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#### FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

In spite of some unexpectedly slack snow conditions lately, this has been one of our best seasons for Ski Patrol activities in the division. Good reports have been received from our Avalanche and Mountaineering courses, along with the activities of many patrols. A disappointment was the poor turnout for the division Junior Jamboree.

Although the season is tapering off, the SAAB promotion is getting underway. We can get some good visibility from this program, if we all get behind it.

The mid-winter meeting of the National Board was held at Vail, Colorado Feb. 7 and 8. The sessions were very productive. As usual, Colorado had more than its share of snow. Some of the highlights include:

1. Adoption of an annual budget holding the line at last year's level (\$238,000).
2. Decision made to drop all rust parkas from the line except the shell. Southern and Central voted against this one. There is a 2-year supply of parkas in Denver, so the problem is not eminent. We plan to present a new proposal at the annual meeting this summer.
3. Harry Pollard has been elected vice president of the American Ski Federation.
4. "Inactive" classification is changed to "Associate" membership.
5. Dues for first-time registration of a new candidate raised to include the purchase of required NSPS manuals. (Admin., Procedures, Winter First Aid)
6. Report received on the considerable progress being made in the NSPS telecommunications program. Good radios are available at a reasonable price.
7. New Lift Evacuation Manual published
8. Joint registration for Nordic and Alpine patrollers approved.

A great big "Thank You" to the members of the Knoxville Ski Club for the gift of \$50.00!



(Photo by Dale Johnson)

#### FATHER-SON TEAM ARE SENIORS!

Charles Benbow and his son Steve, from Seven Devils, passed the Senior Test given March 1st at Snowshoe, W.Va.

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION INFORMATION MANUAL

Last fall Walter Eaton volunteered to put together a manual containing all pertinent data about our division. He and N. C. York are to be congratulated on a fantastic achievement in putting together and publishing this fine manual. It will be a great help to all patrollers throughout the division. Thank You!

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION SPRING MEETING

The meeting will be in Gatlinburg, Tenn. on Saturday, April 5th. The Gatlinburg PL, Jack Case, has made arrangements for special rates for lodging at the Travel Lodge (East) - \$10.00 single, \$12.00 double and \$14.00 2-double/night. Make reservations directly with Travel Lodge. The toll-free number is 800-255-3050. Jack Case has invited us to his "home in the sky" for a Happy Hour at 7:00 P.M.

Each patroller in the division is encouraged to attend this meeting. All who expect to attend, please send a card indicating such to: Gary Delius, P.O. Box 1981, Knoxville, Tenn. 37901.

#### (A) COURSE

The course was held at Snowshoe, W.Va. on February 15 and 16. The instructors were Dale Johnson and Doug LaCoss. Ten of the eleven who passed the course are shown in the picture at left with Doug LaCoss. Those who passed are: Randall Blackburn, John Carpenter, Sid Carpenter, Mark Crissman, William Houck, Lynn Kettlewell, French Moore III, Neal Reahberg, Mike Solomon, Randall Thomas and Dave Wallace.

#### (M) COURSE

This course will be held March 15 and 16 at Snowshoe, W.Va. Registration will be at 8:30 A.M. in the area Patrol Room. Cross country skiing with one night out in the field will be included. Cross Country Skis, Boots and Poles will be available through the Snowshoe rental.

Required clothing and camping gear must include: note pad, pencil, whistle, sleeping bag adequate for -20°, rugged high-topped hiking boots, woolen or thermal underwear and socks with change, warm outer clothing, windproof parka with hood or other head covering, warm gloves or mittens, waterproof matches and fire starters, nourishing food with at least 1-days extra per person, sharp hunting knife, air mattress or foam pad and ground cover, Primus stove or equivalent, flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries, dark glasses, rain coat or poncho, individual shelter tarp or tent (you will sleep alone), 10'  $\frac{1}{4}$ " min. hemp rope for knot work, 50' or more of nylon parachute cord or equivalent, own cooking equipment, Silva compass (approx. \$6.00 - up), plastic or metal canteen (1 qt +) and First Aid Patrol Belt. Husband and wife teams may share shelter, stove, cooking gear and meals.

It is suggested that those leaving Friday night spend the night in Covington or White Sulphur Springs, Va. and drive in Saturday morning. Snowshoe is near Marlinton, W.Va. and the accommodations there are limited. If you have any questions, contact Dale Johnson, So. Div. Instructor: 2326 Hiawatha Drive, P.O. Box 9613, Greensboro, N.C. 27408 (919-288-9790)

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This is the motto of SAAB and the 25,000 membership of NSPS. The NSPS has chosen the Swedish-built SAAB 99 as its official car due to its progressive safety design. You are urged to test drive a SAAB at your local dealership, at no obligation, and then complete and mail the NSPS donation card.

We have accepted the challenge of SAAB-SCANIA of America's President to jointly promote winter safety. To start this joint effort, the greater Minneapolis - St. Paul area has had ski patrol nights, ski club nights with binding checks, ski films, door prizes and a grand prize of a SAAB to drive for a year. We need your help and ideas! Call David Dillard, Shelby Dyer, Roy Smith or Jim Underwood. We encourage everyone in the Patrol to go to your nearest SAAB dealer and take a test drive (you might take a ski club member with you). Offer your help to the dealer in this national promotion.

Bud Mynatt of the Knoxville Motor Company will have a SAAB available at our Spring Meeting in Gatlinburg. The SAAB will be available for test drives from 10:00 A.M. through the rest of the day.

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(Photos by Don Rupp)

The above pictures were taken during the NSPS European Ski Patrol Seminar in Wengen Switzerland. The bottom pictures show part of the group at a reception at the Palace Hotel. Harry Pollard, National Director, seems to be enjoying the party as well as Ed Ericson, Executive Administrator, on the left with two of the Southern Division contingent. The picture above shows (from left) the Rupps, Thalackers and Hires. Walter Eaton was missing when this was taken. He skied with some Frenchmen he met that day and ended up in Grund. Grund? After taking a bus and two cog-railway trains, he finally got back and joined the party (see arrow). The upper left picture shows the Swiss SOS working with German Shepherds at a simulated avalanche in heavy snow. The town of Wengen is shown in the center. The one at upper right shows some of us on the slopes with Dick Starke (second from left), International Division Director.

The trip was certainly one of the most exciting and rewarding experience any of us have had with NSPS! The snow was fabulous over miles of trails and huge open slopes. The International Division should be highly commended for their superb planning and graciousness during our stay in both Wengen and Innsbruck. Harry Pollard presented National Appointments to: Jim Fadden - No. 4554 and Leif Lundkvist - No. 4555, and Yellow Merit Stars to Pat Reppard and Jack Russell of the International Division. The SOS gave a demonstration of how German Shepherds find avalanche victims in a matter of minutes even though they may be buried deep under the snow. The usual method of probing was also used to point out how very much slower it is. Other demonstrations included a chair lift evacuation and an evacuation of a 100-person gondola at night with a rescue helicopter at the site. Movies were shown on climbing the Eiger and Jungfrau with an informal talk following. While in Innsbruck we visited a plant that makes rescue equipment (including Akja toboggans). We went to an Austrian Rescue Assn. Hut at a ski area where they showed and demonstrated their equipment. There are 8000 men employed year 'round in this organization. It is headed by a Colonel in the Austrian Army who is a physician. He showed slides and movies of victims being rescued.

SPECIAL RATES GIVEN TO NSPS

The Holiday Inn, Banner Elk, N.C. offers special rates to NSPS of \$14.00 single and \$16.00 double on a reservation basis. Each extra person will be charged \$2.00 and an extra \$2.00 for each rollaway bed. Patrollers must show NSPS '75 registration card for these rates. We appreciate the special consideration!

PATROLLERS ON TV

Chet Sherman, Renegade Asst. PL and Larry Dietz, Sugar Mtn. Asst. PL appeared on the morning Knoxville TV show "Today in Tennessee" in December. They discussed their role in NSPS and ski safety.

GUESS WHO???

Have you heard about the patroller who was so excited about his new "banana" boots that he tested them, on skis, down some steps in his home? A visit to the hospital was necessary to repair the resulting damage to his head.

AWARDS

Now is the time everyone should be getting together information for the outstanding awards: Outstanding Junior, Outstanding Patroller and Outstanding Patrol in the Southern Division. All nominations must be submitted on the official form and be received by mid-April. Send to:  
Dick Thalacker 805 Newman  
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

BASIC TEST GIVEN AT SNOWSHOE

On Saturday, January 18th the basic test was given to Peter Brigham, Neal Rehberg and Mike Soloman and all passed. They are registered with Snowshoe Patrol as paid candidates. Test examiners were Randy Avery, Dale Johnson and Doug LaCoss.

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Randy Avery  
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Larry Dietz  
David Dillard

Dale Johnson  
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#### FIRST AID REFRESHERS

November 8, 1975 Carolina Highlands  
November 8, 1975 Virginia-West Virginia  
November 15, 1975 Tennessee-Kentucky  
November 22, 1975 Western Carolina

Put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. Most, if not all, refreshers start at 8:00 am. All patrollers will be notified of further details as well as on-the-hill refresher schedules.

#### WELCOME NEW PATROLLERS

On February 23, 1975 eight candidates took the Basic Test at Cataloochee Ski Area. The candidates included three from Sky Valley and five from Cataloochee. Two qualified as Juniors and six as Patrollers for a 100% passing rate. Congratulations!

#### BASIC & SENIOR TESTS GIVEN

March 1st was a busy day at Snowshoe! The Senior Test was given by Ron Smith, Pete Chamberlin and Dave Dillard. The following patrollers passed:

Charles Benbow	Seven Devils
Steve Benbow	Seven Devils
Gary Delius	Administrative
Ken Hedges	Homestead
Marshall McClung	Snowshoe
French Moore III	Snowshoe

Randy Avery and Chet Sherman gave the Basic Test and the following passed:

Rick Farrish	Snowshoe
Bill Houck	Snowshoe
Debbie Johnson	High Meadows
Lynn Kettlewell	Snowshoe

After sweep, Martha Avery sponsored a very successful hour of relaxation in the patrol room that everyone enjoyed.

### (A) COURSE

This was the second course offered in the Southern Division during the past season. It was held March 8, 1975 at Seven Devils Ski Area. The instructors were Charles Benbow, Seven Devils PL and Dale Johnson, Division Avalanche and Nordic Patrol Advisor.

Pictured in the photo taken by Dale Johnson are (left to right) Kathy Rodeheffer, Andre Tennille, Mark Poole, Wes Benbow, M. L. Lawson and Charles Benbow.



### THANK YOU HUNTSVILLE SKI CLUB

We are most grateful to the members of the Huntsville Ski Club for their gift of \$50.00 to the Dixie Region, NSPS. They have given donations for the past several years to be used to help in the First Aid and Safety objectives. Last year's gift was used to supply each patrol in the region with a specially designed splint for a dislocated shoulder. Thank you so much!

### RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

N. C. York has resigned as Ga-Ala. Section Chief and we only accept his resignation knowing that he has done an outstanding job and must step down for personal reasons. We all join together in "thanks" to N C and wish him the "best of luck". Walter Eaton has been selected as the new Section Chief. Walter's many accomplishments for the betterment of the NSPS are well known and we are sure he will do an excellent job as Section Chief.

We are sorry to lose Doug LaCoss, the Atlantic Region Director, because of a move out of the area. We are fortunate that Pete Chamberlin, who served so well as Carolina Highlands Section Chief, has agreed to become the new Region Director. Don Rupp, who many in the area know from his service on Basic and Senior Tests, will be the new Section Chief.

### CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER POB 75-18

We are all urged to write our congressmen and senators for support in our effort to obtain a congressional charter. Please ask your senator and congressman to co-sponsor:

senate bill #1736 - Senator McIntyre  
house bill #R7239 - Congressman Kemp

A sample letter you may use as a guide is below.

Dear Senator or Congressman:  
I am a member of the National Ski Patrol System, which is a volunteer organization serving the skiing public by providing an on-the-hill first aid service to assist with ski injuries and transportation from the hill to a first aid room staffed by members of our organization who are trained to provide immediate first aid and care.  
We are currently attempting to obtain a Congressional Charter in order to facilitate the effectiveness of our organization and have contacted Senator Thomas J. McIntyre and Representative Louis C. Wyman of New Hampshire, who are working on a Bill that would grant us a Congressional Charter. We feel this is a very worthwhile piece of legislation and would certainly appreciate any assistance that you might give us by contacting the above persons and in assisting them with sponsorship of such a bill.  
Thanking you in advance.



Keith Argow, D.D. (right) presents the Certificate of Appreciation to N. C. York.



Keith Argow, D.D. (left) presents the National Appointment to Peter Chamberlin with Doug LaCoss on the right.

(photos by Don Rupp)

AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE SPRING MEETING

1. Divisional Certificates of Appreciation
  - a. Walter Eaton and N. C. York for outstanding service in the preparation of the 1974-1975 Information Manual on the Southern Division.
  - b. Dr. David Wallace for outstanding service in the organizing of the Snowshoe Patrol.
2. Special Award  
Jack Case for hosting the spring meeting for the third consecutive year.
3. Angel Pin Awards
  - a. Mrs. Tom Worley
  - b. Mrs. French Moore Jr.
4. National Appointment  
Peter Chamberlin

TEST DRIVE A SAAB

Bud Mynatt of the Knoxville Motor Co. had this SAAB at the Spring Meeting in Gatlinburg. It was available for test drives that day.

Pictured are some of the patrollers who took advantage of the opportunity.

(photo by Dale Johnson)



FALL OFFICERS MEETING

The Fall Southern Division Officers meeting will convene at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 18th at the Village Inn, Beech Mountain, N. C.

The NSPS National Executive Board will be at Beech Mountain this same weekend and plans to join us for our afternoon session.

A C.P.R. Instructor course will be given this same weekend. Of necessity it will be limited to those who are Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care instructors and have been certified in basic C.P.R. The course will involve the principles of C.P.R. and some anatomy, with a lot of emphasis on training and practice toward developing precise technique. The class will meet Friday from 7:00 to 10:00 pm and Sunday from 9:00 am to noon.

If you wish to attend, contact Gary Delius, P.O. Box 21013, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37421, so he will know how much equipment to bring.

NEW SKI AREA

The Southern Division will have a new ski area opening this coming season. The area is Wintergreen and is located about 20 miles South of Charlottesville, Va. The FL is French Moore, III. If you are interested in patrolling there, contact French 703-433-5180.

The area has three lifts and seven trails. The vertical drop is 530'.

NSPS EMBLEMS

The back and chest patches are being sold in some flea markets. It seems the manufacturer of these emblems sold some in bulk, so please be on the lookout. We will have to check visitors closely in the future.

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A total of 283 patrollers in the Southern Division completed their combined Fall First Aid Refresher and phase II of Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care retraining this November. Unofficial tallies indicate 41 attended Virginia-West Virginia, 106 at the Carolina Highlands, 52 at the Kentucky-Tennessee and 84 at the combined Western Carolina and Georgia-Alabama refresher. If we add 10% new candidates this season, we will have a division membership of about 310 - down slightly from 324 last season.

The number of ski areas opening this season will also be down. Mill Ridge, Renegade and Hound Ears have all closed, and the opening of Seven Devils is in doubt. The property owners association at Beech Mountain will operate that popular area this season. We are happy to welcome two new areas: Cascade and Wintergreen (both in Virginia) and wish them a good season. Patrol Leaders are Jerry Liles and French Moore III.

The annual national meeting was held in June in Seattle this year. The winter parka issue was resolved with the addition of two models to our supply catalogue. The problem of strict interpretation of workmens compensation laws and resulting impacts on volunteer patrollers was discussed at length. North Carolina is the third state to recognize the contribution of volunteer patrollers by exempting them from the law.

The National Medical Committee also met and is working on updating the Winter First Aid Manual, along with the First Aid Committee. Ass't DD and Medical Advisor Harwell Dabbs, M.D. attended and represented Southern. Look for the new Journal of Winter First Aid this season which will be providing current information.

Dick Thalacker, our energetic Dixie Region Director and Division Awards Advisor has been transferred to Detroit. He has made a big mark in the Southern Division and we'll long remember the "Wizard of Detrex", Brenda and the kids. Good luck to y'all in the cold, snowy and flat Great Lakes country!

## NUMERO UNO



The Cataloochee Patrol was presented the Outstanding Patrol award for the Southern Division last year. They are truly an enthusiastic and dedicated patrol!

This picture was taken during the on-the-hill refresher November 22nd. Tom Worley, FL, is in center front holding the award. Note the snow they had for the occasion!

### BINDINGS & BANDAGES AVAILABLE

The following are available through Charles Benbow, Seven Devils FL: Tyrolia Rocket 190 toe, Superclix 190 heel \$34.75; Tyrolia 350 toe, Clix Diagonal heel \$53.90; Salomon 555 set, with safety leash \$59.60; Salomon 444 set, with safety leash \$42.75; Safety leash for Tyrolia bindings \$4.75; Lipe Slider, low friction sole pads \$4.75.

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### SOUTHERN DIVISION JUNIOR TRAINING SEMINAR

It will be held January 24-25 at Beech Mtn. All Juniors and Candidates (under 18 years) are invited. The two-day event will include advanced aspects of ski patrolling, a ski patrol contest, a fun ski contest and free skiing. A social/dinner will be held Saturday night.

Costs will be held to a minimum with lodging provided for all who register sufficiently early. If interested, send registration to Dr. Cloyd Beasley, Jr. 110 South Purdue, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830. Include name, age, sex, address, phone number, patrol status and how and when you will arrive with a check for \$2.50 (Junior Training Seminar, So.Div.NSPS).

### HAVE YOU WRITTEN TO YOUR CONGRESSMEN?

Walter A. Gregg, National Legal Counsel, prepared a Brief, some six pages long, in support of our Congressional Charter application pending in both Houses and mailed it to all 100 Senators and 435 members of the House of Representatives. Additionally, Senator McIntyre sent a "Dear Colleagues" letter to the members of the Senate requesting that they act as cosponsors on his Bill.

Many patrollers have written and the continuance of your letters in this regard now is vital. The Senate Bill (SB-1736) and House Bill (HR7229) have been assigned to their respective Judiciary committees. Walter Flower, 401 Cannon Bldg., Washington D.C. 20510 is the chairman of the House Judiciary "Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations". The members of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee are: James Eastland (chairman), John L. McClellan, Philip A. Hart, Edward M. Kennedy, Birch Bayh, Quentin N. Burdick, Robert C. Byrd, John V. Tunney, James Abourezk, Roman L. Hruska, Hiram L. Fong, Hugh Scott, Strom Thurmond, Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and William L. Scott. All members can be reached by writing to them c/o U.S. Senate, Washington D.C. 20510.

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Charles Benbow	Dale Johnson
Roger Bollinger	Dick Thalacker

NEXT SOUTHERN CROSS DEADLINE - JANUARY 25th!

## TRAINING & TESTING

January 4	Basic Test	Sugar Mtn.
January 10	Examiners Cl.	Sugar Mtn.
January 11	Basic Test	Cataloochee
February 1	Senior Test	Sugar Mtn.
February 8	Senior Test	Cataloochee
February 15	Senior Test	Snowshoe
February 15	Basic Test	Seven Devils
February 22	Basic Test	Cataloochee
February 29	Basic Test	Sugar Mtn.
February 29	Basic Test	Wintergreen

Tommy Fisher, a 7-year veteran of Sugar Mtn. patrol, will head T & T duties for the Carolina Highlands Section.

Ron Smith, past Virginia-West Virginia Section Chief, has agreed to accept the duties of T & T advisor in this section.

## CHANGES IN LINE OFFICERS

It is with deep regret that we announce the transfer to "The Northlands" of one of our most conscientious patrollers. Dick Thalacker has been not only a fine Region Director for Dixie, but has been Awards Advisor for the division. His personally designed and crafted awards are known and highly regarded throughout the NSPS. We wish Dick well on his move to Detroit, but will miss him as well as his "gobs of paper".

It is with great pleasure we announce that Bob Riddle has accepted the task of Dixie Region Director. Bob has been Legal Advisor since the inception of the Southern Division and more recently the Western Carolina Section Chief as well.

We are delighted that Tom Worley, the Cataloochee FL has consented to be the new Section Chief for Western Carolina.

## DONATIONS FOR SOUTHERN DIVISION

During the monthly board of directors meeting for November, The Catawba Valley Ski Club unanimously voted to give \$50.00 to the Dixie Region NSPS.

Larry Dietz, Sugar Mtn. Asst. FL and Vice President of USSA Southern Division, donated \$25.00 to THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

Thank you!

## SOUTHERN DIVISION FALL OFFICERS MEETING



(photo by Bill Tighe)

Members of the National Board NSPS met at Beech Mtn. the same time as the Southern Division Fall Officers Meeting. Shown accepting "Southern Division Paper Weights" crafted by Dick Thalacker are: (left to right) Ed Ericson, Exec. Admin.; Charles Haskins, Natl. Treas.; Harry Pollard, Natl. Director; Hartman Axley, Asst. Natl. Dir.; Walter Gregg, Natl. Legal Counsel and Mark Behan, Asst. Natl. Dir.

Southern Division awards presented were:  
Outstanding Patrol - Cataloochee  
Outstanding Patroller - Dale Johnson  
National Appointment - Randy Avery  
Special Service Award - Archie Smith

Eric deGroat received a Yellow Merit Star at the Boone First Aid Refresher.  
W. C. York received his National Appointment at the Ashville First Aid Refresher.

## WANT A JOB? LINE IT OUT!

Vacancies often occur throughout the division. Your officers want to give each patroller full consideration for these openings, but they need to know your interest. If you would like to be considered, let Roger Bollinger, ADD-Staff know (P.O.Box 428 Norris, Tenn. 37828). An interest listing will be made.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol \_\_\_\_\_  
Functions interested in \_\_\_\_\_



Mary Ann Moore watches her husband French start the fire in front of their A-frame.



Doris Benbow proves that carrying her "fair share" is not a chore.

(Photos taken by Dale Johnson during the M Course March 1975 at Snowshoe, W. Va.).

A (M) Course is scheduled for January 17-18 at Snowshoe, W. Va., on Cross Country Skis.  
A (A) Course is scheduled for January 31 at Seven Devils Ski Lodge, N.C. Advanced registration is required. Contact Dale Johnson Division Avalanche Advisor, 2326 Hiawatha Drive, P.O. Box 9613, Greensboro, N.C. 27408 (phone 919-288-9790).  
A Ski Mountaineering Rocker Course will be held February 7-8 at Seven Devils Ski Lodge for class work and February 21-22 at Mount Rogers, Va. for field work. The requirements are Basic Patroller or above, (M) Course and (A) Course. Advanced registration is required. This year two patrollers can share the equipment list for the mountaineering courses. For more information, contact N.C. York Division Mountaineering Advisor, or Dale Johnson Division Mountaineering Instructor.

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#### FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

At last, a skier's winter! The prolonged cold spells have set records for length (if not coldness) at several ski areas. That's the most important variable, weather just cold enough to make snow, and not interspersed with rain and tropical breezes. This year is critical since several ski areas are operating with reduced snow making capacity to meet budget reductions. So far the record has been encouraging, particularly in the amount of snow that was put down in January.

An urgent call for patrollers has gone out from Snowshoe FL Dave Wallace. He now has a room with four beds (plus space for two on the floor) for use by visiting volunteer patrollers. He requests that volunteers planning to patrol at Snowshoe contact him in advance at 703-552-7222. Although it is National Policy that only Seniors have visiting privileges, this can be waived if patrollers contact Dave in advance and get his approval. There are also jobs available for paid patrollers at \$2.50/hour. If interested, contact Dave immediately. Snowshoe has some of the best skiing in the division and is having a very busy year.

A big thank you for a job well done to the Atlanta Ski Club and Bill Farrell (Safety and Ski Patrol Board Rep.) for organizing a successful "Swap Shop" sale. The club forwarded the proceeds of \$277.00 to the Division Treasury and we are most grateful for this gift.



(photo by Cloyd Beasley)

The seminar was held January 24-25 at Beech Mtn.

The winners in the skiing ability test:

1. Debbie Hancock Beech Mtn.
2. Wes Benbow Seven Devils
3. Ches Adams Beech Mtn.

The highest scores for First Aid:

1. Wes Benbow Seven Devils
2. Stuart Muir Cataloochee
3. Mary Lou Moore Beech Mtn.  
Jane Reed Beech Mtn.

Other participants were: Kitty Calhoun, Beech Mtn. and Genell Britt, Dave Jones and Ricky Young from Wolf Laurel. Adults helping were Keith Argow, DD, Pete Chamberlin, RD, Don Rupp, SC, Charles and Doris Benbow, Chuck Hancock and Mary Ann Moore who hosted a dinner for the Juniors.

