley                      Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol – Don Jones</p> <p>Bryce Patrol – William “Bill” Kost                      Homestead Patrol – David Woods                      Massanutten Patrol – Ron Dull                      Wintergreen Patrol – Ted Forbes</p> <p>Blackwater Nordic Patrol – Brad Moore                      Snowshoe Patrol – Becky E. Sharp                      The New Winterplace Patrol – Walter Watson                      Timberline Patrol – Janette Bennett</p> <p>[18] = [34] <span style="float: right;">[Quorum = 18]</span></p>
<p>X = Non-voting member of the Board                      Chair = May only vote to break a tie vote [Division Bylaws, Article IV, §4]                      OEC Supervisor = Additional member not entitled to vote [Division Bylaws, Article IV, §§ 2, and 5]                      Legal Advisor / Parliamentarian = legal counsel [Division Policies &amp; Procedures Manual, 4<sup>th</sup> edition – revised, §3, Program Structure – Legal Advisor]</p>		

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<b>DIVISION DIRECTOR (X)</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> ADD – Administration</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> ADD – Skills</b>	<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>SECRETARY</b>
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# CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR THE SOUTHERN DIVISION PATROLS

## DIVISION DIRECTOR

(Morgan Armstrong)

## 1<sup>st</sup> ASSISTANT DIVISION DIRECTOR

(Richard Boyer, Jr.)

## ASSISTANT DIVISION DIRECTOR - NORTHERN PART

(Jan Starr)

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