#### AWARDS ADVISOR APPOINTED FOR DIVISION

Charles Benbow, Seven Devils PL, has been appointed Awards Advisor. We are happy he has accepted the position and know he will carry out this responsibility to benefit the division.

#### HOLIDAY INN GIVES SPECIAL RATES TO NSPS

The Holiday Inn in Banner Elk, N.C. has set rates for NSPS of \$18.00 per couple, same rate for single, and \$2.00 for each additional person. We appreciate this special consideration. All patrollers must have their current registration card to take advantage of these rates.

Wintergreen, the new ski area in Virginia, had a formal opening the beginning of January complete with the governor. The patrol was hard at work even before skiing started with an on-the-hill refresher December 7th to practice using their new equipment. John Lawrence, Division Equipment & Lift Evacuation Advisor, was there to demonstrate the proper use of the lift evacuation equipment. Most of the patrol, ski instructors and lift operators had an opportunity to be lowered from a chair lift. Since that time they have evacuated the lifts twice for real. The second time was during a downpour of rain after 40 mile an hour winds had blown a tree onto the cable.

Snowshoe is open even though they are operating under formal bankruptcy procedures. Gone are the scores of promoters and real estate salesmen. The skiing is great with the snow piled up anywhere from 3 to 15 feet deep. If you haven't skied there yet, do so; but take your goggles as there are very few weekends without precipitation. They need the help of more patrollers, both paid and volunteers.

Cascade hasn't opened as yet! They are now making snow, so hopefully it will be soon.

Glenn White has been selected as Asst. PL at Homestead, helping Peter Steinfatt.

On January 18th a Basic Test was held for 3 members of the Wintergreen patrol. The new patrollers are Bill Blakley, Lilli Farrell and Jim Grover. Bill is a transfer from Europe while Lilli and Jim have been working 4 and 5 days a week. Examiners were Randy Avery, French Moore III and Ron Smith.

#### CONTRIBUTORS

Randy Avery	Dale Johnson
Cloyd Beasley	Dick Thalacker
Pete Chamberlin	Randall K. Thomas
Gary Delius	Tom Worley
Larry Dietz	

### CATALOOCHEE

The following took and passed the Basic Test at Cataloochee January 11th.

Ellen Chumbly	Junior	Cataloochee
Todd Debrececi	Basic	
Gail Jones	Basic	Wolf Laurel
Dave Jones	Junior	
David Massey	Basic	
Bill Phillips	Basic	

The test was given at the top of the hill in a 30 to 40 mile an hour wind.

The Senior Test at Cataloochee has been changed to February 7th. The spaghetti supper is still set for that evening. There will also be ski movies, door prizes, fashion show and tap beverages.

### MILL RIDGE

Mill Ridge needs more patrollers. Meals and courtesy fee are as listed below.

Weekdays: 1st patroller to arrive is given \$5.00 courtesy fee and lunch.

The next two will be given lunch.

Weekends: 1st two patrollers to arrive are given \$5.00 courtesy fee and lunch.

The next two will be given lunch.

Nights: 1st two patrollers to arrive are given \$5.00 courtesy fee.

(Monday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

All other standard priviledges and responsibilities apply as usual.

The area operates from 9:30 - 4:30 each day and from 6:00 - 10:00 evenings.

Randall K. Thomas is the FL.

### EXAMINERS CLINIC

Approximately 18 Southern Division patrollers attended the clinic at Sugar Mountain. The outdoor session was a lot of fun and laughs. We had a rare opportunity to have Tom Terrific all to ourselves. Patrollers from Wintergreen, Cataloochee, Sky Valley, Seven Devils, Gatlinburg, Sugar Mtn. and the Division Administrative patrols spent the day constructing courses and practicing patrol maneuvers and skills.

NEXT DEADLINE - MARCH 1st

### ERIC DEGROAT DAY



(photo by Don Rupp)

Eric DeGroat watches as his wife prepares to cut the cake baked for the occasion.

On Saturday, January 31st, Appalachian Ski Area honored one of the Southern Division's most dedicated patrollers. Eric DeGroat has been active since the beginning of NSPS in this area. He has contributed much in his wholehearted support not only in patrolling faithfully for so many years, but also as Division Communications Advisor, First Aid instructor and FL at Appalachian. This evening a small group of his many friends and admirers were privileged to be invited to a dinner in his honor. He was presented with his Yellow Merit Star certificate in a frame crafted by Benbow Reproductions.

### PICTURES ANYONE ???

Gary Delius, Tennessee-Kentucky Section Chief, is making a collection of slides and/or pictures of patrol activities in the Southern Division. If you have any good ones, please send them to him so that our Division Pictorial History will be as complete as possible. A notation should be made as to when and where they were taken and if possible names of those in the pictures. Gary's address is: 2321 Pleasant View Lane, Knoxville, Tenn. 37914 (phone 615-525-2671).

BREAKING CAMP AT THE END OF (M) COURSE AT SNOWSHOE

MOUNTAINEERING ROCKER COURSE



(photo by instructor Dale Johnson)

Pictured are: Wes Benbow relaxing in the snow; kneeling Don Rupp, Bobbie Rupp, Gary Delius, Susan Jackson, Farris Jackson; standing Kim Annas, Steve Benbow, Gwen Moody, Mark Poole, Doris Benbow, Liz Johnson, Mickey Lawson, Charles Benbow (instructor) and Bob Edwards.

Due to a conflict in schedules there has been a change in dates. The classwork for the course will be given Sunday, February 8th at Seven Devils Ski Lodge at 8:00 AM. The fieldwork will begin Friday evening, February 20th and end Sunday. This part of the course will be given at Mount Rodgers, Virginia. Details for the fieldwork will be given at the session on February 8th. Both class work and field work MUST be attended for the rocker award.



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#### FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

While it lasted we had a wonderful ski season. Our coldest January was followed by our warmest February in the past ten years. At the end of the month only three ski areas in the Division remained operational on stored up snow. It may be that ski season 1975-1976 has already come to an abrupt end. However, southern ski areas have a great capability for coming back on short notice given good snow-making weather.

Those of you that attended the dinner honoring Eric DeGroat at Appalachian Ski Mountain on January 31 will long remember it as a warm and gratifying event. It was remarkable for the rather candid remarks by Jack Lester. They turned out to be his last to an organized meeting of the Ski Patrol.

There are now fifteen ski mountaineering patches within the Division, plus four new instructors. Our congratulations to Nordic Advisor Dale Johnson for a job well done. He also received considerable assistance from Charles Benbow, French Moore, Jr. Gary Delius and Tom Moss. One highlight of the event was the appointment of our first two Nordic patrollers in the Division: Bob Edwards and Mickey Lawson.

It has been recommended that both Circle A and Circle M be prerequisite to taking the senior exam. This proposal has generated considerable interest. A pro and a con statement are included in this issue of the newsletter. We'll discuss the subject in detail at our spring convention and vote on it then.

The Johnson-Worley-Benbow team are making plans for a stimulating and pleasant Spring Ski Patrol Convention at Grove Park Inn, Ashville, N. C. on April 10th. Everyone is welcome at this meeting and we hope many of you will be there. Each patroller should make their own reservation (flyer enclosed). The rates are: single \$17.76, double \$19.76 (2 double beds or 1 queen size bed), children 12 years and up \$5.00 and those under 12 are free. The meeting will start at 9:00 AM.

SKI MOUNTAINEERING PATCH COURSE  
THE FIRST IN SOUTHERN DIVISION



(photo by Don Rupp)

Dan Dunlevy, National Ski Mountaineering Advisor, who taught part of the course is at left watching Charles Benbow instruct at the head of the victim. Dale Johnson, Div. Mountaineering Adv., Gary Delius, French Moore, Jr. and Tom Moss of NSPS as well as Jim Scott and John Henry Looney from the Blazed Trail Climbing School in Sewanee, Tenn. were the other instructors. NSPS participants were: Keith Argow, DD, Doris, Wes and Charles Benbow III, Bob Edwards, Jim Elliott (candidate), Mickey Lawson, Mary Ann Moore, Bobbie and Don Rupp. Members of the Washington Co. Life Saving Squad in Va. were: Joe Garrett, Claud Graybeal, Howard James, Doug Millard and Neil Smith. Classwork was February 8th at Beech Mtn. and fieldwork the weekend of February 20th at Mt. Rogers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 10 NEW SENIORS & 1 BASIC

Senior Test at Cataloochee, February 2

Robert C. Keeton and Lynn A. Pace from Gatlinburg, Rick Roberts and Ed Saleem from Cataloochee and Wilfried Wessely from Sky Valley.

Senior Test at Snowshoe, February 14-15

Randy Blackburn, Mark Crissman, Lynn Kettlewell and Neil Rehberg from Snowshoe and Robert Kolesha from Homestead.

Basic Test at Sugar Mtn., February 29

Donna Fisher from Sugar Mtn.

CIRCLE A COURSE



(photo by Farris Jackson)

This course was held at Seven Devils Ski Area on January 31st.

IN MEMORIUM . . . . JACK LESTER

On February 22, 1976 Jack Lester died of a heart attack at Boone, N. C. He was a major force in southern skiing and a good friend of the Southern Division NSPS.

Eric DeGroat introduced me to Jack Lester 11 years ago at Hound Ears Ski Lodge. He was skiing on "shortie skis" and told me they would revolutionize ski instruction. Jack Lester built his French-Swiss Ski College into the third largest ski school in the nation (behind Vail and Killington) right here in the South. This year he had 146 colleges signed up on his program to receive credit for ski instruction and continued his contracts with the Department of Army for training the Green Berets.

Keith A. Argow, DD

SOUTHERN DIVISION NSPS THANKS SKI CLUBS

We are most appreciative to the Ashville and Knoxville Ski Clubs for donations of \$50.00 each for division support of NSPS!

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SHOULD CIRCLE A AND CIRCLE M BE PREREQUISITE TO THE SENIOR EXAM?

At one time the Circle A was prerequisite, but was dropped at Division option. Circle M has been proposed, but never required.

Dale Johnson, Division Nordic and Avalanche Advisor, and others have recommended we require both in the Southern Division. His reasoning and a con statement from Ron Smith (former Virginia/West Virginia SC) are below for your information.

Dale Johnson

The objective in the training of a Patroller to become a Senior Patroller is to provide the opportunity to acquire advanced skills and techniques so as to be capable of patrolling at any area within the Division, on any terrain, under all conditions, with all types of equipment. Special emphasis should be placed on advanced skills, on leadership, on the ability to improvise. A Ski Patroller is never too experienced to learn more, never too skilled to acquire new abilities.

Five of the ten NSPS Divisions require Circle A and Circle M as requirements for Senior Patrollers and complete avalanche training is required for National Patrollers. All NSPS Divisions require Nordic Patrollers to complete the Circle A and Circle M courses before they can receive their Basic rating. Under these standards, the Basic Nordic Patroller is trained to a higher degree than the present Seniors. I would like to see the Southern Division adopt the Circle A and Circle M policy for Seniors and take a step forward; and also require all present Seniors to complete the courses over a three year period to maintain their Senior status.

With our present system, if any of our Seniors transfer to the five divisions requiring the courses they will not meet their minimum standards. The Circle A course can be completed in 1 day (and has been offered at the beach during the summer) and the Circle M course requires 2 days including an overnight stay. They are readily available in the Southern Division each year.

Our Senior Patrollers in the Southern Division are looked on as leaders; without these courses the standard of leadership is in jeopardy.

Ron Smith

I am against such additions to senior status requirements. The principle involved is one of need. Does the senior patroller in the Southern Division need Circle A and M to adequately perform his area patrol duties? The answer is no. The adding of these requirements would simply be placing artificial obstacles in the basic patroller's path to the prime and needed goal of upgrading his or her first aid, skiing and toboggan skills to senior competence.

Avalanche and mountaineering are peripheral activities to the principle purpose of Ski Patrol. Those patrollers who are interested in such activities will allocate time for those activities additional to that amount of time needed to properly discharge their regular necessary patrol duties. To legislate that such valuable time be taken from an already short season for peripheral activities will at best impede the progress of the basic patroller in fulfilling those true measures of senior competence and at worst may discourage her or him from working toward that goal.

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Dr. Warren Bowman, Natl. Medical Advisor  
Gary Bunce, Natl. First Aid Advisor

The American National Red Cross has approved the Heimlich maneuver for incorporation into standard ANRC first aid instruction and procedures.

The first aider stands behind the victim and wraps his arms around the victim's waist. He grasps his fist with his other hand, placing the thumb side of the fist against the victim's abdomen between the navel and the xiphoid process. He then presses his fist into the victim's abdomen with a quick upward thrust. This is repeated several times if necessary.

If the victim is sitting, the first aider stands behind the victim's chair. If the victim is lying, the first aider turns him on his back; then kneels astride his hips, facing the victim. He then puts the heel of his hand on the abdomen in the same position as above, with the other hand on top of it. He then presses into the victim's abdomen with a quick upward thrust, repeated several times if necessary.

POB #76 - 2

Walter A. Gregg, Natl. Legal Counsel  
NSPS Income Tax Deductions

Your deduction on your tax return should be indicated either as a contribution to "National Ski Patrol System, Inc." or to your Division. IRS records do not reflect names of Patrols, Sections or Regions.

You may deduct unreimbursed out of pocket expenses directly attributable to services you render to the NSPS, such as expenses for gas, oil, etc. when going to and from patrol, Patrol meetings, Refreshers, etc. (You may, instead, use the rate of 7¢ a mile.) You may also deduct room rent and meals (only if you are away overnight) while on patrol or at patrol functions, registration fees for patrol meetings, refreshers etc., first aid supplies used for patrol work, annual dues, patrol belts and patrol patches.

YOU MAY NOT DEDUCT: the value of your service contributed to NSPS; the cost of, nor depreciation on, your skis, boots, bindings, poles, parkas and other clothing, automobile, or other equipment.

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FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

Our thanks to Janie Bollinger, Doris Benbow, Mary Ann Moore and Mary K. Twomey for making our Spring Convention at Abingdon, Virginia an overwhelming success. We had almost a third of our division attending. Quite a tribute to our outgoing D.D. Keith Argow. The awards banquet had the finest selection of delicious food that we have ever seen. We had great music that was furnished by the fabulous Beech Mountain Boys, enhanced by a fine yodel solo by John Lawrence.

I thank you all for your support. We have much work to do to continue the fine record of service that we have established in the past. I assure you that I will do everything possible to see that this continues. The 76-77 season was the high point in the Southern Division's history. I am sure that we will continue to work together for the skiing public and the ski areas. They must continue to receive the highest quality service.

I would like to say that Lynn Pace truly deserves the honor of being the Patroller of the Year. Wintergreen received the honor for the Outstanding Patrol after a tough battle from another patrol at Sky Valley Ski Area. We are most proud of Lynn and Wintergreen.

Peter Chamberlin has been appointed A.D.D. (line), and Randy Avery is the new Atlantic RD. Chuck Hancock resigned as treasurer of Southern Division after serving for six years. He has done an outstanding job with a very tough position to coordinate. This position is now held by Jim Underwood.

FLs, SCs, and RDs be sure to send in accident reports for area before June 30th. All area registrations will go through channels as usual - before June 30th. All Pre-RMR and SMRs should be directed to the new treasurer, Jim Underwood, 109 Wildwood Drive, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830.

A.D.D. (ski area liaison), Harwell Dabbs, M.D. represented Southern Division NSPS at the Southeastern Ski Association meeting at the Homestead May 14-15. He presented a proposal for lift evacuation procedure to the group and they approved.

The National Meeting NSPS will be held in San Francisco June 9-12. I will represent Southern Division as the new D.D. Also planning to attend are: French Moore, Jr., First Aid Advisor; Keith Gray, Equipment Advisor; and Tom Worley, Testing and Training Advisor.



OUTSTANDING!

*Photos by Susan Jackson*

NATIONAL RECOGNIZES

The Wintergreen Ski Patrol is only two years old, but has proven that you don't have to be around a long time to excel. The Southern Division award for Outstanding Patrol was presented to their PL French Moore III. At the beginning of last season this neophyte group was indeed small, consisting of only one National, one Senior and five Basics. Through the efforts of the PL and Ron Smith, T & T officer, over 20 candidates passed the Basic Test and 2 Basics became Seniors. This ski area in Virginia may look upside down since the lodge is at the top of the hill -- a situation which has caused the patrol one of its biggest headaches: how to get the injured off the slopes. They have alleviated a large part of this problem by streamlining communications and vehicle operations, and by purchasing portable radios which put patrol, lifts, grooming and snow-making in direct communication. It is with admiration we can all look at this "Youngster" and say that we are proud!

Lynn Pace of Maryville, Tenn. was named Southern Division Patroller of the Year. He is asst. PL at Gatlinburg. Perseverance should be his middle name. Lynn has been registered with NSPS for 9 seasons, but during the 1976-77 season he became a Senior, took both Circle A and M courses as well as both Avalanche and Mountaineering Patch courses. In spite of this, he had time to carry out his duties with his patrol, never missing an assigned day, never leaving the area early once he'd signed on. He is a quiet man of strong determination, giving both physically and financially to assure the Gatlinburg Ski Area proper patrol protection, courtesy and diplomacy. We congratulate him!

Walter Eaton of Athens, Ga. is an asst. professor of Safety Education at the University of Georgia. He was the first Southern Region, Eastern Division patroller to pass the Senior Test. He was active on the Sky Valley patrol and is now the Ga/Ala SC. He is an instructor in Advanced First Aid and CPR and was responsible for the 1974-75 NSPS Southern Division Information Manual.

French Moore, Jr. of Abingdon, Va. is a dentist. He is the vice mayor of Abingdon and the first captain of the Washington County, Va. Lifesaving Crew. He has patrolled actively for 10 seasons at Beech Mtn. and has been the Division First Aid Advisor for 6 years. He has the distinction of being the first Basic Patroller ever to receive this appointment.

Robert Riddle of Leicester, N.C. is the Legal Advisor for the division, an Advanced First Aid instructor and a Senior Test Examiner. He has a great interest in people, the outdoors and the environment, evidenced by numerous backpacking and ski mountaineering trips into the Smoky Mountains and other National Parks. He is a former PL of the Cataloochee patrol.

Thomas Worley of Greensboro, N.C. is a salesman. He started skiing while in high school in Michigan, and 2 years later was a member of NSPS there. Tom is a Senior Test Examiner, Division T & T Advisor and Western Carolina SC. He is the past PL of the Cataloochee patrol, an instructor in Water Safety and Advanced First Aid and has been one of the most successful fund raisers for the division.

### THANKS EXPRESSED

The more than 100 of you that attended the Spring Convention in Abingdon already know my profound surprise and appreciation for the gifts and mementos I received. We were already delighted with the superb attendance at the convention and the involvement of so many patrollers.

As I look back on 15 years with ski patrolling in the South, I can remember many challenges and happy times. However, none of them come to the magnitude of April 16, 1977. The 75mm avalauncher shell casing (the first one fired by patrollers from the Southern Division in Montana) is a superb lamp. It lights a corner of my office where the hand-crafted certificate of appreciation and the time-piece desk set serve as friendly reminders. As many days as I can, I ride the 10-speed bicycle to work and enjoy every mile of it. As many of you know, that is the exact bicycle I have long admired and am particularly proud of it. The only thing I haven't used yet are the monogrammed longjohns (with 87 Southern Division emblems), but I will next winter. I'll be sure to wear my Appalachian Ski Patrol Hat to be a well dressed ex D.D.

Again, my thanks to each and every one of you. The Southern Division is a service organization and Mary Lou and I are proud to be a part of it. We look forward to many years more on the slopes with all of you. I know you will give Dave Dillard the same fine support you have given me.

With warm regards.

Keith A. Argow

### CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED AT ABINGDON

To Frank Feeney for his work with the data processing of the division's registration. He patrolled at High Meadows and was asst. PL at Seven Devils prior to joining the Wintergreen patrol.

To Charles E. Hancock for his five years as Division Treasurer and Registration Coordinator. Central Division's loss was definitely our gain when he moved South in 1968. Chuck patrols at Beech Mtn.

To Roberta S. Rupp who has been Editor of this publication since its beginning in October 1971. Bobbie patrols at Sugar Mtn.

To the Washington County Lifesaving Crew of Abingdon, Va. for its assistance and hospitality during the past 2 years on Mountaineering patch courses.

### ATLANTA: WOW!

A huge thanks is due to the Atlanta Ski Club for its substantial donation to the Southern Division NSPS of proceeds from the Swap Shop at the club's annual ski show last November. According to Bill Farrell who had charge of the booth and must have done a land office business that day, the amount turned over was \$668.92. The money was used to purchase two films on safety and ski patrol, and are available for patrols to show the public.

### OUR NEW D.D.

David P. Dillard, of Summerfield, N.C., was recently elected D.D. and started his term of office after the announcement at the Spring Convention at Abingdon, Va. He has been active in NSPS since 1962 when he patrolled at Blowing Rock, one of the first ski areas in the South.



He has served as PL at Blowing Rock, Seven Devils and Sugar Mtn. He was a SC while we were the Deep South Region of Eastern Division. When the Southern Division was formed, Dave became Atlantic Region Director and held this position until he was appointed A.D.D. (line) in 1973. It has been in this capacity that he has served the division until the present time.

Dave was awarded National Appointment No. 3556 in 1970. He is a Senior Test Examiner, an EMT, and an Advanced First Aid instructor. He has served as T & T Advisor for both Region and Division, has represented the division at a National Meeting and served on the Nominating Committee for National Director. He has taken the Avalanche Patch Course.

Not only has Dave given much time for NSPS, but has been active in the community as Past President of Greensboro Ski Club; Dir. Nat Green Ski Club; Y-Indian Guides; Boy Scouts of America - Merit Badge Counselor for First Aid, Safety, Skiing, Shooting, Aviation; Greensboro Jaycee "Key Man" Award 1962 & 1963; Greensboro Jaycee "1,000 Point" Club; Comm. for G.G.O.; Chairman for N.C. Junior Golf Tournament; Guilford Wildlife Club; United Fund Captain and Director of Red Shield Boys Club.

We are most fortunate to have such a qualified and dedicated director for the Southern Division!

### DOOR PRIZES DONATED FOR SPRING CONVENTION

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Hal Blakely, McNeil Laboratory  
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Southern Bell - Asheville  
Coca Cola of Asheville  
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George Olson - Natural Forests of N.C. - Asheville  
Bill Du naway, Dunaway Drugs - Georgia  
Dick Thalacker - NSPS

### Refreshments:

Coca Cola - Abingdon, Va.  
Schlitz - Archie Norwood, Pinnacle Sales,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

CIRCLE A

The date has been changed to August 13 - 14. It will be held at the Salterpath Campgrounds, Salterpath Road, Salterpath, N.C. It is located near Atlantic Beach, Morehead City. The course will start at dark over shrimp and beer. Camping sites and motels are available. Kids are welcome - bring the whole family. To register, write Dale Johnson, 2326 Hiawatha Drive, P.O. Box 9613 Greensboro, N.C. 27408.

T & T

A Senior Test was held at Cataloochee on February 6th. Those who passed are: Bill Dunaway, Tommy Godwin and Jim Welborn, Cataloochee; Gary Riser, Renegade; Susan Jackson, Administrative; Greg Walczynski and Ron Geist, Sky Valley; Igor Nabelek, Sugar Mtn.

A Senior Test was held at Snowshoe on February 12th. Those who passed are: Jim Underwood, Renegade; Frank Gordon, Wintergreen; Fritz Marquardt and Cloyd Beasley, Snowshoe.

Basic Tests were held at Cataloochee, Gatlinburg, Snowshoe, Wintergreen and Wolf Laurel. Those who passed are: Bill Cecil, Pete Knowland, Jim Talbot, Lynn Harrill and Jim Moore, Cataloochee; Jim Scott and Margaret Green, Gatlinburg; Lenoir Hartzler, Sky Valley; Robert Bodamer, Snowshoe; Genell Britt and Nancy Deason (Juniors), Chuck Latkoff (Aux.), Randy Flynn, Marsha Remington, Chuck Wagoner and Rick Young, Wolf Laurel; Tom Farrell, Woody Jay, Gloria Perry, Steve Forrest, Bob Rogers, Marcy Hall and Warren Griffen, Wintergreen.

SOUTHERN DIVISION TAKES AVALANCHE PATCH COURSE

If 21 Southern Patrollers seem to be skiing with their heads in the clouds from now on, it could be a result of this experience. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to William R. Hotchkiss, National Avalanche Advisor, who led the impressive and informed list of instructors, Clarence Serfoss, Northern Division Avalanche Advisor, who was the instructor instrumental in setting up the course, and the Bridger Bowl Ski Patrol who made the area available and assisted in all facets of the course including letting us work in the most realistic circumstances! All who attended and learned to much have a special gratitude to all who made it possible.

The following patrollers took the course: Charles, Chuck, Doris, Steve and Wes Benbow, Philip Birdsong, Randy Blackburn, Bill Blakely, Mike and Peggy Chandler, Gary Delius, Dave Dillard, Benning Garrison, Ron Geist, Frank Gordon, Igor Nabelek, Lynn Pace, Brian Riel, Jim Scott, Lance Webb and Dale Johnson, Southern Division Avalanche Advisor.

Next Avalanche Patch Course

There will be a trip planned for March 1978 to Montana (exact dates will be announced later). The course will be limited to 30 patrollers. If interested, contact Dale Johnson.

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The NSPS Annual Meeting was held in June in California. It was well attended and most interesting. Also attending from Southern Division were Keith Gray, Equipment Adv.; French Moore, Jr., First Aid Adv.; and Tom Worley, T & T Adv. John Crim was elected National Treasurer. There was a vacancy on the Executive Committee and Guell, Davis, Williams and Argow were nominated. Guell was elected. We will have an increase in insurance rates. National tried to get several bids, but had no takers except the previous insurer, American Home. The problem is that they are paying out in claims 98% out of every \$1.00 collected. The major source of claims is lift evacuation accidents. Collisions between skiers and ski patrollers is the second. We urge patrollers to use caution! A Division Registration Seminar was scheduled to be held in Denver, October 1st and our treasurer, Jim Underwood attended. There is now a Loss-Control Program in effect (stemming from insurance claims). The Division Director is responsible for reviewing each patroller-skier collision accident and lift evacuation accident. The purpose is to determine whether disciplinary or other appropriate action should be taken regarding patroller or patrollers involved. The finding shall be forwarded to National Insurance Counsel and National Legal Counsel. I appointed a Division Review Committee consisting of Roger Bollinger, A.D.D.; John Lawrence, Lift Evacuation Adv.; Bob Riddle, Legal Adv.; Tom Worley, T & T Adv. and Bob Edwards, Insurance Adv.

It has been an interesting five months! In addition to spending three busy days at the National Meeting, I attended the Division Executive Committee Meeting at Beech Mtn.; had a fun, sun and sand weekend at the beach with the Avalanche Course; participated in the Lift Evacuation Seminar at Seven Devils and represented National at the NASAR (National Association of Search and Rescue) Meeting in Nashville, Tenn. with Gary Delius, Norm Bishop, French Moore, Jr. Philip Birdsong and Philip Yoder.

This year we must have a patroller record. This is to be filled out by the patroller, checked by the FL and sent in with registrations. The FL should keep a copy for patrol records and send one to Frank Feeney, Computer and Records Adv. We now have a means of registration for those applicants in tryout sessions at a cost of \$3.00 per person for insurance protection. These will be submitted on the SMR printed "for tryout only". No benefits except insurance. If applicant is accepted, the \$3.00 will be applied to regular dues. An alumni Association has been formed so that inactive patrollers may register in this way for \$5.00 (through the FL as always).

We have asked John Lawrence, Lift Evacuation Adv. to prepare a LE Plan for each patrol; Norm Bishop, Mountaineering Adv., a Search and Rescue Plan and Dale Johnson, Avalanche Adv., an Avalanche Evacuation Plan. Each patrol will have to customize the plans to their area; i.e. names and phone numbers of hospitals, Rescue Squad, Sheriff Dept., etc. Copies of these plans should be with area management, as well as posted in patrol rooms and lift houses.

## LIFT EVACUATION POLICY SOUTHERN DIVISION NSPS

1. Because of the recent number of accidents involving ski patrollers during lift evacuations, NSPS has emphasized in its recent POB #77-9 that a) all chair lift evacuation plans and procedures shall be formulated and conducted under the direction of area management b) an annual on-the-hill refresher shall be conducted also under the direction of ski area management, and c) the NSPS Lift Evacuation Technical Manual shall be the minimum standard of performance in ALL chair lift evacuation plans and procedures.

2. At the Fall Officers Meeting, October 1st, the following Southern Division Lift Evacuation Policy Statement was adopted:

The following are some general guidelines on LIFT EVACUATION for NSPS patrollers in the Southern Division. The guidelines are not a substitute for area plans, described in (3) below.

1. Ski area management is ultimately responsible for all aspects of lift evacuation.

2. The possibility of a large scale chair-lift accident should be recognized. Triage (injury assessment), multiple evacuations from the area, and agency coordination (police, emergency services, FAA, press, etc.) should all be adequately planned for.

3. A lift evacuation plan (LEP) for each area lift should be on file with the lift evacuation and equipment advisors, the area patrol and Southern Division, NSPS local area management. Guidelines for the content of these plans can be found in the Joint Statement NSAA/NSPS (Rev. 8/20/73) and under the section on LEP, both contained in the NSPS LIFT EVACUATION TECHNICAL MANUAL (Sections 1.0.0. and 2.0.0. respectively).

4. ALL EQUIPMENT used for evacuation should be stored carefully, checked for serviceability before use, handled only by qualified personnel, used only for evacuation purposes, and checked after use.

5. Only properly trained NSPS personnel, or other properly trained people designated by local ski area management should carry out evacuations. In this case, "properly trained" means that a person shall have undergone current area training that has been approved by (both) the local patrol, NSPS and area management.

6. No patrol leader or patroller should begin an evacuation without prior direction from ski area management. Written permission should be obtained prior to ski season and periodically reviewed and revised as appropriate.

7. A written record should be kept by the Patrol Leader of each evacuation, including at least the following information:

- \* date, time span and location of evacuation
- \* names of patrollers and management personnel involved
- \* equipment used in evacuation
- \* approximate number of people evacuated (number of chairs, etc.)

It can not be stressed too strongly that lift evacuation is potentially a very hazardous activity. Two essential ingredients are 1) thoroughly and regularly trained people carrying out the evacuation, and 2) the right equipment in only the very best of condition. Questions regarding any aspect of compliance with this policy should be directed to the Southern Division of NSPS.

3. At the Fall Officers Meeting, John Lawrence, LE Adv. requested that each PL submit to him prior to the fall refresher, a basic lift evacuation plan for his/her area following the format outlined in Sections 2 and 3 of the NSPS Lift Evacuation Technical Manual.

4. All fall refreshers should include a full practice lift evacuation session in accordance with Section 5

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of the NSPS LETM.

5. Copies of the NSPS LETM can be obtained from the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. 2901 Sheridan Blvd., Denver, Colo. 80214, by prepaying at \$2.00 per copy.

## CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER

Senator McIntyre has presented Senate Bill S 1571. This charter would give us special legal status similar to that of the American Red Cross and the Boy Scouts. One of the overwhelming needs is so that we might avoid the necessity to register in each state wherein the NSPS carries on its activities. We urge everyone to write their senator.

## JUNIOR SEMINAR

There will be a Junior Seminar on February 18-19 at Seven Devils, starting at 8:30AM. Persons age 15 through 17 who are in the Junior Program of the Southern Division of NSPS are eligible to attend. The Southern Division will pay half of the expenses of the winner to attend the National Competition in Seattle, Washington in March. For more information contact Steve Benbow, Junior Adv.

## CALENDAR

### First Aid Refreshers

Carolina Highlands	Appalachian Univ., Boone, N.C.	Oct. 22nd
Western Carolina	ANRC, Asheville, N.C.	29th
Va./W.Va.	James Madison Univ. Harrisonburg, Va.	29th
Tenn./Kentucky	Knoxville, Tenn.	Nov. 19th
(On-the-hill the following day at ski areas.)		

Circle M Instructor Clinic Gatlinburg Oct. 8-9

Self Evacuation Seminar Seven Devils Nov. 19-20  
(Register by 11/14 with course fee of \$10.00)

Circle A	Harrisonburg	Oct. 29th
	Seven Devils	Dec. 17th
	Wintergreen	Jan. 21st
	Snowshoe	Feb. 4th

T & T Wintergreen	Sr. First Aid Test	Jan. 7th
"	T & T Clinic	7th
Beech Mtn.	Sr. First Aid Test	7th
Wintergreen	Sr. Candidate Clinic	8th
Cataloochee	Sr. First Aid Test	14th
"	T & T Clinic	14th
"	Sr. Candidate Clinic	15th
Seven Devils	Basic Test	15th
"	Senior Test	22nd
Cataloochee	Senior Test	29th
Wintergreen	Senior Test	Feb. 5th
Sugar Mtn.	Basic Test	26th

Avalanche Patch Course Montana March 25 - April 1

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## EVACUATION EQUIPMENT

The following minimum standards for self evacuation and lift evacuation equipment were accepted by the Southern Division at the Fall Officers Meeting October 1, 1977.

### Self Evacuation Equipment

Kernmantle Rope, Size 9mm

UIAA Test Falls - 10 Double Rope

Static Tensile Strength - 3,500 lbs.

Goldline - Size 3/8" - Strength - 3,700 lbs.

Blue Water Rope

5/16" on Double Rope Rappel Only

Blue Water rope is of high strength and very durable, but has very little stretch. It is good for rappelling and evacuation, but SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR CLIMBING.

Webbing - minimum Breaking Strength:

Carabiners (non-locking type) 3,750 lbs.

Carabiners (locking type) 6,000 lbs.

Descending Device 8,700 lbs.

(Use of Figure 8 Descending Device is the recommended method.)

### Lift Evacuation Equipment

Rope: Minimum Breaking Strength - 4,500 lbs.

Minimum Size - 11mm, 7/16"

All slings for evacuation must be made of at least 2" x 1/16" webbing with a minimum breaking strength of 6,000 lbs. The minimum weakness on any rescue harness must be at least 5,000 lbs. at any point of stress.

The best equipment can become unsafe without regular care and maintenance. This is the responsibility of the individual patroller.

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Basic Kit - \$18.18

Clog Figure 8

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SMC Ultimate 150 Carabiner

1" x 1/8" Tubular Webbing

Optional Equipment

Gibbs Ascenders - \$12.50 each, \$22.50 pair

Jumar Ascenders - \$47.50

Jumar Ascenders w/cord - \$49.85

Ropes (Other rope length prices available on request.)

Plymouth Goldline 3/8" 7/16"

50' \$11.00 \$18.00

75' 16.50 27.00

100' 22.00 36.00

120' 26.40 43.20

150' 33.00 54.00

Edelweiss - Kernmantle Construction - Everdry

9mm 11mm

50' \$22.06 \$30.17

100' 44.12 60.34

150' 66.20 90.50

Edelweiss - Kernmantle Construction - Energy Rope

9mm 11mm

50' \$18.92 \$25.75

100' 37.84 51.50

150' 56.75 77.25

Blue Water - Kernmantle Construction - Non Stretch

5/16" 7/16"

50' \$12.50 \$14.50

75' 18.75 21.75

100' 25.00 29.00

150' 37.50 43.50

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Keith Gray, THE PACK SHACK, P.O. Box 3822, 2242 E.  
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## LIFT EVACUATION SEMINAR



(Photo by Susan Jackson)

John Lawrence is rappelling and Philip Birdsong is belaying. Sam, John's dog is supervising.

On September 10 and 11 a seminar was held at Table Rock and Seven Devils Ski Area. Subjects covered were rappelling, rock climbing, self evacuation, chair ascension and chair rescue. The instructors were John Lawrence, Lift Evacuation Adv.; Keith Gray, Equipment Adv.; Tim Combs and Lindsey Broome. It was attended by 32 patrollers. Everyone practiced rope work learning to tie knots. Funny how you learn to tie correctly when you are on the end! Throughout the weekend we had the winning combination of very interested patrollers and very competent, knowledgeable and above all SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY minded instructors. We all learned a great deal about the hazards of lift evacuation. Along with all this we also learned that Susan Jackson and Harwell Dabbs are really mountain climbers.

This was a companion session to the first one held in Tennessee by Jim Scott, Nordic Adv., assisted by John Henry Looney July 30-31. Participants were Norman Bishop, Roger Bollinger, Bill Moore, Lynn Pace, Brian Riel, Philip Yoder and two members of the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Why all this extra work?

1. Get the skiing public out safely.
2. Get ourselves out safely.
3. Possible elimination of lift evacuation accidents.

## EQUIPMENT

Pro Forms will be available from some local ski shops. They are for patrollers and patrollers ONLY! Do not abuse this privilege! Keith Gray, Equipment Adv., has made many good contacts for equipment this year from first aid supplies to sleds. He has information to aid the individual patroller to obtain equipment or equip the patrol. Rust parkas - 60/40 jackets by Class 5, as well as harnesses, ropes and hardware for lift evacuation equipment are all available.

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FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

The Southern Division has had some interesting weather this 1978 season. Three weeks ago, at the Homestead, Virginia, the hardy candidates taking the test stayed out in the rain all day. That night the temperature dropped from 50° to 10° and it snowed 5". This is Southern Weather!

This month I sent letters to our advisors asking them for an article for the Southern Cross, knowing the need to inform the patrollers. The advisors also need input from all of you to help them do the job; i.e., Awards, need for Circle A and Circle M courses, Equipment, etc. Let's keep the info flowing. The next deadline is March 15th.

We have a source for cardboard leg splints, thanks to the Container Corporation, Gastonia, N. C. Contact Ken Allen (803) 576-3926 or Charles Benbow, Carolina Highlands Section Chief.

Sam Bruce, Mill Ridge PL, is in the process of making a film about all the ski areas in the South. He will be calling for your assistance in this worthwhile project.

Our thanks again to the lift evacuation experts John Lawrence and Keith Gray. In November they put together another super seminar at Seven Devils Ski Area. The division thanks Chuck Thomlinson, Seven Devils' manager, for his help and assistance during the last two seminars.

This year we have a new patroller manual. Every person in the division should have one! Bill Simmonson, National Training Adv., has put together a most interesting and informative manual. Also, we all must have the Winter First Aid Manual. Patrol Leaders, please check to be sure all patrollers have both manuals! Accident forms are no longer available from the national office, but may be ordered from Barringer and Williams Company, Box 1106, Rochester, New Hampshire 03867 at \$6.00/100.

The Atlanta Ski Club had a grand success with their annual "Swap Shop". The Southern Division was given \$750.00 from the proceeds of this event for the use of the patrol in this area. The strong support of the NSPS by the Atlanta Ski Club shows the continuing confidence they have in our system. We wish to thank all who helped make it such a success and especially the Atlanta Ski Club Board and Dr. Bill Farrell, a fellow patroller, who helped organize the swap.

At the areas I have visited this year, I've been impressed with the improved overall ski proficiency. This is the right way to keep down patroller-involved accidents. Charles Haskins, National Director, can be quoted, "Safety must be indelibly imprinted on the minds of every patroller and every patroller must be a symbol of safety, instead of a mountain menace".

Let us make "safety awareness" our new year's resolution!

David P. Dillard

## LIFT EVACUATION SEMINAR

On November 19th and 20th a second lift evacuation seminar was held at Seven Devils Ski Area.

Saturday was spent learning about ropes, carabiners, knots and descending devices. Basic rock craft and rappelling were the main events for the afternoon, after a long morning of classroom work. Sunday was used learning about ascenders, rescue harness use, lift evacuation and self-evacuation.

A fine chili dinner was served Saturday night, thanks to Doris and Charles Benbow. This was followed by several hours of some of the funniest stories ever told in the Southern Division.

The instructors for the course were Tim Combs, Guide OAU; Frank "Flash" Gordon, Asst. PL at Wintergreen; John Lawrence, Lift Evacuation Advisor and Keith Gray, Equipment Advisor. Others in attendance needed to properly run the course were Sam and Buckwheat. The fourteen patrollers taking the course and Blitz thoroughly enjoyed the weekend.

Other courses will be held in the spring of 1978. Watch the Southern Cross for the dates.

## EQUIPMENT

Most of the pro forms that were available at the first of the season are gone. As most of you know, there aren't any pro forms for many items. If you are having trouble finding a certain piece of equipment at a reasonable price, there are shops in the Greensboro, Charlotte and Boone areas that I can put you in touch with that may be able to help.

In talking to patrollers around the Division, I have found that many of you did not receive the mailer from Eastern Division on the Class 5 Jackets. These jackets, Rust 60/40 Mountain Parka and Down Parkas, are available at the Seven Devils Ski Shop at a Patrol discount; just show your card. These jackets have been used in the Far West Division and have received very high praise.

Keith Gray, Division Equipment Adv.

## YOUR LEGAL ADVISOR

Your advisor attempts throughout the year to make himself available to the Division Director and others in the Division to answer inquiries as they are received and to give legal opinions relating to NSPS activities. An item which has required much attention is the NSPS Congressional Charter. The importance of this Charter cannot be over-emphasized. If the Charter is issued, we might avoid the necessity of multiple registrations with all the various states wherein the NSPS carries on its activities. Every state has different requirements and to register as a foreign corporation in each state requires compliance with that state's laws. Some states, for instance, require the posting of cash or security bond. Most states require the filing of reports, etc., necessitating substantial paperwork.

The National Legal Advisors' Committee is having an annual meeting February 3-4, 1978, Salt Lake City, Utah. Your advisor hopes to be able to attend this meeting.

Robert Riddle, Division Legal Adv.

## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the following for their generous donations to NSPS, Southern Division:  
Asheville Ski Club \$50.00  
Hugh C. Winslow Farms \$100.00

Last season's donations to the Southern Division made up 60% of our income. To those of you who are members of ski clubs or other related organizations, please submit their donations and remind prospective donors that all gifts to the NSPS are tax deductible.

Forward all donations to Jim Underwood, Division Treasurer, 109 Wildwood Drive, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830

## CIRCLE M COURSE



(photo by Liz Johnson)

This picture was taken at a Circle M Course held with the patrollers from the Homestead December 3rd and 4th. Shown above are: from the left kneeling Bob Holesha, Lorston Steinfatt, Leroy Baisden; standing Glenn White, Norm Katzenberg, Mike Ryan, Pete Steinfatt, Will Dickerman, Salty Schaltegger and Dale Johnson, instructor.

## COMBINED CIRCLE A AND CIRCLE M COURSE OFFERED

This course will be held at the Wintergreen Ski Area February 28th and 29th. For registration, contact Phil Birdsong, FL.

## AVALANCHE PATCH COURSE SCHEDULED

The Southern Division will hold its second Avalanche Patch Course the week of March 25th to April 2nd 1978 in Bridger Bowl Ski Area, Bozeman, Mont. The course will be limited to 30 patrollers and the positions will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Requirements are: Circle A and Circle M. To register, mail a photostat of your current NSPS registration card and a check in the amount of \$25.00 made payable to the Southern Division National Ski Patrol System, Inc. The registration deadline is February 18th. Check and photostat are to be mailed to Dale W. Johnson. Course participants, friends and family are most welcome.

Dale Johnson, Division Avalanche Adv.

YOU CAN HAVE IT!

This can't be bought and no one can give it to you; get it for yourself. You can get this by subjecting yourself to exhaustion and exposure to the elements. These are the only two things you really need.

When your body thermostat senses a drop in body core temperature and starts the muscles shivering, ignore it and stay outside. The shivering may stop. You may get it this way.

When your metabolic process has slowed down and completely exhausted your energy reserves, don't rest, don't get warm and don't eat to have more fuel for body heat. You may get it this way.

When you get goose bumps, that increase the dead air space for body insulation, ignore them. They'll go away as soon as you get it.

When your fingers and toes start getting cold because the blood vessels have constricted to allow more blood flow to the major body organs, you are getting closer to getting it.

If you go out without adequate clothes to protect you from the wind and rain. just because clothing loses 90% of its insulating value when wet, you can get it. Just because 70% of your body heat loss is through the head, don't bother to wear adequate

head wear. This will help get it.

If you'll wear too many clothes so that you'll sweat, it will give you the same effect as rain and reduce the insulation value of your clothes. This also helps. If you'll wear clothes on the upper part of your body that can't be unbuttoned or zipped to properly ventilate your body such as turtleneck sweaters and other garments that can't be opened, that will help you get it.

If you are a female, you'll be able to get it easier because you'll only produce fifty heat calories an hour while a male will produce seventy in the same period and because a female has a 40% higher threshold of pain than a male you won't complain as much about being uncomfortable.

If you'll just accept being cold as part of being outdoors, your chances of getting it are very good.

While engaged in an outdoor activity and your feet become unsteady, your speech becomes slurry, focusing your eyes becomes hard and you are shivering uncontrollably; don't get out of the wind or rain, don't start a fire to get warm and don't get into some type of shelter and . . . you've got it, HYPOTHERMIA. Don't worry, all of these signs will go away as soon as you're DEAD from it . . .

Keith Gray, Division Equipment Adv.

MOUNTAINEERING PATCH COURSE

There will be an Advanced Ski Mountaineering Patch Course February 17 to 19, 1978 at Mount Rogers, Va. The classroom work will be held at the Mount Rogers Rescue and Fire Station on U.S. Route 58 near the White Top, Virginia Post Office. It will begin at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 17th. The field work will be Friday night through Sunday afternoon. All participants must pre-register using the form below with a signed recommendation from either your PL or a Division Mountaineering Instructor and mail to F. H. Moore, Jr., Box 516, Abingdon, Va. 24210 by February 9, 1978. All information needed for the course will then be mailed to you.

This course is open to registered patrollers with Circle M and Circle A, Forest Service and Rescue Squad personnel possessing the basic equipment (cross country skis and/or snow shoes required), knowledge, mental and physical stamina to take part in a survival-type winter weekend. The course is also open to alumni of previous courses. All Southern Division Registered Ski Mountaineering Instructors should make every effort to attend.

NATIONAL SKI PATROL SYSTEM, SOUTHERN DIVISION - APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED SKI MOUNTAINEERING COURSE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_

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Current NSPS Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Circle A Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Circle M Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Division Circle M Instructor # \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence of winter mountaineering experience other than Circle M Course \_\_\_\_\_

Other general outdoor and mountaineering experience, including schools, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

PATROL LEADER'S RECOMMENDATION: I hereby approve and recommend the above patroller as candidate for the Advanced Ski Mountaineering Course.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISIONAL SKI MOUNTAINEERING INSTRUCTOR RECOMMENDATION: I hereby approve and recommend the above patroller as candidate for the Advanced Ski Mountaineering Course.

Ski Mountaineering Instructor Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Do not recommend any person who in your opinion is not mentally, physically and emotionally capable of participating in a rugged winter expedition. Candidates should also display strong leadership qualities.

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As the season starts to wane, I look back on a super snow year for the South. All of the seventeen ski areas I visited have been running continuously since the first of the season. Three of our largest areas have skied a total of almost one half million skiers. Many areas have enough snow to stay open at least until April if the skiers would keep coming.

We have been passing out our new supply of Westvaco cardboard splints. We have 594 lbs. of splints in Charles Benbow's warehouse. Thanks again to Ken Allen for the "foot work" and a special thanks to Westvaco Container Division, Gastonia, North Carolina for helping us help others. If you would like some of these splints for use at your area, contact Charles Benbow in Greensboro (phone 919/299-4900). If you are not able to get to Greensboro, perhaps he will be able to bring some to the Spring Convention in Abingdon for you.

In the last few years we have had a change in the basic and candidates we have been getting in the South. Now the majority are good skiers, but our testing shows that some are not studying the first aid and know far less about the administrative and patroller manuals. In the last issue of the Southern Cross, I asked patrol leaders to check the manuals of their patrollers. Now it would seem the patrol leaders should check or test to see that the manuals are being studied.

The Sixth Annual Spring Convention of the Southern Division will be held Saturday, April 22nd at the Martha Washington Inn, Abingdon, Virginia. The convention is open to all registered patrollers and all may vote on division affairs, so gather and tell us the way you want your division to run. Janie Bollinger and Dr. French Moore, Jr. are co-chairpersons for the convention.

Reserve June 14-17 on your calendar! The Southern Division is hosting the Annual Meeting of the NSPS in Knoxville, TN. It will be most interesting and informative for you to see the national organization at work.

We congratulate Phil Birdsong, Wintergreen FL, for passing the certified test! A first for our division. Thanks again to Bill Bosack, Professional Director, and his examining team for making the long trek South.

David P. Dillard

### WINTERGREEN PATROL

On January 25th Greg Richardson, Nancy Shelhorse, Margaret Skinner and John Babineau (a transfer from the European Division) passed the Basic Test.

Mark Bently, Pat Barnes, Mike Niver, Warren Griffin, Brandon Deane and Richard Chadick; all Wintergreen patrollers, passed the Senior Test on February 5th.

A Certified Professional test was held the weekend of February 11-12 and Phil Birdsong became the Southern Division's first and only patroller to pass this test.

On February 19th another Basic Test was given and Carol and Tom Dalton and Bettie Wood became Basic Patrollers along with a new Junior, Bob Fugh.

In addition to all the training done every Saturday and Sunday mornings by our T & T man, Ron Smith; Wintergreen stayed busy handling accidents, promoting ski safety and still had time for a little fun on Saturday night get togethers (those not patrolling at night). Oh yes, we also managed to hold Circle A and Circle M courses this season.

You could say we've stayed busy - and the season isn't over yet. We'll fill you in on the rest in Abingdon in April.

Randy Fugh

### WINTERGREEN PATROLLERS ALSO FIGHT FIRE

The Wintergreen Ski Patrollers were experiencing their usual late Saturday afternoon mad-house on February 4th when a call came over the area radio system for a possible house fire in an area behind Big Acorn Lift.

Phil Birdsong, PL, and Junior Bob Fugh were at the top of Big Acorn and could see smoke. They proceeded on skis through the woods to the scene. Reggie Hassler, a volunteer fireman at Boone, N.C., was at the area patrolling as he was to be a test judge for the Senior Test the following day. He also skied to the scene. When Phil reached the house, he called via the radio to expedite the fire truck as the house was heavily involved. Meanwhile, Warren Griffin, another Wintergreen patroller, had gone to the golf maintenance shop to pick up the Wintergreen fire truck. I grabbed a first aid kit from the patrol room and responded with Asst. PL, "Flash" Gordon. Several employees who are on the Wintergreen Volunteer Fire Dept. also came.

They fought not only the fire, but the cold and snow and put the fire out. The house suffered internal damage to several rooms, but no one was injured. All patrollers returned to the hill for sweep with an extra good feeling that comes with knowing you've been a help in time of need.

Randy Fugh

### DONATION RECEIVED

We wish to thank the Perdinula Ski Club for their generous donation to the Southern Division NSPS. This will be used in the General Fund.

### DIVISION SKI MOUNTAINEERING TRAINING OBJECTIVES

Southern Division interpretation of NSPS Ski Mountaineering Training Objectives based on those by Dan Dunlevy, National Ski Mountaineering Adv. (page 2, NATIONAL PATROLLER, February 1977), as annotated at Gatlinburg, SMI Clinic, October 8, 1977, by Norman A. Bishop, Jack Britt, Gary Delius and Tom Moss.

A person trained in NSPS Basic Ski Mountaineering (Circle M) in the Southern Division shall, upon completion of the course, be able to:

1. Avoid or cope with mountain winter hazards found within two hours' walk of the area where he or she patrols.

2. Demonstrate that he or she is prepared and equipped for an overnight out-of-area search on skis, with adequate food, warmth, shelter and route-finding tools and skills, including a topographic map of his area.

3. Outline the major steps in the out-of-area search and rescue plan for his or her area, state its location at the area, and his or her role in carrying out the plan.

4. Identify and describe to area patrons the hazards inherent in the mountain winter situation in the vicinity of the ski area where he or she skis, and clearly and tactfully recommend procedures to avoid them.

Other major points agreed upon: Instructor will put out list of material that patrollers must have before course, and have several pre-meetings. He will limit number of participants to give instructor-trainee ratio of no more than 1:5.

Mountaineering Patch Course: Instructor will distribute advance reading and course will be spread out so participants can prepare conceptually and physically for field work. Each patrol should keep ready packs (2) with sleeping bags, a tent, and a stove, plus headlamps, or schedule M-trained standbys to bring their overnight rescue gear for off-area SAR, on rotation basis.

### CIRCLE M COURSE SCHEDULED

A Circle M course will be held at Gatlinburg on Saturday and Sunday, April 15th and 16th. The lecture will start at 9:00 AM at Great Smoky Mountains National Park Headquarters building 2 miles from Gatlinburg. Enter at the back, using the basement entrance, and cross the hall to the training room. After lunch, we will proceed to the trailhead and the camp site. Packs, boots, clothing, shelter, cooking and sleeping items will be inspected for adequacy before trainees leave the parking area.

All participants must register by April 10th with Lynn Face, 1804 Jett Road, Maryville, TN 37801. (phone: home 615/263-7320, office 745-7080)

Norman A. Bishop, Mtn. Adv.

### PROFESSIONAL PATROLLER NEEDED FOR 1978-1979 SEASON

Cataloochee Ski Area is looking for a professional patroller for the next ski season. Interested patrollers should contact Rick Coker, Cataloochee Ski Area, Rt. 1, Box 500, Maggie, N. C. 28751.

THE SKI PATROL HIERARCHY  
(Stolen from Rusty Parka News,  
who stole it from the Canadians)

The National Director:

Leaps tall buildings in a single bound.  
Is more powerful than a locomotive.  
Is faster than a speeding bullet.  
Walks on water.  
Gives policy to God.

The Assistant National Director:

Leaps short buildings in a single bound.  
Is more powerful than a switch engine.  
Is just as fast as a speeding bullet.  
Walks on water if sea is calm.  
Talks to God.

The Division Director:

Leaps short buildings with a running start and  
favorable winds.  
Is almost as powerful as a switch engine.  
Is faster than a speeding BB.  
Walks on water in an indoor swimming pool.  
Talks with God if special request is approved.

The Regional Director:

Barely clears a quonset hut.  
Loses tug-of-war with locomotive.  
Can fire a speeding bullet.  
Swims well.  
Is occasionally addressed by God.

The Section Chief:

Makes high marks on the walls when trying to  
leap tall buildings.  
Is run over by locomotives.  
Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting  
self-injury.  
Talks to animals.

The Patrol Leader:

Runs into buildings.  
Recognizes locomotives two out of three times.  
Is not issued ammunition.  
Can stay afloat with a life jacket.  
Talks to walls.

The Assistant Patrol Leader:

Falls over doorstep when trying to enter building.  
Says "Look at the choo-choo".  
Wets himself with a water pistol.  
Plays in mud puddles.  
Mumbles to himself.

The Patroller:

Lifts buildings and walks under them.  
Kicks locomotives off the tracks.  
Catches speeding bullets in his teeth and eats  
them.  
Freezes water with a single glance.  
He is God.

JUNIOR PATROLLERS

We are delighted to have five new Junior  
patrollers: Robert Pugh, Cindy Benbow, Madge  
Dillard, Don Somerville and William Moody.  
Congratulations to all.

The Junior Program is the life blood of the  
division, so we all need to encourage our young  
people to participate. This year we were unable  
to have a Junior Seminar because of lack of  
participation. We hope to have a good showing  
next year. The division will pay half the  
expenses for the winning Southern Division  
Junior. So start thinking about next year!

Madge Dillard

SOUTHERN DIVISION HAS A NEW ADVISOR

The division's newest advisor, appointed in  
October 1977, is Mary K. Twomey. Mary has given  
several years of service as an Auxiliary patroller  
with the Cataloochee Patrol as well as serving  
others as a registered nurse, an anesthetist and  
with the American Red Cross nursing service.

Mary became an Auxiliary Patroller in 1969 and  
has served continuously since. As a First Aid  
instructor, she has served as the First Aid Adv.  
for the Western Carolina Section. She has pro-  
vided valuable support functions to various Spring  
Conventions and the National Winter Meeting held  
at Beech Mountain in February 1973.

The Division Auxiliary Advisor will work closely  
with the National Advisor in formulating division  
and national programs and coordinating the needs  
of auxiliary patrollers throughout the division.

Inquiries for and about auxiliary patrollers should  
be directed to Mary Twomey, 29 White Pine Drive,  
Asheville, N. C. 28805.

A SMALL BUMP IN THE EAST OR WHY SKI WITH THE DRAGON

A bump to a patroller can mean different things -  
someone just hit a tree, or a great take off point  
for a jet turn, or a little mountain. A little  
mountain does exist in the East. Not our East,  
but way East, in the land of Dragons.

Dragon Valley is a quaint little ski area in Korea.  
To get there you follow winding roads, pass fish  
hanging up to dry in the cold breeze, trees covered  
with snow, and enter a vast parking area and hotel  
complex. The passing from night to day - you leave  
the old Korea of rice paddies and mud huts and a-  
wake in a land of skiing, the same the world over.

On a given morning you wake and touch the floor;  
no, you are not doing your morning exercises, your  
bed is on the floor. A soft bed eight inches off  
the floor. Party all you desire and long into the  
night - you can't hurt yourself falling out of bed.

You can have breakfast of rice and fish, ham and  
eggs, pancakes or whatever. There is a full  
kitchen staff and dining room that is very Swiss  
in appearance. But enough, LET'S SKI!

Out of the hotel, across the frozen creek, and up  
to the lifts. Take your choice, the two chair  
lifts lead to all types of skiing. The runs are  
well groomed, lighted at night, and excellent for  
teaching. The intermediate slope has a good face,  
tough moguls and is a lot of fun.

The Dragon is international in flavor and people.  
Japan, Taiwan, the U.S. and of course Korea are  
represented, but don't be surprised to hear French  
or German on the hill!

When you have snow and mountains and people, you  
have the Ski Patrol, and we were there. So next  
time you are on the Bump in the East, our East,  
wishing for the Alps and miles of runs, close  
your eyes and ski with the Dragon on a small bump  
in the Far East.

Sam Bruce, Mill Ridge FL

## Basic Test at Seven Devils, January 15, 1978

T &amp; T

Ken Allen	Sugar Mountain	Basic
Karen Barnhardt	Sugar Mountain	Basic
Susan Barnhardt	Sugar Mountain	Basic
Martha Hut	Seven Devils	Basic
Christine Myatt	Seven Devils	Basic
Joe Strauss	Seven Devils	Basic

## Basic Test at Wintergreen, January 21, 1978

Jon Bavineau	Wintergreen	Basic
Greg Richardson	Wintergreen	Basic
Nancy Shelhorse	Wintergreen	Basic
Margaret Skinner	Wintergreen	Basic
Bettie Wood	Wintergreen	Basic

## Basic Test at Wolf Laurel, February 5, 1978

Margie Carroll	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Stu Friedrich	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Mary Hazlett	Wolf Laurel	Basic
John Ray	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Michael Silver	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Don Somerville	Wolf Laurel	Junior
Don Thompson	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Jim Thurlington	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Steve Waldrep	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Scott Wilkinson	Wolf Laurel	Basic

## Basic Test at Cascade, February 12, 1978

Carney Bryan	Cascade	Basic
Bernie Smith	Cascade	Basic

## Basic Test at Gatlinburg, February 12, 1978

Dale Berry	Gatlinburg	Basic
Alan Cassell	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Linda Coulter	Gatlinburg	Basic
Charles Latkoff	Wolf Laurel	Basic
John Loorey	Gatlinburg	Basic
Robert Newton	Cataloochee	Basic
Brian Riel	Gatlinburg	Basic
Carolyn Thompson	Wolf Laurel	Basic
Dave Williams	Gatlinburg	Basic

## Basic Test at Wintergreen, February 25, 1978

Carol Dalton	Wintergreen	Basic
Tom Dalton	Wintergreen	Basic
Robert Pugh	Wintergreen	Junior

MR. MYSTERY GETS MARRIED

Keeping the "who" a secret until the last possible minute, Ga/Ala Section Chief Walter Eaton retained his cloak of mystery almost as long as his bachelorhood, but relinquished both on Friday, March 10th, in Athens, Ga. His bride is the former Carolyn Smith of Athens. She is a dietician with the University of Georgia, where Walter is a professor of safety education.

The ceremony and reception which followed took place in a handsomely restored ante-bellum mansion, the Taylor-Grady House. Members of the Sky Valley Ski Patrol and staff were among the guests.

Walter and Carolyn are at home in Athens, following a two week honeymoon in Spain.

Benning Garrison, Sky Valley FL

## Basic Test at Sky Valley, February 26, 1978

Mark Jenkins	Sky Valley	Basic
William Moody	Sky Valley	Junior

## Basic Test at Sugar Mountain, February 26, 1978

Cindy Benbow	Seven Devils	Junior
Russ Debuc	Seven Devils	Basic
Madge Dillard	Seven Devils	Junior
Tom Hendly	Beech Mountain	Basic
Stace Horine	Sugar Mountain	Basic

## Senior Test at Seven Devils, January 22, 1978

Worth Hester	Appalachian
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## Senior Test at Cataloochee, January 29, 1978

Bruce McLean	Sky Valley
Randy Holton	Sky Valley
Jerry Huskey	Gatlinburg

## Senior Test at Wintergreen, February 5, 1978

Pat Barnes	Wintergreen
Mark Bentley	Wintergreen
Richard Chadick	Wintergreen
Brandon Deane	Wintergreen
Warren Griffin	Wintergreen
Mike Niver	Wintergreen

## New Basic Test Examiners

Sam Bruce	Mill Ridge
Jack Butt	Wolf Laurel
Harwell Dabbs	Gatlinburg
Walter Eaton	Sky Valley
Benning Garrison	Sky Valley
Jerry Huskey	Gatlinburg
Greg Walczynski	Wolf Laurel

## New Senior Test Examiners

Steve Benbow	Seven Devils
Phil Birdsong	Wintergreen
Frank "Flash" Gordon	Wintergreen
Ron Geist	Sky Valley
Jon Newton	Cloudmount
Lynn Pace	Gatlinburg
Rick Roberts	Cataloochee
Lance Webb	Sky Valley

GEORGIA GOES NORDIC

Sky Valley skiers suffered minor whiplash one weekend in February brought on by double takes when the normal sights of the area's kamikaze skiers took a back seat to a Georgia "first". While most of the skiers were struggling to get down the hill, ten stalwart members of the Atlanta Ski Club were seen slip-sliding uphill. It seems a planned cross country venture up on the Blue Ridge Parkway got thawed out, so Bill Farrell of Sky Valley's Ski Patrol arranged for the nordic group to visit the southernmost ski area, which was blessed with ample snow, and trails wide and gentle enough to afford unhindered practice of telemark turns. Sky Valley also witnessed its first nordic rescue that Sunday, when one toboggan was brought down by the skinny-ski people.

Benning Garrison, Sky Valley FL

## CERTIFIED PROGRAM IN SOUTHERN DIVISION

On February 12th and 13th the Southern Division was host for its first Certified Patroller Examination, held at Wintergreen Ski Area, Va. We are most grateful to the Eastern Division, and these examiners in particular, for their support and assistance in bringing this program to the Southern Division.

Phil Birdsong, Wintergreen FL, was the only candidate that satisfactorily completed the test and thus became the Southern Division's first Certified Patroller. He started patrolling as a Junior at Sugar Mtn., N.C. and was there until the 1976-77 season when he went to Wintergreen as the Asst. FL. Frank "Flash" Gordon, Wintergreen's Asst. FL and Reggie Hassler, former FL at Sugar Mtn. completed several portions of the test and should successfully complete the remaining portions in the near future.



(photo - from left to right)  
Reggie Hassler (Examinee, Sugar Mountain)  
Bill Bozack (Examiner, National Professional Advisor, Sugarbush)  
Philip Birdsong (Examinee, Wintergreen)  
Richie Watkins (Examiner, Glen Ellen)  
Roger Newall (Examiner, Eastern Certified Chairman, Sugarbush)  
George Wesson (Examiner, Killington)  
Gerry Kuhnly (Examiner, Berkshire East, FL)  
Frank Gordon (Examinee, Wintergreen)

## SOUTHERN DIVISION SPRING CONVENTION

The convention will begin with an Executive Committee Meeting at 9:30 Saturday morning, April 22nd, followed by an Advisors Meeting. The general session will be held at 1:00 PM. All registered patrollers are encouraged to come! The cocktail hour will be from 6-7 PM with dinner and awards presentation following. A fee of \$12.00 will be charged and will include cocktails, dinner, and the evening entertainment. Dr. French Moore, Jr., Box 516, Abingdon, Va. 24210, needs to know by April 18th if you wish a reservation for dinner. (phone: home 703/628-7266, office 628-7862) Room reservations must be made by each individual. Rooms at the Martha Washington Inn are \$17.00 - \$20.00 single and \$20.00 - \$24.00 double.

Next SOUTHERN CROSS deadline ..... April 24th

## NATIONAL CONVENTION IN KNOXVILLE - JUNE 14-17 1978

Would you like to meet Charles Haskins or Harry Pollard or Lu Skinner? Would you like to attend a NSPS National Convention? If so, now is your chance. You will even have the opportunity to attend various committee meetings concerned with National policy, and speak your mind.

As the host division for the National Convention, it is our responsibility to set up the entire convention. Because there was not a mid-winter meeting of the National Board, this meeting will be one day longer. This means that we will have one more day to demonstrate our southern hospitality and convince the attendees that they might well come South on their next out-of-area ski trip.

We need help in a big way. Response has been less than enthusiastic. We need chairmen and members to help out on the following committees: transportation, registration, publicity, social, communications and facilities. Tom Moss and I are acting as Co-chairman and Chairman respectively. If you can help out in any capacity, let either of us know. Please help us do a good job.

Tom Moss  
P. O. Box 11467,  
Knoxville, Tenn. 37919

Tom Worley  
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Tom Worley, T & T Adv.

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FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

The Spring Convention at Abingdon, Virginia was an outstanding success. Our thanks to the co-chairpersons Janie Bollinger and French Moore, Jr. We had over 25% of our division in attendance. Thanks to Roger Bollinger streamlining the Advisors reports, we finished the business session on time.

Thanks to Mary Ann Moore for being hostess for the outstanding cocktail party. The warm hospitality of both Mary Ann and French Moore did much for the enjoyment of the day for everyone. Our Awards Chairman, Charles Benbow did an outstanding job with the awards program this year. Since the initiation of awards must come from the individual patrols, he needs input from all of you for the best program possible. This year all those patrollers attaining Senior status were presented with a certificate in one of those beautiful Benbow reproduction frames at the Spring Convention.

The Wintergreen Patrol received the Outstanding Patrol Award for the second year in a row for the Southern Division. The Outstanding Patroller Award this year went to Ron Geist from Sky Valley Patrol. The Outstanding Professional was awarded for the first time this year and the recipient was "Buckwheat". Since she couldn't carry the plaque, we gave it to her best friend and constant companion, Frank "Flash" Gordon. Dale Johnson was presented with Instructor Certification for the National Avalanche School in Reno, Nevada by the National Forest Service. Brian Riel gave Keith Gray a couple "Special Awards" as mementos of the trip to Bozeman. Gary Delius presented French Moore, Jr. with a "Procrastination Award" in living color. Ten year NSPS pins were given to Dale Johnson, Frank Feeney, Howard Allison, Norman Bishop, Lance Webb and Mike and Peggy Chandler. Joan Smith and John Nielsen were presented with fifteen year pins. Last, but not least, our own inimitable PL from Sky Valley, Benning Garrison, received her twenty year pin. Congratulation to all!

We are proud to announce that Western Carolina has a new Section Chief. Janie Bollinger, Cataloochee PL, will be the South's first lady chief. Tom Worley will serve as the new A.D.D. Tom is well known to all as he has been T & T Advisor for the Southern Division as well as Western Carolina Section Chief. Now is he also the National Meeting Coordinator. We regreted having to accept A.D.D. Roger Bollinger's resignation due to job pressure. Roger has served faithfully in every capacity for fifteen years of patrolling and we all appreciate his past work so very much. He plans to stay active and we hope he will be able to do so.

I would like to thank all those who worked so hard this year. No one person could take credit for all the accomplishments. It was a total team effort.

David P. Dillard

NATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN KNOXVILLE

SOUTHERN DIVISION SCHEDULE 1978-1979

August	12,13	Circle A, Morehead City, N.C.
	19	Executive Committee Meeting, 6 pm, Seven Devils
	19,20	Lift Evacuation Seminar, Seven Devils
September	9	Fall Officers Meeting, Beech Mtn.
	23,24	Ski Mountaineering Clinic, Mt. Pisgah Inn, Blue Ridge Pkw.
	30, 1	Lift Evacuation Seminar, Seven Devils
October	7	Carolina Highlands Refresher, Boone, N.C.
	14	Tennessee-Kentucky Refresher, Gatlinburg, Tenn.
	21	Georgia-Alabama Refresher, Atlanta, Ga.
	28	Virginia-West Virginia Refresher Charlottesville, Va.
	28	Western Carolina Refresher, Asheville, N.C.
November	18,19	Lift Evacuation Seminar, Seven Devils
	24 - 26	Circle A & Circle M, Wolf Laurel
	24 - 26	Circle A & Circle M, Wintergreen
December	15 - 17	Circle A & Circle M, Seven Devils
	15 - 17	Circle A & Circle M, Snowshoe
January	6	Test Examiner Clinic, Snowshoe
	6	Senior First Aid Test, Snowshoe
	7	Senior Candidate Clinic, Snowshoe
	7	Senior First Aid Test, Cataloochee
	* 8	Last date Certified Patroller applications accepted
	13	Test Examiner Clinic, Sugar Mtn.
	13	Senior First Aid Test, Sugar Mtn.
	14	Senior Candidate Clinic, Sugar Mtn.
	19 - 21	Circle A & Circle M, Gatlinburg
	* 21, 22	Certified Patroller Clinic, Sugar Mtn.
	* 21	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Snowshoe
	* 27,28	Certified Patroller Clinic, Snowshoe
	28	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Sugar Mtn.
February	4	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Cataloochee
	2 - 4	Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers, Va.
	* 10,11	Certified Ski Skills Test, Snowshoe
	17,18	Junior Jamboree, Seven Devils
	* 24,25	Certified Written, Oral, Practical, Snowshoe
March	24 - 31	Avalanche Patch Course, Bozeman, Mont.
April	21	Spring Convention, Abingdon, Va.

This year the National Meeting will be held in Knoxville, Tenn. at the Regency Hyatt House June 14 - 17. Our committees are progressing well toward their object. It looks like this will be a very good time as well as interesting. If you would like more information or would be able to help us, write to: NSPS National Convention, P. O. Box 11467, Knoxville, Tenn. 37919.

FEDERAL CHARTER

Now is the time to put forth an extra effort to push the Federal Charter (S.1571)! Those who have already written have received supportive answers from almost half the committee. If you have not already written, please do so now!

It is becoming increasingly difficult to carry on the free services of the NSPS and still comply with all the paperwork required and do business in each state. Obtaining a Federal Charter would not only be a relief from the voluminous reports required in all the states, but would allow opportunities to purchase surplus equipment needed in the many first aid sessions, rescue operations and chair and tram evacuation.

Listed below are the members of the Judiciary Committee. Please write to each of them and have friends who are interested in NSPS write also. Senator Hatch of Utah is making a determined effort to move this bill through the committee before they recess for the summer.

Senator William L. Scott 2313 Dirksen Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20510	Senator Malcolm Wallop 6327 Dirksen Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20510
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Senator Howard Metzenbaum 342 Russell Bldg. Washington, D. C. 20510	Senator Paul Laxalt 326 Dirksen Bldg. Washington, D. C. 20510
Senator John C. Culver 344 Russell Bldg. Washington, D. C. 20510	Senator Birch Bayh 363 Dirksen Bldg. Washington D. C. 20510
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	Senator Robert C. Byrd 133 Russell Bldg. Washington, D. C. 20510

AWARD

Cataloochee Ski Patrol would like to announce that Lynne Harrill will receive the "Most Dedicated Patroller Award" for the 1977-78 ski season. This award is given to the patroller who skied the most days of the season.

DUES

The convention at Abingdon, Va. last month gave a mandate to the officers for a possible dues increase for next year if the new budget is too large to operate in the black.

THE HISTORY OF NSPS IS BEING WRITTEN

Dr. Gretchen Besser has undertaken this monumental task and asks all of us to help if at all possible. The book will cover from the beginning of NSPS to the present and will include material about the development of the various divisions as well as contributions the local patrol has made. The book has a twofold purpose: to disseminate information about who we are and what we do to the general skiing public and also to give our own members an increased sense of our past history and the extent of our present services. She is looking for human interest stories, reports of outstanding rescues, and anything else that might "beef up" the dry recital of the facts. All this, with pictures, photographs, interviews of old-timers, unusual anecdotes - whatever will help get the story across and make people want to read it.

This is a tremendous task and to be completely successful all of you who are able to contribute information should do so to Dr. Besser at:  
227 Tillou Road, South Orange, N.J. 07079

PROFESSIONAL

Attention Patrol Leaders! If your area needs pro patrollers for the 1978-79 season and would like some assistance in locating qualified personnel, I will be glad to help.

Attention all patrollers! Have you ever considered being a professional patroller? Are you looking for an area needing propatrollers? The division can help place you in a job, not just in the South, but in various places throughout the country.

Do it now, so you won't be unprepared next season!

Phil Birdsong, Div. Pro Adv.  
Wintergreen Resort,  
Wintergreen, Va. 22938

CERTIFIED PROGRAM

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Phil Birdsong, Div. Cert. Adv.  
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T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Those of you who were not at the Spring Convention probably did not see the really neat T-shirts that are for sale. They are white with navy bands around the neck and sleeves and have a navy logo of the Southern Division NSPS on the front. All sizes from small to extra large are available for only \$4.00. To order yours, write Tom Worley, 4 Pepperhill Court, Greensboro, N.C. 27407.

SOUTHERN DIVISION NSPS IS GRATEFUL FOR DONATIONS

The Greensboro Swap Shop, sponsored by patrollers Dave Dillard, Dale Johnson, Tom Worley and the Benbows was held again this year. A total of \$326. was made and will be used to help pay expenses to send the winner of the division Junior competition to the National Jamboree.

We wish to thank the Richmond Ski Club very much for their donation of \$25. to the division.

The Cataloochee Ski Patrol appreciates the \$100. donation given them by Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Winslow.

Larry Dietz, a patroller from Sugar Mtn. who has been forced to take a year off from skiing because of a "stage" accident, sent a check for \$25. for the division. He has really missed skiing this year. We miss him too.

GIFTS GIVEN FOR NSPS CONVENTION

We wish to thank the following people whose gifts added to the enjoyment of the Spring Convention.

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A big "Thank You" to Mary K. Twomey and Bob Newton for getting door prizes and favors for the convention!

CIRCLE M

On April 15 - 16 a Circle M Course was held at Gatlinburg, Tenn. It began at 9 am with classroom work and lectures. At noon we had a break for lunch. By 2 pm we were gathered at the Ranger Station in Cherokee, N.C. where we proceeded up the Blue Ridge Parkway to Balsun Mt. for the field work. Instructors for the course were: Norman Bishop, Gary Delius, John Henry Looney, Lynn Pace and Lance Webb. Participants were: Dale Berry, Glenn Brown, Roy Davis, Lynne Harrill, Lenoir Hartzler, Randy Holton, Travis Holton, Chap Jackson, Gail Jones, Don Jones, Charles Latkoff, Mike Myers, Dennis Slagle, Joan Smith, Joy Stout and David Williams.

Lynn Pace, Gatlinburg FL



AVALANCHE PATCH COURSE AT BOZEMAN/BRIDGER BOWL, MONTANA (PHOTOS BY DON RUPP)

In the words of Avalanche Advisor, Dale Johnson, "Well, kiss my grits if we didn't have a fine time in Montana!" Southern Division's 2nd annual Avalanche Patch Course was an enlightening, entertaining and all-round worth while week for the 17 patrollers who attended.

Last year, snow fell at Bridger Bowl, Montana for  $6\frac{1}{2}$  of the 7 days we were there -- dry, powdery snow with sub-freezing temperatures, perfect for dry snow avalanches. Bearing this in mind and packing heavy parkas and woolies, the Class of '78 was greeted by sun drenched days with temperatures in the 60s. Even better for the 2nd course. (Ask Dale how he managed that.)

Ever heard an avalanche? Or seen one? Not the kind on TV that's devastating but cut short by the commercial. Last year we didn't hear it when, in the midst of probing an earlier slide, another one headed down toward us. All we heard then was the warning from our avalanche guard. With a wet slide, the sound is the warning.

This year about 11 am the snow began to whisper: "Sawoosh, sawoosh," like snow sliding off a roof. Monday morning, March 27, we heard the whispers loud and clear. On the High Traverse, where it's super steep and super avalanchy, we were traveling in small groups for safety; 36 people from Southern and Central Division, broken up into 3s and 4s. We had until 11 am to cross the Traverse into South Bowl and relative safety. The first group from Central, starting out shortly after 9:30 am were to

move right along, stopping briefly for observations and minimal commentary. Unfortunately, someone got chatty because about 45 minutes later and only half-way across the Traverse, the small groups were again one large, very unsure and very unsafe group. Not yet 10:30 am but already the whispers had started - in front of us, behind us, all around us. (This was the only time all week Keith Gray was quiet.) Slowly methodically, like robots we played a giant game of follow the leader; one at a time we crossed path after path, always in the path of.... Thanks to the strong voices and knowledge of Velma McMeekin, a National Avalanche Instructor, who was up there with us, and Clarence Serfoos, Northern Division Avalanche Advisor, who was in the South Bowl and could more or less see us, we were directed across the rest of the Traverse, down the Bowl and out of danger. Time: 12:30 pm.

"Aha!" said Dale, "just the training aid we needed!" And he set up the following evening's simulator exercise based on the morning's events. The reality of what could have happened hit everyone.

But all was not cliff hangers and heart stopping moments. One of Dale's best ideas was to rent a van. Only a convivial group of 18 can emerge from a 12-passenger vehicle. Who sat on who's laps? Well, the only one who didn't was Eastern Division A.D.D. Tyler Davis, who got the up front seat by himself every trip R.H.I.P. Our blue sardine can gave us many laugh filled moments, and only one person complained: Mary Ann Moore, who said there

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was no room for her pillow so she had to take it to classes.

Southern Division hosted Central at a cocktail party Wednesday evening, during which Bill Hotchkiss, National Avalanche Advisor, announced Velma's National Instructor certification; gave out two "Circle Zero" patches, one in each division (and don't ask me who got ours); and presented rockers to Stewart Auten, Linda Coulter, Keith Gray, Susan Jackson, Mary Ann Moore, Bruce McLean, Carolyn Preston, Bobbie and Don Rupp and Bettie Wood. Assisting Dale as instructors were Phil Birdsong, Benning Garrison, Ron Geist, "Flash" Gordon, Lynn Face and Brian Riel.

The course was officially over, but on Thursday Dale arranged for us to go to Big Sky for the day, primarily to see a demonstration of their Avalauncher. The wind nearly blew us off the firing ridge during the program, and those who thought the day was going to be hot, goofed on clothing again. But it was a good day, the pin-point aiming of the Avalauncher intriguing, though unsuccessful on bringing down slides due to the snow conditions. Not that Big Sky's snow was any different from Bridger's. They both had peanut butter.

Our appreciation of Dale's efforts was expressed that afternoon when we took over the far end of a small bar at Big Sky, and "Flash" made the official presentation for all of us. On the ruse that it was to be a take-home present for one of the husbands, we got a perfect fit in a green and rust parka for Dale.

Friday we wrapped it up with a hike to the ridge and a wine and cheese party on top. It's so high and so steep up there, it was a perfect setting for a perfect ending.

Tune in same time, same station next year, when maybe Susan will conduct a class in motel climbing, Brian will find a successor for his Rocker "P" award, Dale might find his wayward kneecaps, and hopefully for Lynn the P.T.L. Club will be off the air. Do join us.

Benning Garrison, Sky Valley FL

#### FROM YOUR EDITOR

The next deadline for Southern Cross is September 9th. Do keep this in mind over the summer so that you will have articles ready to send in.

Have you moved? We would like to know! The cost of mailing has soared! We now pay 13¢ postage to be sure you get your issues promptly. Perhaps some of you have noticed "Address Correction Requested" under the return address. This costs 25¢ each time an issue is forwarded and the new address sent back to the sender. Thus, your dues are paying 38¢ for some copies to be mailed. Please help us keep down unnecessary expense!

Postage is not the only thing increasing in price. The cost of paper, ink, printing, etc. have all gone up. We have now started to have ads in the paper to help defray expenses. Can you find someone who might like to put an ad in a paper that is read by more than 400 really great people in the South? The cost is \$100.00 for the entire year (4 issues), beginning with the next issue in September. If interested, send the money and the ad layout to Jim Underwood by September 1st.

#### MONTANA HIGH

You racing fanatics, have I got a race for you! This year we showed 'em in Montana how them Southern Boys can go for it. Easter at Bridger Bowl is a celebration, the beginning of spring. There are festivities and joyful native rites. The Southern Division was in town for an avalanche patch course and a few of us Southern Boys were allowed to participate in these rites.

We raced canoes down the slopes, crashing and burning. We drew straws to run race patrol for the bikini slalom. We did not, I repeat did not, see any streakers. We barbecued and ate out in the sun. We smashed through soft 5' moguls that would blow up when we hit them. We were led through the local rituals of tackling trees, lifting off moguls to catch them high and unsuspecting. We drank fermented hops with the natives, standing on our heads in the traditional manner.

All of this was merely to prepare one for the BIG RACE: "The Pole, Pad & Pedal", a grueling, demanding, test of skill and endurance. About 225 contestants entered in many classes: youngsters, old folks, singles, teams, mixed teams, bigfoots and unidentified things from the mountains.

The race began at the top of Bridger Bowl with a LeMans start. At the gun you sprint 100' to your skis, leap into the bindings and downhill (2,000' vertical) to the base lodge. This is only the beginning. At the base, the next leg of the competition is to run 2 miles out to the main highway. There bicycles await to be mounted. Once on your bicycle you pedal 10 miles into Bozeman to the finish line, where refreshment waits. Then the celebration begins! A local patroller, Neil Matheson, invited Phil Birdsong and me to run with him in the race, as a relay team. Neil did the downhill, Phil ran and I raced the bicycle into town. The winning time was 57 minutes. Our team came in at 60 minutes flat. We don't know how we placed, but it doesn't seem important anymore.

"Flash" Gordon, Wintergreen Asst. PL

#### T & T

A Basic Test was held at the Homestead on February 26th. The following passed: Leroy Baisden, Charles Burgdorf, Will Dickman and Bill Parks.

#### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

John Lawrence, Division Lift Evacuation Advisor, and his wife Sonia are the proud parents of John Paul who was born April 19th weighing 6 lb, 15 oz.

#### WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE A CONVENTION?

In an effort to find a centrally located city for the 1979 Spring Convention, please indicate your preference for one of the areas listed below. Additional comments or suggestions may be added. Send replies to Dave Dillard, Rt. 1, Box 118, Summerfield, N. C. 27358.

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After I talked with you I realized  
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FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

We in the division would like to congratulate Don Williams who has been elected National Director. Don is a very hard working, dedicated person and has shown his worth as past Division Director for Central.

We all can be proud of our people in the division. They made a super effort in handling the Annual Meeting held in Knoxville. Chairman Tom Worley and Co-Chairman Tom Moss did an outstanding job. If you haven't seen the super spread in the National Patroller, get one quick. All of the pictures were by our own Susan Jackson, Division Executive Secretary, and the great article was by Benning Garrison, who is both Division Public Relations Advisor and Sky Valley PL. By the way, if you need a copy, they have a few hundred copies autographed.

Refresher time is here again. Everyone must have a current CPR card. We are requested to spend one hour of the weekend on binding familiarization.

We all agree that any skier assumes the risk of skiing down a hill; however, not so in the Vermont courts. They feel that the ski area should exercise reasonable care. The jury has been defining this care to include everything but wrapping each skier in cotton wool. With this general atmosphere and increasing insurance, we need to help keep cost down on ski areas. We can do this with increased efforts to inform and educate the skiing public. Phil Birdsong is heading up the division committee to study and take action on this renewed Hill Safety Program. Any ideas? Contact Phil. Let's work with area management to keep down cost, theirs and ours.

We were most happy to have Gary Bunce, National First Aid Advisor, attend our Fall Officers Meeting. Gary made an outstanding and informative presentation about first aid and the Fall Refresher. He also added much other information during the meeting. We gave Gary a standing invitation to come back again soon.

You PLs and Section Chiefs who were not present at the Fall Officers Meeting missed a good work session on registration and general information. The Fall Officers Meeting is for YOU! If you can't come, you owe it to your patrollers to send someone to pick up the information.

David P. Dillard

SOUTHERN DIVISION SCHEDULE 1978-1979

September	30-1	Lift Evacuation Seminar, Seven Devils
October	7	Carolina Highlands Refresher, Boone, N.C.
	15	Deep South Refresher, Atlanta, Ga.
	28	Virginia-West Virginia Refresher, Charlottesville, Va.
November	4-5	Ski Mountaineering Instructor Clinic, Gatlinburg
	11	Smoky Mountain Refresher, Gatlinburg, Tenn.
	18-19	Lift Evacuation Seminar, Seven Devils
	24-26	Circle A & Circle M, Wolf Laurel
	24-26	Circle A & Circle M, Wintergreen
December	15-17	Circle A & Circle M, Seven Devils
	15-17	Circle A & Circle M, Snowshoe
January	6	Test Examiner Clinic, Wintergreen
	6	Senior First Aid Test, Wintergreen
	7	Senior Candidate Clinic, Wintergreen
	7	Senior First Aid Test, Cataloochee
	8	Last date Certified Patroller applications accepted
	13	Test Examiner Clinic, Sugar Mtn.
	13	Senior First Aid Test, Sugar Mtn.
	14	Senior Candidate Clinic, Sugar Mtn.
	15	Deadline for Southern Cross
	19-21	Circle A & Circle M, Gatlinburg
	20-21	Certified Patroller Clinic, Sugar Mtn.
	21	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Snowshoe
	27-28	Certified Patroller Clinic, Snowshoe
	28	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Sugar Mtn.
February	2-4	Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers, Va.
	4	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Cataloochee
	10-11	Certified Ski, Toboggan and Oral Exams, Snowshoe
	17-18	Junior Jamboree, Seven Devils
	24-25	Certified Written and Practical First Aid Exams, Wintergreen
March	1	Deadline for Awards nominations
	15	Deadline for Southern Cross
	24-31	Avalanche Patch Course, Bozeman, Mont.
April	21	Spring Convention, Abingdon, Va.
May	1	Deadline for Southern Cross

AREA SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE REQUIRED

Model SAR Plans and the Annual SAR Refresher Exercise will be in all patrol leaders' hands by October 1st. The SAR Exercise is a required part of your on-the-hill refresher. Draft your area SAR plan from the model. Send me a copy of your area SAR plan by December 15th.

Norm Bishop, Mountaineering Adv.

D.D. RECEIVES LETTER

Dave Dillard received the following letter from the National Nordic Advisor this summer.

Dear Dave,

My patroller wife Patricia, my daughter Maggie, and I wish to thank you and your National Convention Committee, for hosting a fine meeting.

We all appreciated the efficient registration and communication services set up in the lobby of the Hyatt-Regency, and the interesting special activities arranged for those not attending meeting sessions. The superb facilities and the courteous staff of the Regency do not need comment, other than to say they were outstanding! (I do regret that, due to the press of NSPS Business, the closest I got to the swimming pool was attending a committee meeting adjacent to it on Friday Morning.)

We also appreciated that some of the ladies on the registration desk noted that our 14 year old daughter, Maggie, might enjoy the company of other young ladies, and took the trouble to introduce her to Cindy, Christy, Maggie and Jennie. That courtesy made our Knoxville stay additionally enjoyable.

To sum it up, our visit to Tennessee proved that "Southern Hospitality" is not a cliché, it's real.

Thanks again,

Marty Huebner

TODAY IS MARCH 1, 1979!

Your Award Nominations are due today! No, this is not March 1st yet, but it is just around the corner.

Outstanding: Patrol of the Year  
Patroller of the Year  
Junior Patroller of the Year  
Professional Patroller of the Year

There are patrollers on your patrol that should have some type of special recognition for their work. The Division Certificate of Appreciation for those patrollers that may need some recognition other than the Division Outstanding Awards. All new Seniors in the Division will be awarded the Senior Patroller Certificate.

If you need any Awards on the patrol level that I can be of any help with, please let me know. The Awards Program is only as good as you make it, by getting nominations to the Awards Committee.

Charles Benbow, Awards Adv.

PRO PATROLLERS NEEDED

If you are interested in being a pro patroller at Wolf Laurel this coming season, contact Colonel Tom Barr, Wolf Laurel Ski Area, Mars Hill, N.C. The phone number is: 704-689-4111.

The division can help place you in a job, not just in the South, but in various places throughout the country. If you are interested in being a pro patroller this season, let me know.

Phil Birdsong, Professional Dir.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOOOO!

Unlike Jack Benny, the NSPS did reach its 40th birthday, and what a celebration it was!

All who attended the National meeting back in June will verify that Southern Division, the host, found the perfect way to give a party: hire the Tom Times Two Catering Service. Success is guaranteed.

Sparkle Worley probably wished her Tom hadn't been chairman of this duo (the other half being Tom Moss), since it was in the Worleys' room everyone seemed to congregate at any and all hours. Sparkle came to Knoxville to do some quiet studying away from everyone. Oh, well....

Unfortunately, only a handful of Southern Division came to this gathering. If you were one who didn't, you goofed. Here's a glimpse at what you missed.

You didn't get to witness the election of our new National Director -- Don Williams from Birmingham, Mich. Don -- or "Wide Track", as he's known in some circles -- is a former Board Representative and delightful person from Central Division. You didn't get to know a lot of other people from throughout our system, people who've been only names on a national roster; some "untouchable" because of their positions in the organization, but now real people to whom you can talk, make suggestions and ask questions. I think that fact, small though it may seem, was one of the most impressive...to me, anyway.

Our outgoing director, Charles Haskins, said, "Anyone who has reached the age of 40 knows there are scars, but we are still growing. The organization is alive and healthy.

We dittoed that, after attending some of the work sessions. Interest is strong in patrolling and these are no namby-pamby national office holders who run our organization. Take for instance, Dave Hodgdon, the retiring Nordic Advisor, who woke up everybody with his advisory report. "National is running a Mickey Mouse Nordic Program", he said; if allowed to continue on the same lines, "you're wearing blinders!" Incidentally, Dave was easy to spot throughout the conference. He arrived Wednesday afternoon in shorts and back pack (though they said he came by plane) and wore the shorts the whole time. Advertising Nordic Physical Fitness, no doubt.

Business sessions started early each morning, and except for lunch and two coffee breaks, went on through the afternoon. Charles Haskins had hoped for a little rest following the first day's meetings, but the "Attitude Adjustment" was already underway in his suite when he got there. A beautiful cocktail party, hosted by Southern Division, with delicious food and drinks superbly poured by two bartenders: the Jackson brothers -- Farris Jr. and Rick.

Friday morning the big board was divided into four smaller groups -- administrative, finance, operations and training and testing. Observers sitting in on these meetings, saw and heard the inner working of the system and learned plans for the coming year.

We all know what "all work and no play" does, so that afternoon was fun time. We went to Gatlinburg for some skiing (you should have seen the Alaska threesome when they found out they were to ski on plastic!); rides on the Alpine Slide; some people

even went shopping.

Our own Dave Dillard won the division directors race -- no surprise to anyone who's skied with him. His coaching staff was quite pleased. Our division swept the "Sack It Up" race too -- this, not as much from skill as lack of other entries. Cocktails, dinner and dancing sent us back to the Knoxville Hyatt Regency weary but happy.

Legal Advisor, Bob Riddle's "On Trial" -- a simulated law suit involving a patroller who didn't do too good a job filling in an accident report -- was the scene stealer of the Saturday sessions. Bob first presented this at our division meeting last April. From overheard comments, the program will be a portion of many division meetings this season.

And there were awards and honors, most of them presented at the banquet that night. Again, Southern Division shone: Janie Bollinger, Smoky Mtn. Section Chief and leader of the "Catt" Patrol, is now wearing a National badge, number 5334. Keith Argow, past D.D., did the presentation. Dale Johnson, avalanche advisor, was given a Yellow Merit Star by Bill Hotchkiss, national avalanche advisor, "for excellent service to the national program and for creating avalanche interest in an area where they rarely occur." A certificate of appreciation was given by Haskins to Tom Worley and his convention committee for a job well done. Tom's official committee included co-chairman Tom Moss, in charge of facilities; Jim Underwood, registration and clerical; Lynn Pace, Gatlinburg skiing; Jack Case, entertainment; Margaret Green, signs and posters; Farris Jackson, transportation and communications; French Moore, Jr., luncheon and banquet; Roger Bollinger, tours and recreational activities; Keith Argow, cocktail party; and, at large, Keith Gray, Janie Bollinger, Mary Ann Moore and Susan Jackson. "Flash" Gordon of Wintergreen (known formally as Frank) was first runner-up for outstanding professional patroller. One of the nicest souvenirs the directors took home were gavels of "Southern Walnut" made specially for the occasion by Benbow Reproductions of Greensboro, N.C. Dave Dillard presented these to the incoming and outgoing National Directors and all other Division Directors.

The party ended, but memories will linger, because it was a good 'un.

Benning Garrison, P.R. Adv.



(photos by Susan Jackson)

Fantastic is one adjective to describe the efforts put forth by all the Division Advisors and Line Officers in establishing responsible people who are able to generate the interests of patrollers to partake in the various electives available to NSPS patrollers. There are few organizations offering such a multitude of special training courses that enable us to perform our primary functions.

How long has it been since you thought about the primary function? Has it become lost, an intangible quagmire of idealistic rules and ideas? It should not be - but rather our primary objective should be one: easily understood, two: basic knowledge, three: in the forefront of each patroller's mind as they placate options and decisions.

Simply stated, our primary objective as a representative of the NSPS is to render first aid to the injured skier. This concept has not changed since 1937 when Minnie Dole recognized the need for our existence. We as patrollers must remember this primary objective in all our dealings in ski related situations.

The NSPS can not help injured skiers if they are not patrolling the slopes.

We must constantly be aware of our image if we are to continue to exist as a viable organization, when we deal with

1. Area management - we do not run the ski area, we work for management.
2. Skiing public - be courteous not aloof.
3. Ski clubs and organizations - promote first aid, not free skiing.
4. News media - we are the safety arm of ski industry -- it's a safe sport.

In the past few years our growth has been rapid, and we have expanded to the point where we need to freshen up on the basics. Let's keep these points in mind when we're patrolling.

Pete Chamberlin, A.D.D. (line)

The 1978 SMI Clinic will be held at Gatlinburg November 4th and 5th. All current and prospective ski mountaineering instructors are urged to attend (one qualification for national recertification is attendance at a SMI clinic).

Objectives were discussed last year and published in the March 1978 Southern Cross. Teaching methods and strategies were also available, but only four instructors participated in the clinic.

We will meet at the basement training room of Great Smoky Mountains headquarters building, two miles from Gatlinburg on US Highway 441 at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 4th and adjourn at 12 noon Sunday, November 5th.

Mail Norm Bishop a card or memo with your agenda suggestions by October 1st, and you will get a copy of the final agenda by October 20th.

Norm Bishop, Mountaineering Adv.

SWAP SHOPS

There will be another Swap Shop held at the Four Seasons Mall in Greensboro, N.C. this fall. The dates are October 20-22. Contact Charles Benbow if you have any equipment you want sold.

There will also be a Swap Shop at the Atlanta Ski Show November 10-11. Contact Wes Wesley of the Atlanta Ski Club for information.

Proceeds from both these events will benefit NSPS Southern Division. Do yourself a favor! Bring equipment you will no longer use to either place.

DUES

Because of necessity, dues have been increased this year. Division dues are now: new candidate, \$20.00; continuing candidate, \$16.00; Alumni, \$11.00; and all others, \$16.00.

SOUTHERN DIVISION N.S.P.S. 1977-78 CLASSIFICATION DISTRIBUTION

Patrol	National	Senior	Basic	Pro	Nordic & Comb.	Junior	Aux.	Old K	New K	Inactive	Total
Administrative	12	4	2								18
Appalachian		1	13	4		2		1	9		30
Beech Mtn.	2	2	12	16		3	2		4		41
Cataloochee		9	15			1	2	1	3	3	34
Cloudmont		1	2					1			4
Gatlinburg		2	10						7	7	26
Great Smoky Mtn. / Nordic					3			2	1		6
High Meadows/Cascade			4					5	10		19
Homestead		2	6					3	4		15
Hounds Ear			3						1		4
Mill Ridge		1	2					1			4
Sapphire Valley		1	2				1		3		7
Seven Devils	1	5	5		1			5	10	1	28
Sky Valley	2	2	9						2	2	17
Snowshoe		1	10	2			2		4	1	20
Sugar Mtn.		7	32	2		1		1	10		53
Wintergreen	1		25	5		2	1	4	14		52
Wolf Laurel		3	7			1	3		14		28
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>406</b>
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To order any of the above items, send the necessary money and information to Sam Bruce.

Ski Safety pins and Southern Division NSPS T-shirts are available. If you want either of these items, contact Tom Worley.

Sam Bruce, Fund Raising Adv.

## SPRING CONVENTION

For the past two years we have been having the Division Spring Convention in Abingdon, Va. We enjoyed everything so very much. The Martha Washington Inn and the surroundings are lovely, but most of all we enjoyed the gracious hospitality of those who did so much to make our stay such a pleasant one. We want to thank Mary Ann and French Moore especially for opening their home to all who came to the convention.

We have had the Spring Convention in Asheville and Gatlinburg. Now some of the patrollers are asking to have the meeting in a different location. The Greensboro/Winston-Salem area has been mentioned as a possible location. If you live in an area you think would be suitable for the convention, please contact Tom Worley.

## THE BIRTH OF A DONATION

Thumper was born in May and because he waited til that month, Ernie donated \$50.00 in his name to the NSPS Southern Division; and that is where our story begins.

Ginny Bruce, a registered patroller who skied thru her 6th month of pregnancy, was due on the 1st of May. In early April Robin and Ernie were at the local bar with Sam, Ginny's hubby who is the PL at Appalachian. With the doctor saying Gin was due anytime, a bet was made for \$50.00 - Robin taking a May birth and Ernie April. And spirits aside a serious wager was made, and with Sam specifying his favorite organization, the NSPS as the recipient of the wager.

Scott Samuel Woodruff Bruce, called Thumper, future ski patroller arrived on May 6th at 8 lb 5½ oz sending his first contribution to the Southern Division National Ski Patrol - his winnings \$50.00.

Sam Bruce, Fund Raising Adv.

## WOLF LAUREL SKI PATROL UPDATE

The new officers at Wolf Laurel are:

Greg Walczynski	- patrol leader
Jim "Killer" Turlington	- 1st Asst. FL, training
Mike Silver	- 2nd Asst. FL, equipment/purchasing
Stuart Ray	- Secretary/Treasurer
Steve Waldrep	- Training Officer, cand.

The patrol will have a meeting and picnic on October 7, 1978 to kick off pre-season training, repairs and development of equipment and facilities. I'm sure a good time will be had by all after the meeting.

The candidate training will begin Sunday, October 8, 1978. Steve is hoping to have as successful a program this season as we experienced last year.

Wolf Laurel has gained two honorary toddler members this past summer:

Orion Remington, born to Ken & Marsha  
Ryan Turlington, born to Jim & Linda  
Congratulations!

We are all looking for an enjoyable and successful 1978-79 season.

Greg Walczynski, FL

## JUNIOR JAMBOREE IS PLANNED

The Division Junior Jamboree will be held at Seven Devils February 17-18, 1979. There will be competition in toboggan handling, first aid and skiing skills. The Junior who wins this competition will be sent to Bozeman Montana for the National Junior Jamboree with similar competition. It is highly suggested that Circle A and Circle M be obtained for this competition. Any Junior who is not from the Boone area may contact Steve Benbow for information on where to stay. Please get reservations for that weekend now because it will be too late if you wait much longer.

Steve Benbow, Junior Adv.



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## NEW SKI MOUNTAINEERING INSTRUCTORS APPOINTED

Based on their mountaineering expertise and their demonstrated ability to conduct training, three Divisional SMIs have been appointed. They are: Lynn A. Pace, Gatlinburg; Julian S. "Steve" Waldrep, Wolf Laurel; and Lance L. Webb, Sky Valley.

Lynn, a former Army Airborne rigger, is a rock climber with four years' experience, a Senior Patroller, has taught in both avalanche and ski mountaineering courses, and is PL at Gatlinburg.

Steve brings to us six years of experience teaching mountaineering at Clemson, and more as an Army Ranger. He has attended National Outdoor Leadership School and its Expedition Leader School, the latter a five-week rock and snow peak climbing outing, and has climbed, winter and summer, in Wyoming, Colorado, New York and Great Smoky Mountains, where he attended the Mountain Rescue Seminar in 1970.

Lance cites ten years as a Senior Patroller in California and Georgia, rock climbing in California, numerous ski mountaineering trips in New Hampshire on Mount Washington, ski climbs on Mt. Hood in Oregon, on California's Mt. Shasta, and to Brian Head's Summit in Utah. He holds Rocker A as well as Rocker M.

Welcome aboard! Who's next? A post card will get you a SMI application.

Norm Bishop, Mountaineering Adv.

## SKI SAFETY PUBLICATIONS AND NSPS RADIO TAPES

I have the following publications that you can use at ski areas, ski club meetings, ski shows, etc.

1. "Don't Be Flaky in the Snow" includes skier rules of the slopes, equipment, care of equipment and ski clothes. Good skier information, 500 copies.
2. "The Challenge of Skiing" same information as above but in more detail plus information on the National Ski Patrol. excellent - 700 copies
3. "Wind Chill" chart Charts temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and equivalent, chill temperature from  $+40^{\circ}$  to  $-60^{\circ}$ . Wallet size - 500 copies
4. Radio NSPS 30-second spot tapes Take one to your favorite local radio station! They are good public information and the station will appreciate your courtesy and interest in making the tape available.

I will ship the number of pamphlets and radio tapes that you request.

Walt Eaton, Ski Safety Adv.

## NEW ALUMNI CLASSIFICATION

The new alumni classification was established because of numerous requests from "retired" patrollers for liaison with NSPS.

To qualify as a member of the Alumni Division of NSPS, a former patroller must have been registered with NSPS for a total of four years, except those registered as Candidates, Juniors and Associates. Alumni members will receive the National Patroller and will be able to order unofficial items from the catalog.

## SKIING SOUTHERN POWDER

We all read stories about skiing fresh powder and how great it is. The closest most of us come to it is tracking the edge of our southern slopes before the crowd either skies it off or the packer rolls it. We dream of someday taking off down some western slope and skiing fresh powder.

Well, this patroller got the nicest surprise of her life during Christmas vacation. My home area is Wintergreen, but my son and I were helping out at Snowshoe during the Christmas holidays.

We groaned during the bouncing early morning ride up Cheat mountain that day. We had left warm beds in Huntersville well before light - as we had done all week. We were literally making tracks for Snowshoe. It was super cold as we roared along in our drafty Blazer.

Upon arriving at the first aid room, we got our assignments from Neal (the flu-ridden PL) complete with a thermometer in his mouth refusing to give up. We still had no idea of the pleasures ahead for us. Maybe it was because we were moving so fast - or could it be because of the cold - or does it often snow in the basin at Snowshoe and nowhere else - or maybe I am just getting too old to see - who knows. In that 20 minute period of getting our boots on, the temperature rose 10 degrees and the sun blazed out on 6 to 8 inches of fresh, light, glistening powder.

As we moved ropes and did all the necessary things to get ready to open the "upsidedown" mountain, we all felt that feeling of warmth inside when a few are about to share a very special moment. I felt God had showered all the treasure of Heaven on this insignificant patroller that morning. The quiet of opening such a beautiful mountain on such a day was just unreal. As we skied down the quiet, untracked slope, each person seemed totally within themselves. What a time we had! The specialness of it all was too much. The early morning quiet was filled with shouts of glee from all over the mountain. Lift operators peeked from behind their huts, eyes twinkling with wide smiles as we truly began a new day.

You know - all the hurry up mornings, all the sign-on days in the rain, taking heavy toboggans up on the chair, skiing over rocks to check on someone, hurt backs and cold hands, saying triple up for 2 hours straight and all the hassle suddenly was worth it all for the joy of that one morning.

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FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

We as with many other divisions are reemphasizing our training programs this year. Tom Worley, A.D.D., with help from Tom Moss, Training Advisor, will soon have available a new training and testing manual for seniors, to be followed by a new candidate manual. This year Phil Birdsong, Certified Advisor, will be presenting the new program for certified patrollers. We expect to see about 15 patrollers taking the course. The well trained patroller is proud of his accomplishments and is an asset to the NSPS, area management and the skiing public. We try to set up many different programs, but the final effort is up to YOU. We must stay proficient to maintain the excellent NSPS image and stop problems.

Thanks to John Lawrence, Lift Evacuation Advisor, and Keith Gray, Equipment Advisor, our lift evacuation programs are working and training many patrollers. At this time, approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the patrollers in this division have taken the course. A patroller from Sugar Mountain who had just helped evacuate the yellow lift at that area, told me how valuable it was to be a "graduate" of the lift evacuation course. Keep up the good work in this important safety area! It is possible that the National Safety Council will be using and taking over our NSPS Lift Evacuation Manual. I feel many patrollers have not given the search and rescue exercise the required practice. Patrol Leaders should follow up on this requirement! If you need any information or help, contact Norm Bishop, Ski Mountaineering Advisor.

Robert D. Hall, NSPS Board Representative from Eastern Division, needs input for the Long Range Planning Committee. If you have any constructive ideas or suggestions you would like to see implemented by the NSPS, now is the time. This is your system. Let's tell the Board of Directors what you want. Write: Robert D. Hall, Riverside Drive, Old Forge, N.Y. 13420.

WHAT "BONE" ARE YOU??? - From STAFF, Business Research Publications, Inc. Sept.78

Someone said that the membership of an organization is made up of four bones:

There are the WISHBONES... who spend all their time wishing somebody else would do the work.

There are the JAW BONES... who do all the talking but very little else.

Next come the KNUCKLE BONES... who knock everything that everybody else does.

And finally, there are the BACK BONES... who get the LOAD and DO the work.

David P. Dillard

### SOUTHERN DIVISION SCHEDULE 1978-1979

January 27-28 Certified Patroller Clinic,  
Snowshoe  
28 Senior Ski & Toboggan Test,  
Sugar Mtn.

February 2-4 Mountaineering Patch Course,  
Mt. Rogers, Va.  
4 Senior Ski & Toboggan Test,  
Cataloochee  
10-11 Certified Ski, Toboggan and Oral  
Exams, Snowshoe  
17-18 Southern Division Junior Jamboree,  
Seven Devils  
24-25 Certified Written and Practical  
First Aid Exams, Wintergreen

March 1 Deadline for Awards nominations  
15 Deadline for Southern Cross  
18-21 NSPS National Junior Training  
Seminar '79, Bridger Bowl,  
Bozeman, Mont.  
24-31 Avalanche Patch Course,  
Bozeman, Mont.

April 21 Division Spring Convention  
23 Deadline for Southern Cross

### ALUMNI CLASSIFICATION

This classification was established last season in response to numerous requests from "retired" Patrollers for some type of liaison with NSPS.

To qualify as a member of the Alumni Association, a former Patroller must have been registered with NSPS for a total of four(4) years. All classifications are eligible for the Alumni with the exception of Candidates, Juniors and Associates.

Alumni dues are \$5.00 to be paid annually. A renewal statement for Alumni dues will be printed in the autumn issue of the National Patroller.

### CHANGES IN SOUTHERN DIVISION ROSTER

Keith Argow, past D.D. has a change of address. It is now: 3710 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Va. 24060. The office phone number is 703-552-6400.

Pete Chamberlin, A.D.D. has moved. His new address is: 1027 Drinnon Drive, Morristown, Tenn. 37814, phone number 615-581-0623 (H).

Bob Edwards, Insurance Adv., asked that his home phone number be corrected. It is 919-288-8496.

William J. Schwabenton is the new PL at Mill Ridge. If you would like to patrol at this area, contact him at: 1813 Colonial Ave., Greensboro, N.C. 27408, phone 919-288-7738 (H).

John Tolbert is the coordinator for Hound Ears. If you would like to patrol at this area, contact him at: 1204 N. Center Street, Hickory, N.C. 28601. Phone: 704-327-4145 (O), 483-3629 (H).

### BENBOWS - SOUTHERN DIVISION PATROLLERS!

Charles T. Benbow - National #4993, Division Awards Advisor, Carolina Highlands Section Chief, Ski Mountaineering Rocker, Avalanche Rocker, Circle A & M Instructor, Basic Test Examiner, National Mountaineering Instructor, Advanced First Aid Instructor, CPR Instructor, Water Safety Instructor, Scoutmaster of BSA Troop #141, husband of Doris and father of patrollers.

Doris Benbow - Basic Patroller, Asst. PL at Seven Devils, Ski Mountaineering Rocker, Avalanche Rocker, wife of Charles and mother of the four patrollers listed below.

Chuck Benbow - Senior Patroller, Ski Mountaineering Rocker, Avalanche Rocker, Water Safety Instructor, Eagle Scout.

Steve Benbow - Senior Patroller, Seven Devils PL, Division Junior Advisor, Ski Mountaineering Rocker, Avalanche Rocker, Senior Test Examiner, Water Safety Instructor.

Wes Benbow - Basic Patroller, Ski Mountaineering Rocker, Avalanche Rocker, Former Outstanding Division Junior, Water Safety Instructor, Eagle Scout.

Cindy Benbow - Junior Patroller, Ski Mountaineering Rocker, Avalanche Rocker.

### HELP NEEDED!!!!

I have, ready for distribution to radio stations, some NSPS Public Service Announcements to run during the 1978-1979 ski season. With your assistance, the "word" will get out to the many skiers and potential skiers in Southern Division.

Each tape consists of four 30-second and four 10-second announcements. Of the 30-second spots, the first 3 give ski safety tips and the fourth concerns our 40th anniversary. The four 10-second tapes are institutional and NSPS image oriented.

You don't have to "sell" these tapes: radio stations will be happy to have them, since FCC requires stations to run advertisements "for the public good". There is no hard part to the job. It's leg work and a few minutes of your time.

Will you help distribute these tapes in your area? On receipt of your request, I'll send you as many tapes as you think you can place.

Benning Garrison, P.R. Adv.

### HAVE ANY SKI EQUIPMENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SELL?

Keith Gray, Equipment Adv., is also proprietor of the Pack Shack in Gastonia. He has offered to be the go-between for those wishing to sell and those wishing to buy used equipment. All you have to do is write Keith (see ad last page) telling him what you would like to sell and how much you want for it. He will then put it on his mini-computer. If you are interested in buying, write Keith telling him what you want. He will let you know what is available and who has it for sale. This should be a real service to many patrollers!

### MOGULS?

For mogul busting: Tie a two-by-four between two snowmobiles and drag it over them. That's a fact.

#### ATTENTION ALL AUXILIARY PATROLLERS!

Please send me any and all suggestions, pros and cons about your activities performed at ski areas. This information will be compiled and forwarded to National Auxiliary Director, Dorothy Kruger.

I need to hear from each one of you to make this report as meaningful as possible. Thank you.

Mary K. Twomey, Auxiliary Adv.  
29 White Pine Drive,  
Asheville, N.C. 28805

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION JUNIOR JAMBOREE

Just a reminder that on February 17-18, Seven Devils Ski Patrol will be sponsoring the Southern Division Junior Jamboree. All persons 15-17 years of age having a current registration, will be allowed to participate. In the two days of training and classroom courses, the topics to be covered will be, first aid, avalanche, ski mountaineering, lift evacuation, toboggan handling, skiing skills, and lots of fun events.

Juniors and Junior Candidates are eligible to go through this training and testing session. There will be written tests on first aid and administrative functions. The other courses to be discussed will be done in classroom seminars and active participation on the mountain; this will include snow plow, side slip, toboggan handling and lift evacuation exercises.

The social hour will be a spaghetti dinner with live entertainment at 6:30 PM Saturday night. All patrollers in the division are invited to attend.

All Juniors who plan to attend this fun weekend should start making arrangements now!

Steve Benbow, Junior Adv.

#### BIGGEST & BEST REFRESHER IN SECTION

The Virginia/West Virginia Fall Refresher held on October 28th was not only the biggest ever held in that section, but also has to rank as one of the best. It was held at McLeod Hall of U.Va. School of Nursing (an excellent facility by the way) and 95 people attended.

The staff of instructors were Barbara Barnes, Randy Pugh, Nancy Shelhorse and Ron Smith from Wintergreen and Norm Katzenberg and Glen White from Homestead. These patrollers were augmented by Dr. Robert Fitz, a general practitioner, and Dr. Mike Miller, an orthopedic surgeon. Both doctors are from Charlottesville. They left us all wanting more.

Our D.D. Dave Dillard, A.D.D. Pete Chamberlin and R.D. Randy Avery also attended. In addition to awarding Wintergreen Patrol its certificate as Outstanding Patrol in the Southern Division, Ron Smith and Bing Poon were given service awards. Our leaders also gave us some words of wisdom for the coming season.

In closing, let me say we have our work cut out for us to make "79" live up to "78".

Randy Pugh

#### SWAP SHOPS BENEFIT SOUTHERN DIVISION NSPS



The above patrollers shown are working at the Swap Shop booth at the Atlanta Ski Show. They are (from left to right) Chuck Latkoff, Tom Worley and Wes Wesley.

The Atlanta Show was held November 10-11 and benefited the division with over \$800. Other patrollers who worked at this booth are Bill Dunaway, Marsha Godwin and Lenoir Hartzler.

The Greensboro Swap Shop was held October 20-21. The patrollers who worked hard to make this such a success are Charles, Doris and Steve Benbow, Dave Dillard, Heiner Ehrlich, Doug Hall, Norm Stripe and Tom Worley. The proceeds, all for Southern Division, amounted to almost \$500. This amount was possible as all equipment was donated outright for the sale.

The Hickory Ski Show was held October 27-28 and Sam Bruce and Ann Wood manned this booth. The amount made for a donation to ski patrol was approximately \$100.

We all wish to thank the many patrollers who gave their time and or equipment to make this possible. The final amounts are not known exactly, but we will have this information for the next issue of Southern Cross.

#### THE SPRING CONVENTION

In the last issue of Southern Cross there was an article about the Spring Convention. We asked patrollers to contact Tom Worley about where to have the convention this year. So far Tom has not heard from YOU.

There is a lot of territory in this division, so no matter where the convention is held many will have a long distance to travel. The Executive Committee is making plans now and would like to have as many patrollers at the convention as possible. At this time Abingdon and Gatlinburg are being considered. If you have a "druther", please let Tom Worley hear from you as soon as possible.

## AWARDS

All patrollers can submit to the Division Awards Advisor any suggestion or nomination for an award. This is not limited to specific awards such as outstanding patroller, patrol, junior, etc., but merit stars and certificates of appreciation can also be suggested by ANY patroller. Send in your nomination to Charles Benbow, Awards Adv. by March 1st!

Tom Worley, A.D.D.

## TELL THE WORLD!

When the Southern Crescent derailed December 3rd near Elma Va., three Wintergreen patrollers, Warren Griffin, Jim Kneas and Walter Martin were at the scene assisting with the rescue and removal of injured passengers. They proved all the training NSPS requires of us does pay off because, indeed, saved lives.

The who, what, why, when and where was recorded by an alert newspaper photographer, who inadvertently aided our public relations program by taking a picture of one of these men - of his back, so we don't know which it was. The morning papers of December 4th carried the picture, centered by a man with the unmistakable large gold cross on his back.

Our congratulations to Warren, Jim and Walter - and to that photographer whoever he may be.

Benning Garrison, P.R. Adv.

## NEW SKI MOUNTAINEERING INSTRUCTORS

Beech Mountain's John Lawrence and Administrative Patrol's Keith Gray were appointed Division Ski Mountaineering Instructors December 26, 1978.

John Lawrence brings to his new job some 25 years of experience. He taught mountain climbing as a Royal Marine for 4 years at Oxford, led Outward Bound students in England, the Himalayas, Australia and New Zealand. He has numerous first ascents to his credit. Expeditions and climbs John lists include the Transantarctic Range, Vilcabamba in Peru, North Ridge of Pumasilla, North Face of Mellizos, Torayoc, Mount McKinley, a Mount Rainier traverse and "sundry others". During those years of climbing, John participated in several notable high altitude rescues. John has skied for over 20 years, 11 of them at Beech Mountain. John has been teaching survival, search and rescue and also first aid many of those years. He has taught at the University level as well.

Keith Gray is Director and Instructor of Outdoor Adventure Climbing School. He has also been a river guide, scoutmaster and lift evacuation instructor. He serves as Southern Division Equipment Advisor. Keith is well known by the Appalachian Mountain patrollers, with whom he has patrolled 3 years. Keith is an EMT. He has participated in 7 Ski Mountaineering courses in the past 3 years.

I am looking for other mountaineers with teaching ability to apply as SMIs. A postcard will get you an application.

Norm Bishop, Ski Mountaineering Adv.

## FIRE FIGHTING ADDED TO CURRICULUM OF NSPS

Wintergreen held its On-The-Hill Refresher on November 4 & 5, 1978. It was well attended. In addition to the regular First Aid and Lift Evacuation, a first was accomplished in that a night lift evacuation was done by the light of the moon. It was felt that with night skiing and the possibility of a power failure it was necessary to hold this type of exercise. I am happy to report that the problem came off without a hitch.

Sunday, however, turned out to be an entirely different story. The schedule called for a self evacuation course to be taught. After the classroom work everyone moved to the hill to get on the lift. A cloud of smoke was seen rising over Black Rock Mt. The radio carried by Warren Griffin called for an investigation of said smoke. A small forest fire was discovered and a call went out for help. The Wintergreen Patrol, in true fashion, responded to the call. The fire grew larger by the minute. It was later felt that had it not been for the ski patrol being able to put a number of people on the scene very quickly, that five houses probably would have been destroyed. Unfortunately, two patrollers were sent to U.Va. Hospital overcome by smoke.

It was a tired group of patrollers that headed home late Sunday night.

Randy Pugh

## SKI PATROLLERS WRITTEN UP IN WALL STREET JOURNAL

Chuck Hancock, read this in the paper 11/8/78 and thought it might be of interest to many of us.

"SKI PATROLLERS liked skiing, so the IRS wanted to ice their deduction.

Volunteers usually can deduct expenses linked to work for charitable organizations. The National Ski Patrol is one of those organizations; its 38,000 members police ski areas without pay, rendering aid to skiers. Marilyn and Charles McCollum and their two children were patrol members. At least one ski weekend a month they worked 12 hours a day without pay. The Huntington Beach, Calif., couple deducted \$4,200 as a contribution to the ski patrol for expenses connected with their patrol work.

The IRS challenged the deduction. Among other things, the IRS argued that the couple enjoyed skiing, the patrol work and the camaraderie of other patrol members. That got an icy reception in the Tax Court. Many volunteers are enthusiastic about their work and enjoy it, but that isn't grounds for denying them a deduction, the court said.

Yet the court cut the deduction to \$2,400. The couple couldn't deduct the value of their motor home as lodging as they didn't pay it out of pocket, the court said, though they could deduct motels when they stayed in them. Also, they couldn't write off their ski equipment but could deduct the cost of ski repairs."

## S(NO)W KNOWLEDGE

Which ski area's manager has this solution for solving the rain-drenched snow problem? -- "Turn it over so the dry side will be up."

## TOBOGGAN-HANDLING TRAINING DEVICE

The Toboggan-handling Training Device (TTD) is a useful aid in the training of candidates for their toboggan-handling proficiency tests. It is lightweight and easily transportable on a chairlift with no disruption in lift operation.

The TTD is designed to train candidates to handle the toboggan as a leadman. With a little practice the Trainer, at the back of the TTD, can apply as much force to the Trainee as a heavily loaded toboggan. The Trainer can simulate the action of the toboggan as if it were handled with or without a tailman and will change his course in response to the Trainee's commands.

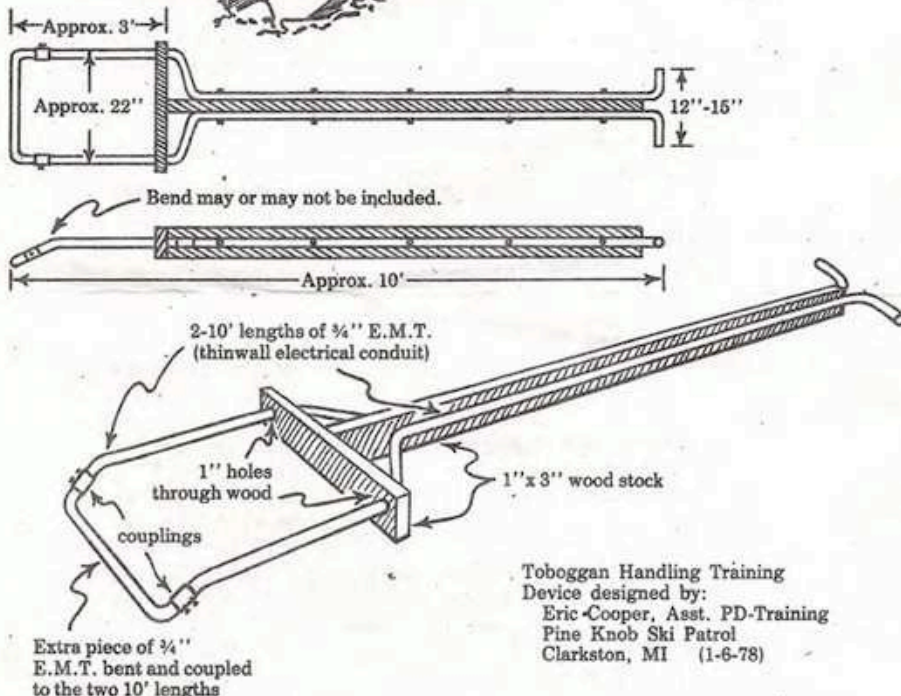
The Trainer, by simulating the load of the toboggan, can directly feel, through the device, the effect the Trainee is having on the load and can evaluate and comment as the Trainee is making his run.

While the TTD is not designed to replace the toboggan in training, it enables the candidates to take more runs during a training session without the bother of transporting a number of toboggans back up the hill.

The TTD is of most benefit to a patrol that trains a large number of candidates, and it enables one or two pairs of candidates to train with one or two TTDs while a three-person group works with a toboggan.

The TTD can easily be constructed with the use of a 3/4" electrical thinwall conduit blender and a few hand tools. A ready-to-assemble or pre-assembled TTD can be purchased for \$40 from: Eric Cooper, 1280 Williams Lake Road, Union Lake, MI 48085 (phone 313-363-5252).

(Taken from "Rusty Parka News", Winter Issue.)



### EQUIPMENT FOR SALE?

If any patrol (or patroller) wants adjustable Thomas 1/2-ring traction splints, they are available for \$4.00 each, plus shipping charges from Charlotte, N.C. They come 2 in a box and will be sold in this way only.

Pro forms are available for Atomic Skis and Look or Salomon bindings.

The Pack Shack no longer carries Harper Packs or Ski Patrol emblems.

If you are interested in any of the above items, contact the Pack Shack. (See ad for address.)

Keith Gray, Equipment Adv.

### SENIOR TEST ADMINISTRATION MANUAL AVAILABLE

The first Southern Division manual is now available. The new manual is "Senior Test Administration Manual". It is 35 pages of information concerning the Senior Test, Senior Test Candidates, Senior Test Judges and Southern Division Senior Test Policies. For copies, contact Reggie Hassler or Tom Moss (addresses below). A candidate's manual is presently being worked on by Greg Walczynski, Division Training Advisor and myself. It should be available by the end of February or early March.

Tom Worley, A.D.D.

Reggie Hassler  
Route 3, Box 336-H,  
Boone, N.C. 28607

Tom Moss  
P. O. Box 11467,  
Knoxville, Tenn. 37919

## FIRST AID ADVISOR'S SUGGESTIONS

This article was taken from "The Toboggan Run", published by the Western Mass. Region of the Eastern Division NSPS.

1. Need waterproof storage for small items? Plastic containers for 35mm Photographic film are ideal for everything from safety pins to aspirins or sugar.
2. Why is sugar suggested? Packets of sugar, life savers or other hard candy are not only good for hypothermia, but also diabetes problems. Of course only if the person IS CONSCIOUS.
3. Ever lose a jackknife or scissors in the snow? Snap them onto an inexpensive cat leash and loop or sew the handle inside your "belt". Be sure to close the knives when you've finished using them.
4. A sanitary napkin has multiple uses. They work well for padding or first aid treatment for wounds with heavy bleeding. Store in a "baggie" and tape the flap to keep them dry and clean.
5. Portable hair driers have many uses. Warm your boots before putting them on, or make a plastic boot more pliable if the injury requires its removal. They are also very effective when localized warming or drying is needed.
6. Want to improve public relations? Have screw drivers and pliers available for skiers who need to make adjustments and can't get to the ski shop (particularly at the top of the lifts). Securing them with linked chains and filling the slots of attaching screws with epoxy will discourage theft. One patrol made benches for skiers at "the top" with tools attached. Skiers loved them and Patrollers benefited by not being called on to make necessary adjustments. Not a Patroller's job.
7. Want to save money and do a better splinting job? Filament tape is great for cardboard splints and is cheaper than cloth ties if you do resplinting in the Patrol Room. It is also stronger and will not stretch. Try some "3M" No. 890 3/4 inch filament tape with a Model H-10 hand dispenser. It's fast, neat and easier than ties for securing cardboard splints. Be careful that you don't make them too tight - you can't untie it. I figure that the money saved by two rolls of tape compared to cloth will pay for the dispenser.
8. Cardboard splinting of legs goes better if you staple the foot section together in advance rather than use ankle bandages. It is faster and won't come loose. Now that adhesive backed ski tickets are in use you can probably get the old ticket staplers from your area management. Obviously it's best to staple the splint before placing on the injured part - and obviously this is for resplinting in the Patrol Room after the "quick" or "inflated" splints are removed there.
9. Ever have to give directions to the hospital to strangers? A printed sheet with a map and directions will save a lot of time and insure that the driver doesn't get lost. You can also list some basic instructions for care of the injured on the way to the hospital.

10. Ever wonder what happened to the injured skier after they left the area for the hospital

(continued next column)

and what the doctor's diagnosis and treatment was? A pre-printed, return addressed post card with questions and space for answers will give excellent feedback and data for meaningful accident records. It also helps public relations by showing that you care.

NOTE: Do you have questions on these items or want to share your ideas? Send a letter or post card with description to: Kim W. Howes, 35 Park St., Northampton, Mass. 01060.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

On Saturday, February 17th Seven Devils Ski Patrol will be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner at Seven Devils Ski Lodge. The dinner will include salad, spaghetti with the Benbow's special sauce, hot bread, wine for adults and cokes for the kids. There will also be live entertainment.

This promises to be the best gathering of ski patrol and friends of this year.....so don't miss it! Advanced ticket sales will begin February 1st, so make plans now to attend. The public is also invited, so bring your friends.

Steve Benbow, PL

## EVACUATE!

More than 400 people will never forget January 5, 1979. Snow, cold temperature and a stuck lift created a drama long dreaded, but prepared for at Sugar Mountain.

About noon a phone call to the ski patrol room announced "Lift evacuation". You're kidding I said, but it was no joke. The yellow lift was stopped and filled with skiers up to the 3/4 station. Bobbie Rupp had just come in with a victim in a toboggan, so she stayed in the First Aid Room. The 4 pro patrollers and 4 volunteers who were there that day started the evacuation immediately. Two more visiting patrollers were on the lift - in the same chair. Just after it was announced that the lift would be evacuated, one of the "stranded" patrollers, Jim Underwood, was seen lowering his self-evacuation rope. Everyone was delighted he was so well prepared. Suddenly his rope went back up to the chair. Everyone waited breathlessly and then down it came again. This time Jim came down too, in a well done self-evacuation. His partner, Gary Riser, then used Jim's equipment and he too self-evacuated. Now there were 10 patrollers working to evacuate the skiers on the lift.

In only an hour and 15 minutes the evacuation was complete. Free hot coffee was handed out at the Snack Shack on the slope to the evacuees as they were rescued. First aid was given for the few minor accidents and some very cold hands were warmed up. The other patrollers helping were Karen and Susan Barnhardt, Madge Dillard, Sherwood Horine, Donny Russell, Arch Smith and David Wray. Many thanks to them!

Mountain Manager, Gunther Joehl, was so pleased with the smoothness of the procedure that he had a "Happy Hour" for the patrol after sweep.

Sherry Perry, Pro PL

The following letter was written to Dave Dillard.

As you will recall, I attended the Lift Evacuation Seminar at Seven Devils November 18 and 19. I thought the Seminar was excellent in every way and wish to take this opportunity to express in detail how really good I thought it was.

First of all the instruction was outstanding. Both Keith and John are very effective instructors, are clearly knowledgeable in this area and deserve special recognition for their mastery of not only the theoretical and technical aspects but also the very practical aspects of this subject. Also, between Keith and John there was sufficient instruction available at all times.

I also thought the organization of the Seminar was outstanding. The Saturday morning classroom work was well organized and the afternoon session on the rocks, which presented much greater organizational problems, could not have been better organized. The high point of the organizational effort was the foresight involved in arranging for the keg of beer.

The equipment we used also deserves mention. Too often in instruction sponsored by NSPS, as well as others, the equipment is either inadequate, or not available in sufficient quantity, or sometimes even both. In this case, we had more than a sufficient amount of equipment and the equipment was of better quality than most of us beginners deserved. Special thanks to Keith and John for the climbing related equipment and to Mark Eaton and Seven Devils Management for the use of the lifts and facilities.

In closing, I must confess before taking the Seminar I was not convinced the time and effort involved in taking two days for the Seminar would be justified by the knowledge gained. I am now convinced the two days are justified and believe this activity should receive continued and increased support.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Martin, Seven Devils Ski Patrol

#### SENIOR CLINIC & FIRST AID TEST HELD AT WINTERGREEN

On January 6 & 7 Wintergreen was host to a Senior Examiner Clinic and First Aid Test. While the Senior Examiners were in their clinic, Senior Candidates and Basics were taking their First Aid and Administrative Test. A Basic Ski Test and Senior Clinic were held on Sunday.

The Senior Examiner Clinic was well attended. In addition to the locals, Dave Dillard, D.D., Tom Worley, A.D.D., Randy Avery, R.D. and Reggie Hassler, Testing Adv. also attended.

As a result of the Basic Test, Wintergreen has 4 new patrollers: Doug Barry, Tim Carwile, George McCabe and Mark Smith. Shawn Feeney is a Junior who was retested after a years absence.

The Senior Candidates found they have a lot of work to do before the exam at Snowshoe on the 21st of January.

Randy Pugh

The following excerpts are from POB #78-15.

#### I. NSPS Insurance Coverage

We are pleased to announce that we have obtained higher liability insurance limits under our liability program with a major premium reduction. It has been placed through two qualified brokerage firms specializing in ski activities.

#### II. NSPS Loss Control Policy

The National Director, Donald C. Williams, and the past National Director, Charles Haskins, support the following Loss Control Policy.

- A. The Divisional Director shall be responsible for reviewing each skiing collision accident, chair lift evacuation accident, toboggan handling accident, and other patrol related accidents, any of which involve patrollers for the purpose of determining whether disciplinary or other appropriate action shall be taken with regard to a patroller, or patrollers involved. Such review may be administered by a committee appointed by the Divisional Director or by the Divisional Director himself. The findings produced from reviews shall be forwarded to the National Counsel, Risk and Insurance Management and National Legal Counsel. They shall either accept such reports or may forward the same, accompanied by an opinion to the National Director for appropriate action as the National Director shall determine.
- B. All chair lift evacuation programs shall be subject to the following policies:
  1. All chair lift evacuation plans and procedures shall be formulated and conducted under the direction of area management.
  2. An annual on-the-hill chair lift evacuation refresher shall be conducted also under the direction of area management.
  3. The NSPS chair lift evacuation manual shall be minimum standard of performance in all chair lift evacuation plans and procedures.
- C. In recognition of the fact that improperly adjusted bindings are one of the major causes of ski related accidents, and in recognition of the efforts of the NSPS to reduce binding caused accidents through its binding check program, it is hereby restated and emphasized that in no event shall any binding check include binding adjustment.

#### III. Claims Handling Procedures

If a patroller is served with a notice of claim or is involved in a lawsuit, the following steps should be taken immediately by the concerned patroller.

1. Notify his/her Home Owners insurance carrier and/or liability insurance carrier (primary or special excess umbrella coverage) or broker immediately.
2. Notify and PROVIDE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTATION concerning the matter to your Line Officer (FL, S.C., R.D., A.D.D. or D.D.) to be forwarded to the National Office IMMEDIATELY.
3. Notify the Divisional Risk and Insurance Management Advisor.
4. Notify the Divisional Legal Advisor.

It is a sobering thought to consider you might be sued. This is one of the reasons NSPS has its standards, constant training, and continuous programs to improve abilities to render aid.

Bob Edwards, Insurance Adv.

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*Hope you get in a lot of skiing  
before the slopes close. Hope to  
see you in Abingdon. Bobbie*



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### FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

This year, instead of the January "Thaw" we had the "Pour". One lady wrote the Patrol Leader a letter saying she had not seen any patroller that day; not one rust parka! She was right. All the patrol, including the visiting D.D. were in rain suits and they do tend to make the patrol invisible. It's nice to know the skiing public is looking for the rust parka as a symbol of safety and first aid.

We have had the suggestion that we have a two-year grace period for the Circle A and Circle M and the skiing and tobogganing, as well as the first aid. The Senior Rocker should be awarded only after completion of all three phases. If you like the idea, tell your PL.

The Mountaineering course at Mt. Rogers was fantastic — WHAT A TURNOUT! — Fifty one people — new snow — excellent instructors — and two visitors from the Central Division.

The Junior Jamboree, held at Seven Devils and directed by Steve Benbow, was well attended by 16 Juniors from all over the division. Much fun and spirit from the group, followed by a super Benbow & Seven Devils Patrol spaghetti supper. The co-winners, Ingrid Brown and Bob Pugh, will go to Montana. The money for the trip was raised from the last two Greensboro Swap Shops.

We were proud to have held our second certified test this year at Snow Shoe, West Virginia. We had a great turnout — nine candidates. Thanks to A.D.D. Tom Worley for some last minute fast work trying to keep things together. Many thanks to our long-time friends, George Wesson and Richie Watkins, for coming down to put on the test.

We are proud to welcome the new Cumberland Section and its new chief, John Newton. The patrols are Cedar Cliff, Cloudmont and Renegade.

This will be my last article as D.D. As many of you know, job pressure has kept me from running for a second term. I also feel we should make room at the top. We are most fortunate to have some very qualified people ready to take over. My two years have been more hectic than I ever expected, but also the most personally rewarding time of my life. I visited some large patrols and some small ones. I talked with many of you. I became aware of the tremendous sacrifice most of our patrollers have to make just patrolling the vast geographical Southern Division. Some of you have two hours, many have up to seven hours driving time each way. While I was visiting, I was happy to see a united group, paid and volunteer, of friendly, dedicated patrollers with one goal — to do the best job they could for the area and the skiers. I think the total team effort is working and will continue to work.

Thank you all for the help you have given me through the years. I was and am proud to be part of the Southern Division.

David P. Dillard

Have you ever rappelled down a 200 year old tree? No? Well, maybe this year at the Spring Convention in Abingdon. John Lawrence will bring his ropes and show us the way. While you're outside, Charles Benbow will show you how to get from A to B without going around Z. Inside, we'll have Kirby Brock, Chief Ranger for Mt. Rogers National Recreation Area and Jim Scott, Division Nordic Advisor, to give us some thought about "flat tracking" instead of all downhill next year. We'll have the latest in First Aid Equipment, thanks to Randy Pugh, and the "thinnest thinsulate" possible from Keith Gray. All sorts of good programs and ideas to interest and intrigue our patrollers.

Our business meeting will be streamlined and efficient. Reports will be short and to the point - no "off the cuff" ramblings.

Lunch can be had with a drink or not at the Martha Washington Lounge, or you can venture to Hardee's or the like.

Keep your jeans on for the 6-7 hour of beer and pretzels and on through dinner. We will have some Country Music later and maybe a bit of clogging or "swing your partner" - anybody do any calling? We could use you. Hey, John, bring your fiddle!

Our dinner will be a real Southern Special and the price of \$13.00 per person includes beer, before and after, and our entertainment. Those dinner reservations must be sent in by MONDAY, APRIL 16 - if needs be, you can call Dr. French Moore Jr. or Farris Jackson for these reservations. Be sure to make your own hotel/motel reservations!

Our dinner speaker is a real find to meet our current needs. Ken Grover is the executive vice-president of Clif Taylor Enterprises Management Group (and if you don't know, they operate Wintergreen, Seven Devils and Renegade to name a few). His subject will be *The Ski Patrol Role in Area Management*, and he will tell it like it is - we need to know! And of course, we will all want to know who among our Division will be singled out to be honored this year.

Frank Feeney, our computer expert, will figure how to figure which patrol has won the attendance prize (a very special one). He will do it most scientifically with just a bit of Black Magic. By the way, Frank may need to know exactly how many miles each patroller traveled from their home to Abingdon - be sure to know.

We're expecting everyone to come - there will be something for everyone. Let's make this the best convention ever.

Farris and Susan Jackson  
French and Mary Ann Moore  
Keith Gray

- 9-12 a.m. General Meeting
- 12-1 p.m. Lunch (On Your Own)
- 1-5 p.m. Seminar Sessions
  1. Knotty Problems or Belay Your Partner by John Lawrence
  2. Orienteering with Map and Compass by Charles Benbow
  3. It's 10-36 for Radios by Farris Jackson
  4. Making Tracks on Mt. Rogers by Jim Scott and Kirby Brock
  5. What's New in First Aid by Randy Pugh
  6. NSPS Catalog Trunk Showing plus Local Goodies by Keith Gray
  7. Certified by Phil Birdsong
  8. Medical Emergencies - TBA
- 6-7 p.m. Beer Bust
- 7-9 p.m. Dinner  
Dinner Speaker - Ken Grover  
Awards
- 9-12 a.m. Music and Dancing - and more beer . . .

SPRING CONVENTION 1978



Photos by Don Rupp

## 10 YEARS PLUS

Walter Eaton, Deep South Section Chief, was presented his 10-year service pin in a brief ceremony at Sky Valley on February 17th witnessed by patrolling friends of long standing. Walter's tenure with NSPS goes back more than just ten years, though. He started patrolling in 1966 at Sapphire Valley, then transferred to Sky Valley when it opened, serving the latter area as assistant PL and PL before becoming Ga/Ala Section Chief in 1975. Walter was the first patroller from what was then Southern Region, Eastern Division, to pass the Senior Test. He is National Ski Patroller No. 5072.

Benning Garrison, PR Adv.

## THE "SKI BRAKE"

Each season between 8 and 10 percent of all injuries to skiers are caused by windmilling skis or a released ski attached by a "safety" strap retaining the ski. Studies throughout the United States and Europe show these windmill injuries cause mostly lacerations and contusions to the face, head and legs, (plus some fractures).

The ski brake is a simple device made of twin projections set in a footbed and designed to hold a released ski in the snow a safe distance from the skier. The ski brake automatically releases when the skier's foot comes out of the binding. In addition to providing protection to each fallen skier it eliminates the problem of runaway skis.

Some concern has been noted regarding the use of ski brakes while the skiers are riding the chair lift. Recent studies of this skier problem show that most skis release at or close to loading or unloading stations where areas are protected and will not endanger other skiers.

The ski brake can add to the enjoyment of skiing! Fully automatic models allow the skier to step into his/her binding and ski. It also anchors the ski in the snow facilitating easy reentry, which is most helpful and appreciated on a steep slope.

Nine binding manufacturers now sell ski brakes. Care should be taken to choose the model most compatible with your present or new ski equipment. Standards for the ski brake have been set and should soon be adopted internationally.

With the existence of the effective ski brake, an opportunity exists for doing away with many injuries caused by windmilling and/or runaway skis.

Would you consider adding the ski brake to your existing or new ski equipment for your protection and as an example to other skiers?

Walter Eaton, Ski Safety Adv.

## NEW SECTION CREATED IN SOUTHERN DIVISION

John Newton has accepted the position of Section Chief for the newly created Cumberland Section. The patrols in the section are Cloudmount, Cedar Cliff and Renegade.

Pete Chamberlin, ADD Line

## JUNIOR JAMBOREE - SOUTHERN STYLE

On February 17 and 18 Juniors from Appalachian, Cascade, Beech Mtn., Gatlinburg, Seven Devils, Sky Valley, Sugar Mtn., Wintergreen and Wolf Laurel competed in the Division's best Junior Jamboree ever. In all, sixteen Jr's throughout the division had a blast competing against each other to see who would go to Bridger Bowl for the National Junior Jamboree. Ingrid Brown from Appalachian and Bobby Pugh from Wintergreen tied for first place. They will leave for Montana on March 17th so wish them luck!

There was also a tie for second place with Cindy Benbow, Seven Devils; Madge Dillard, Sugar Mtn. and Garrett Moore, Beech Mtn. All the Juniors were exceptional so the grading was really tough. Many thanks to Lynn Pace and Jerry Husky from Gatlinburg, Norris Woody from Cascade, Charles Benbow from Seven Devils, Dave Dillard, Dale Johnson, Keith Gray and Randy Avery from Administrative, Sherry Perry from Sugar Mtn. and Randy Pugh from Wintergreen for all their help in making the Jamboree as much a success as it was fun.

Juniors start getting ready for next year because we gonna do it again!

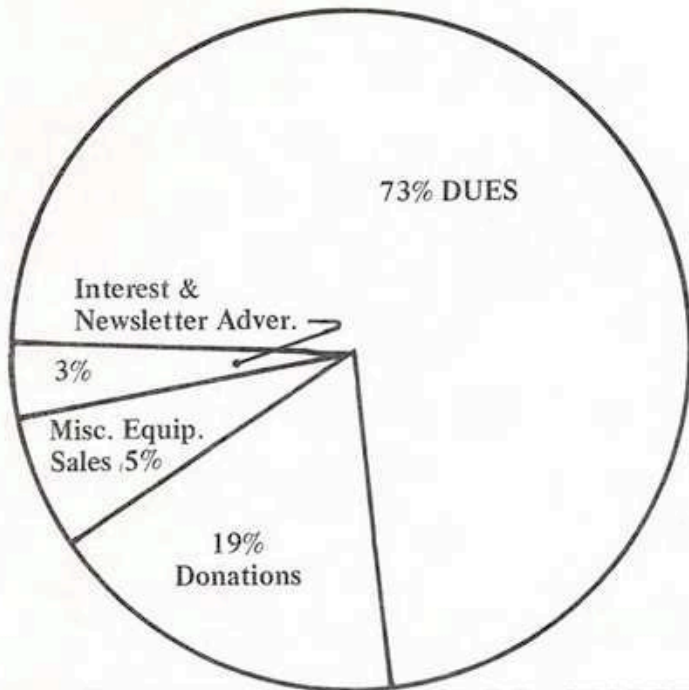
Steve Benbow, Junior Adv.



Front row: Gretchen Lebhun, Ingrid Brown, Garrett Moore, Cindy Kessler, Charles Benbow  
Back Row: Steve Benbow, Cindy Benbow, Todd Nichols, Madge Dillard, Dave Dillard, Bill Moody, Lynn Pace, Steve Nichols, Jimmy Hill, Jim Williams, Jerry Husky, Norris Woody

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MOUNTAINEERING PATCH COURSE



(picture taken by Steve Benbow)

The Mountaineering Patch Course was held in the Southern Division at Mt. Rogers in three feet of snow. Another foot fell while the group was camping. We had the most successful course ever with 51 people in attendance, some on snowshoes, some on crosscountry skis. We had two people from the Central Division who attended. Congratulations to a fine group of instructors: Charles Benbow, Norm Bishop, Gary Delius, Keith Gray, Dale Johnson, John Lawrence, French Moore, Jr., Tom Scally (Central) and Steve Waldrep.

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The scene is Sky Valley. The time, right after closing the afternoon of January 27 – the first of three consecutive Saturdays a “Lift Evacuation Play” would be enacted. Why? Because 2 to 3 hours of practice annually hardly seemed sufficient to assure clockwork knowledge and actions, should the “play” become the real thing.

Advance notice had been given to management. It was decided not to make the announcement public, “since Sam, the insurance man is here today.” But we could go ahead with the practice. Management would provide the “stranded skier.” Each patroller was given a role in the play and reminded to review the LE Procedure posted in the Patrol Room. There was a method to our planning madness: to put on a good show for the skiing public and for our special guests, D.D. Dave Dillard and A.D.D. Harwell Dabbs.

The curtain rises as the lifts close; the patrol makes the sweep; the victim, a stranger, is spotted; the evacuation procedure gets underway. All right on schedule.

Robert Burns, the Scottish poet, should have been there, quoting his “best laid schemes of mice and men...”

Heaven only knows how many times it took to get the baseball with the lead rope attached up and over the cable. Our victim was “beaned” three times in the process. (Suggestion No. 1: include pitching practice at next year’s refresher.) Then the rescue rope, neatly looped and tied, was dropped, and got hopelessly tangled as it unwound. Progress screeched to a halt until this could be rectified. (Suggestion No. 2, from Allen Quandee: Feed the rope into a cardboard box for storage; it will not tangle when pulled out.)

FINALLY our stranded skier was lowered safely to the ground. Surprise! It was none other than Sam, the insurance man. And it was his first evacuation experience. Although it had seemed an eternity to us (we were afraid to ask him), the whole process from initial report to safe descent, took only 20 minutes. Not bad, all things considered – but practice sessions will continue next year.

Benning Garrison, PL

### CATALOOCHEE PATROLLERS PASS TESTS

Congratulations to the following Cataloochee people who passed their Patroller’s test; Alice Woodard and Steve Whitmire; their Junior test: Lisa Brown, Bee Howey, Mack Haynes and George Colbensschlag III; and Senior test: Bob Twomey. Both tests were given in February.

Roger Bollinger,  
Cataloochee T & T Adv.

We have monthly on-the-snow Refreshers for continuing education. This mixed with hard work and lots of fun add up to the Appalachian Ski Patrol. Emerging as a powerhouse, the patrol is growing in members, ability and friendship. The patrol has conducted eight clinics, qualified three patrollers and one junior and is preparing ten candidates for the Basic Test.

Sam Bruce, PL

### WINTERGREEN HAS FOUR NEW PATROLLERS

The final Basic Test of the season was held at Wintergreen on February 24 with four of the candidates passing. Judges for the test were Frank Gordon and Ron Smith of Wintergreen and Doug Carlberg of Sugar Mtn. The new patrollers are: Fenson Minor, Doug Molyneaux, George Winfree and Junior Bill Dalton. This gives Wintergreen eight new patrollers this season. The candidates owe a debt of gratitude to Nancy Shelhorse and Rick Chadick for their Saturday and Sunday morning training sessions.

Randy Pugh

### TESTS GIVEN IN THE DIVISION

#### Senior Tests

Sugar Mtn., January 28th  
Larry Horine, David Wray, David Williams  
Sherry Perry, Mike Chandler  
Cataloochee, February 4th  
Mary Ann Moore, Robert Twomey

#### Basic Tests

Gatlinburg, February 24th  
Sherry Spain, Ken Winter, Russell Sifford  
Dennis Slagle, Tony Williams, David Oakley  
Philip DesMaraio – Junior, Robert Feldman  
Wolf Laurel, January 28th  
Susie Maitland, Linda Olive, Gabriel Walker  
Melinda Waldrep, Mike Morgan, Lynn Zeliff  
Cindy Kessler – Junior, Tom Zumberge

Tom Moss, Testing Adv.

### SEVEN NEW SENIORS AT WINTERGREEN

Due to bad weather the Senior Ski and Toboggan Test originally scheduled for Snowshoe on January 21 had to be rescheduled to Wintergreen on February 10. Judges for the test were Randy Avery, Ron Smith and Frank “Flash” Gordon along with new Senior Test Judges Brandon Dean and Rick Chadick. Seven of the eight candidates passed. The new seniors are: the husband and wife team of Tom and Carol Dalton, Frank Feeney, Jim Fontaine, Greg Richardson, Bob Rogers and Nancy Shelhorse. Congratulations to all!

Randy Pugh

## FUND RAISING



Mike Harris, left, is shown presenting the check for NSPS to Sam Bruce.

The Catawba Ski Club has demonstrated its support of NSPS by donating \$50.00 to the Southern Division. At the Valley Hills Mall in Hickory, Mike Harris, President of the ski club, presented the check to Sam Bruce. Many thanks to the members of the Catawba Ski Club!

## NEWS FROM THE CUMBERLAND SECTION

The newly created Cumberland Section, Dixie Region, held its first Basic Patrollers test February 17th at Renegade Ski Area. Nine candidates were tested. Bobby Harbin, John Campbell, Bob Wimmer and Bob Barr (Sybilla Griner Barr's husband) passed all test requirements.

That evening a celebration was held with Sybilla's green pepper jelly on cheese being the hit. I certainly want to thank Cecil Etherredge, Renegade PL and Gary Riser for their support as text examiners. Congratulations new patrollers!

John Newton, S.C.

## CANDIDATES PASS BASIC TEST

Below are those who passed the Basic Test held in the pouring rain at Seven Devils. It was an extraordinary test, comprised of the best overall group I've had the pleasure to work with. The PL's should be congratulated for developing such fine, dedicated candidates.

Appalachian:	Charles Quinn, John Thompson, Dave Woldtvedt, William Thomason
Beech Mtn.:	Mike Harris, Letty Halloran
Cascade:	Ab Brown, Margrete Ann Chatham, Gretchen Stripe
Seven Devils:	Doug Hall
Sugar Mtn.:	David Childs, Bob Kunhardt

Randy Avery, Atlantic R.D.

## "KNOWING IS NOT ENOUGH, IT IS THE DOING" (Taken from "Trail Sweep", Eastern Div. newsletter)

Recently in Maine, an astounding discovery was made — only 22% of the medical doctors could pass the actual CPR test! They knew all the theory, but flunked in the doing. Skills are not acquired by reading, listening to lectures and passing tests. It takes practice, practice, practice.

We know that some patrollers (even Seniors) may not have handled an accident in an entire ski season or even two. Yet each year we hear gripes and grumbles about taking refreshers and on-the-hill practice.

Moral: if you have a skill (like a language) and you don't use it frequently or regularly — you forget or get rusty.

Neal Landy (First Aid Instructor)  
Black Mt. Patrol (NH)

## SEVEN DEVILS DID IT AGAIN!



Photos by Susan Jackson

Those who missed the spaghetti dinner at the area missed a great time and a good meal. It was a super evening for meeting and greeting patrollers from throughout the division. It was good seeing friends from Wolf Laurel, Wintergreen, Sugar Mtn., Sky Valley, Gatlinburg, Cascade, Beech Mtn., Appalachian and the Administrative Patrol.

Besides the fun and fellowship, we had an excellent guitarist play songs of the times. And, oh yes, the spaghetti and wine were fine.

Doris Benbow  
Chief Cook & Bottle Washer

**DEADLINE — SOUTHERN CROSS**

**April 23, 1979**

## THE SEASON AT GATLINBURG

This season at Gatlinburg began slowly and snowballed into a full and prosperous year. We skied more than 40,000 skiers from December to March. We had many weekend days with more than 1500 persons on the hill in a single session.

We hosted a Circle A — Circle M Course January 18-20. The Circle A Course started Friday night at 7:00 p.m. at Great Smoky Mountain National Park Headquarters. This course was completed around midnight with the following persons present: Dwane Alire, Darrell Brackett, Raymond Dunlap, Bob Grant, Letty Halloran, Bobby Joe Harbin, Jerry Huskey, Chap Jackson, John Henry Looney, Milton Triplett, David Williams, Jim Williams and David Wray. Instructors were Linda Coulter, Lynn Pace and Lance Webb.

The following morning at 8:00 the classroom session began on the Circle M Course. There had been booklets mailed out to the participants to read and study. First was a short written test based on the booklet. Next came the films, lectures, etc. By 12:30 the classroom session was completed and the group had lunch. We met at 2:30 at the Newfound Gap. It is located about 16 miles up US Highway 441 on the top of the Smokies at approximately 5,000' above sea level. The weather Friday was rain, wind and temperature in the upper 30's and low 40's, but on top of the mountain on Saturday the rain was coming down horizontally and the temperature was 29 degrees F.

We started on the Appalachian Trail with a destination of Icewater Springs. This is approximately 3 miles out with an elevation of 6000' above sea level. We walked at a good clip until we ran into water coming down the trail that was turning to slabs of ice. The further we walked, the thicker the ice was until the only way we could walk was with crampons and chopping steps with an ice axe. At this point we were approximately 1 1/4 miles into our journey. Since several people had fallen and it was getting late we decided to vote on whether to go on or turn back. We turned back. On the way out Lynn Pace and Lance Webb discussed the possibilities of going to Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort and walking to the top of the expert slope to spend the night there. It was still raining, the wind blowing and the temperature had fallen to 26 degrees F.

We got to Ober Gatlinburg with great determination, broke into two groups and started our second journey. The complaints were very apparent and loud, but we all made it to the top. Oh yes, it is lots of fun pitching your tent in a hard blowing, cold rain storm. (If you don't believe me, ask the guys on this trip.) The next morning the temperature was 18 degrees and the wind seemed to be trying to blow the top of the mountain away. It was snowing! Before we came off the slope we had almost 1" of snow on the ground.

I want to take my hat off to the following persons because they all survived the Circle M at Gatlinburg: James Berry, Darrell Brackett, Linda Coulter, Raymond Dunlap, Letty Halloran, Bobby Joe Harbin, Jerry

Huskey, Milton Triplett, David Williams, Jim Williams, and David Wray.

Those who attended the classroom work only were: Bob Grant and Bob, David and Scott Knoll.

If you like to eat icicles ask Linda Coulter about the new way she has to prepare them — it's called "boiling." Also ask Bobby Harbin who the big, round "fellow" was that slept at the door of his tent.

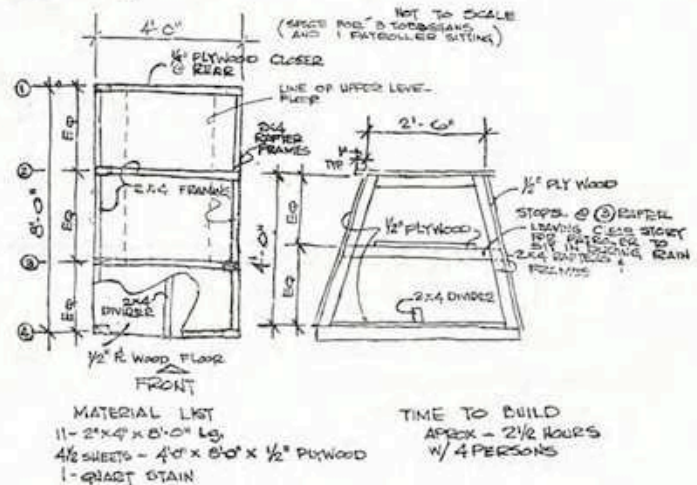
Lynn Pace, PL

## GATLINBURG PATROL SHARES

These are some new ideas that we wanted to share with other patrollers.

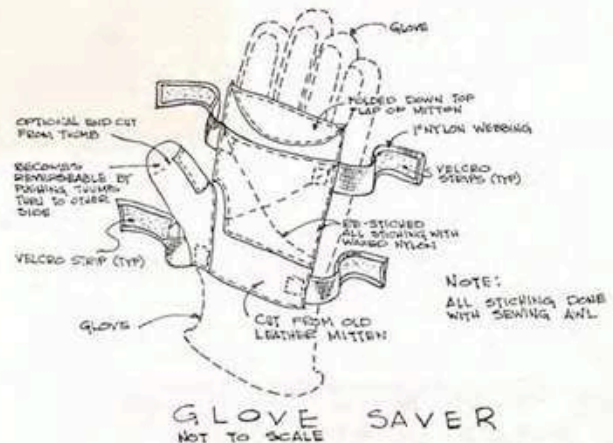
### Toboggan Hut

This was designed by Lynn Pace and Jim Scott. Three or four of these were built this year and used at Gatlinburg.



### Attention Rope Tow Users!

Lynn Pace, Gatlinburg PL and Jim Williams have ingeniously invented the "Glove Saver". They want to help other patrollers protect their gloves while riding the rope tow. It sure has come in handy at Gatlinburg.



Linda Coulter

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### FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

The campaign and the election are over now and have become a part of the history of the Southern Division. I congratulate Pete Chamberlin on having waged a vigorous, clean campaign. He is a dedicated patroller and I shall look forward to working with him for the good of the Southern Division for many years to come. He was a formidable opponent, but having lost, was gracious in defeat and remains a true and trusted friend.

Special thanks go to Farris and Susan Jackson, French and Mary Ann Moore and Keith Gray for an outstanding job in making arrangements and developing the excellent program for the Spring Convention.

There are many things I want to say, but for now I will summarize my beliefs as I did in:

#### "AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION NSPS"

At the urging of old and trusted friends I agreed to become a candidate for Division Director. Under the dedicated leadership of Keith Argow and David Dillard the Southern Division was created and has grown into its present state of excellence. If elected I pledge to follow in their tradition, preserving the best of what we have while striving for ever higher levels of performance in our purpose:

- \* To serve the skiing public in rescue and first aid.
- \* To serve ski area management as a skillful rescue organization.
- \* To promote safety and accident prevention in skiing.

It is for you, the electorate, to judge each candidate on his record, capabilities, and beliefs. These things I believe:

1. The NSPS is the finest organization of its kind in the world.
2. The Southern Division is in good shape.
3. We are blessed with an abundance of dedicated patrollers.
4. Our training program is excellent.
5. The NSPS is a superb system. We, the leaders, need to make it work better through:
  - a. Better communication.
  - b. Solving little problems before they become big problems.
6. These programs need even more emphasis than they have had in the past.
  - a. The Certified program
  - b. The Junior program
  - c. The Fund Raising program
  - d. The Public Relations program
  - e. The Auxiliary program
7. The two greatest problem areas facing our Division are:
  - a. The relationships between our organization and area management.
  - b. The difficulties created by an increasingly litigation-minded skiing public, both for area management and for us.
8. My past experience as ADD for liaison with area management and as a physician make me uniquely suited to cope with these two problem areas.

If elected I will act on these beliefs to lead the Southern Division, and to represent you on the National Board of Directors, in a vigorous, forthright manner, placing the good of the Division and of the NSPS above all other considerations.

Harwell Dabbs  
March 10, 1979"

These things are "from the heart." Any decisions I make, any actions I take during my tenure will be predicated on what I believe best for the NSPS and the Southern Division. Many times the decisions will be painful to me, and will hurt some of you. I ask you, all of you, to help me by understanding this. Help me by giving me your ideas, your thoughts, your renewed dedication. God bless you all. Together we shall go forward to make our division as near perfect as is humanly possible. We are Patrollers! We are the Southern Division!

C. Harwell Dabbs, M.D.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION SCHEDULE 1979-1980

September	8	Fall Officers Meeting, Village Inn Beech Mtn., NC
	8	Southern Cross deadline
October	6	Carolina Highlands Section First Aid Refresher, Boone, NC
	13	Cumberland Section First Aid Refresher Chattanooga, TN
	20	Deep South Section First Aid Refresher, Atlanta, GA
	27	Virginia/West Va. Section First Aid Refresher, Charlottesville, VA
	27	Smoky Mtn. Section First Aid Refresher Asheville, NC
November	3	Ober Gatlinburg First Aid Refresher, Gatlinburg, TN
	3-4	Circle A & Circle M, Cascade, VA
	5-11	Greensboro Ski Show & Swap Shop, Carolina Circle Mall, Greensboro, NC
	11-12	Ski Mountaineering Instructors Clinic, Gatlinburg, TN
December	1-2	Circle A & Circle M, Seven Devils, NC
	7-9	Circle A & Circle M, Wintergreen, VA
	8-9	Circle A & Circle M, Sky Valley, GA
	15-16	Certified Patroller Test — First Aid, Administrative & Oral, Beech Mtn. NC
January	5	Test Examiners Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
	5	Southern Cross Deadline
	5	Senior First Aid Exam, Snowshoe, WV
	6	Senior Candidate Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
	6	Basic Test, Seven Devils, NC
	7	Last date for Certified Patroller appli- cation
	12	Test Examiner Clinic, Cataloochee, NC
	12	Senior First Aid Test, Cataloochee, NC
	13	Senior Candidate Clinic, Cataloochee, NC
	19	Certified Patroller Clinic, Beech Mtn. NC
	19	Senior First Aid Test, Beech Mtn. NC
	20	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Beech Mtn. NC
	26-27	Certified Patroller Test—Ski and Tobog- gan, Snowshoe, WV
	27	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Cataloo- chee, NC
February	1-3	Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers, VA
	2-3	Certified Patroller Test — First Aid, Administrative & Oral, Snowshoe, WV
	10	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Snowshoe, WV
	15	Southern Cross Deadline
	16-17	Junior Jamboree, Seven Devils, NC
24	Basic Test, Appalachian Mtn., NC	
March	22-30	Avalanche Patch Course, Bozeman, MT
April	26	Spring Convention, Greensboro, NC
	26	Southern Cross Deadline

## OUR NEW DIVISION DIRECTOR



Harwell Dabbs has been an active, dedicated patroller in the Southern Division, NSPS since 1967 when he passed the Basic Test. Even before this time he was a Medical Advisor for the Gatlinburg Patrol. He was the Gatlinburg PL from 1969-1971 when he became the Tennessee/Kentucky S.C. and held that office for one year. He has been the Division Medical Advisor since 1971 as well as A.D.D. since 1975. He passed the Senior Test in 1974 and received his National Appointment No. 4545 that same year.

Harwell Dabbs is known not only in the division, but throughout the national organization for his knowledge and guidance. He pioneered CPR instruction in NSPS as an American Heart CPR Instructor, is an American Red Cross Basic and Advanced First Aid Instructor Trainer and has served on the National Medical Advisory Committee NSPS from 1971 to the present, proof-read and helped revise the Winter First Aid Manual. He invented, manufactured and donated to the NSPS the ski traction pocket device for improvising traction splints from skis (see Winter First Aid Manual p. 25 and NSPS catalog under "Dabbs Traction Pocket").

We in the Southern Division are proud to have such a capable and devoted Division Director. His lovely wife Beth shares his concern for the skiing public and is the Southern Division's first "Angel."

## AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE PAST D. D.

I would personally like to thank all those who contributed to making the Spring Convention at Abingdon the most outstanding in division history. A superb effort was put forth from everyone concerned. We will continue the seminar concept next year in Greensboro.

Again, thanks to Mary Ann and French Moore, Susan and Farris Jackson and Keith Gray. It was most enlightening to have Ken Grover speak on related problems of area management and ski patrolling. We thank him for the interest he has shown in our organization.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the division for all the help they have given during the past two years that I have been in office. My only wish is to continue to serve the division as I have for the last seventeen years. It is important that we continue the total team effort in serving the skiing public.

David P. Dillard

## SPRING CONVENTION HELD IN ABINGDON

Dave Dillard, outgoing D.D., conducted the business meeting in the morning. It was short and yet gave everyone a chance to report all necessary information. Keith Argow, chairman of the nominating committee for D.D. announced the results of the election. Harwell Dabbs, our Division Medical Advisor as well as A.D.D. Staff Administration is our new D.D.

In the afternoon Seminar Sessions ran concurrently so that all could spend as much time at each as they wished. They included: Knotty Problems or Belay Your Partner by John Lawrence, (this included an unexpected thrill — John came down the rope in a "Swan Dive"); Orienteering With Map and Compass by Charles Benbow; It's 10-36 for Radios by Farris Jackson; Making Tracks on Mt. Rogers by Jim Scott and Kirby Brock; What's New in First Aid by Randy Pugh; Certified by Phil Birdsong; Out of Area Mountaineering First Aid by Randy Pugh; Break and First Aid Demonstration by the Washington County Life Saving Crew (Jr. Team). A rescue demonstration by the Sr. Team of the crew included bringing Ingrid Brown and Sherry Perry down from the roof in a litter.

After the "beer bust", dinner was held in the ballroom. We enjoyed hearing Ken Grover, Vice President, Clif Taylor Enterprises speak on "The Ski Patrol Role in Area Management." He asked the group how much time we spent on accidents, safety, etc. while patrolling and put this information on a blackboard. There was a lot of dialogue on the subject and we were given much to think about. We are most grateful that Mr. Grover took the time to come to our Convention and speak to us.

Charles Benbow, Awards Adv., and Dave Dillard presented the awards. All new Seniors were given certificates in lovely Benbow reproduction frames. Ten-year service awards were presented to: Lou Argow, Randy Avery, Walter Eaton, Ron Geist, John Lawrence, French Moore, Jr., John Newton, Randy Pugh and Robert Riddle. Fifteen-year service awards were presented to: Delphine Hancock and Tom Worley. Yellow Merit Stars were presented to: John Lawrence and Charles K. Gray for Safety Awareness through the Lift Evacuation Seminars they conducted. Purple Merit stars were presented to Warren Griffin and Jim Kneas for their life saving acts at the wreck of the Southern Crescent last fall. Charles K. Gray was awarded a Purple Merit Star for rescuing a drowning boy scout on a raft trip. Outstanding Division Awards were given to: Junior Jim Williams, Gatlinburg; Professional Phil Birdsong, Wintergreen; Patroller Steve Benbow, Seven Devils; Administration Tom Worley, A.D.D. and Patrol Ober Gatlinburg. Division Certificates of Appreciation were given to Susan Jackson and Bobbie Rupp.

Harwell Dabbs was presented with a Gavel Set for his use as D.D. Dave Dillard was presented with a wooden plaque with the outline of the Southern Division in the center and surrounded by brass plates — 1 for each of the patrols in the division.

Several door prizes were given out with the help of Frank Feeny and his computer.

The Wintergreen patrol won the prize again this year for having the most patrollers and traveling the most miles to get to the convention. This year the prize was a refrigerator for the patrol room.

The Ransome Gap Band provided some really good music until after midnight.

It was a super time! We all thank committee members Farris and Susan Jackson, French and Marry Ann Moore and Charles K. Gray for such a great convention.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for their support: Benbow Furniture Co., Greensboro, NC; Bonnie Bell Distributors, Lakewood Ohio; Dixie Coco-Cola Co., Bristol, VA; Dobyons-Taylor Hardware Co., Kingsport, TN; First National Bank of Sullivan Co., Kingsport, TN; Franklin Printing Co., Kingsport, TN; Lyle Construction of Kingsport, Inc., Kingsport, TN; Martha Washington Inn, Abingdon, VA; Montgomery Ward & Co., Kingsport, TN; Sears, Roebuck & Co., Kingsport, TN; Washington Co. Life Saving Crew, Abingdon, VA; Westwood Pharmaceutical, Inc., Buffalo, NY.

## MEANWHILE BACK IN ABINGDON

..... in essence .....

The bar closed Friday night at midnight — without a last call, which resulted in minimal hangovers Saturday morning...

Tom Worley, in anticipation of his transfer to Central Division, spent the morning business session tying and untying knots in a piece of string...

Pearls from the outgoing D.D. on the subject of lost control: "We're doing much better in this," Dave said, before adding a superb off-the-record procedure for "should you run into someone..."

Harwell's acceptance speech — which he said he didn't prepare because he'd have been too embarrassed if he had to throw it away — expressed pride "that you wanted me," humility "when facing the job," and with mixed emotions "like watching your mother-in-law drive your brand new Cadillac over a cliff..."

Dave Dillard D.D. kissing all the "angels."

Ingrid and Sherry being evacuated from the Martha Washington roof...

And John (look Ma, no hands) Lawrence swan diving down the zip wire following his seminar — the first time he'd done this stunt in 20 years.

Benning Garrison, P.R. Adv.

## AN OPEN LETTER

Thank you for permitting me to be a member of the Southern Division. Since 1972 when I transferred from Eastern to the Southern Division, a great many things have changed. We've grown and matured to such sophistication that we now have a computer handle our door prize raffle. Over the past several years the division has "Come a long way baby."

Yesterday as I drove home from Abingdon, Va., I had three hours to reminisce over some very wonderful experiences. I had time enough to get a lump in my throat with the thought that many of the goodbyes just said were forever. I sincerely love the NSPS and the Southern Division and many of its membership. I know I will miss the division and its people. I hope some of you will miss me. I've done my best to help get the business of the NSPS done as smoothly and as effectively as possible. It's been my sincere pleasure to work with some of the finest people in the world. I know I will still be in the NSPS in years to come, but I know I will never experience a finer group of people than I knew in the Southern Division.

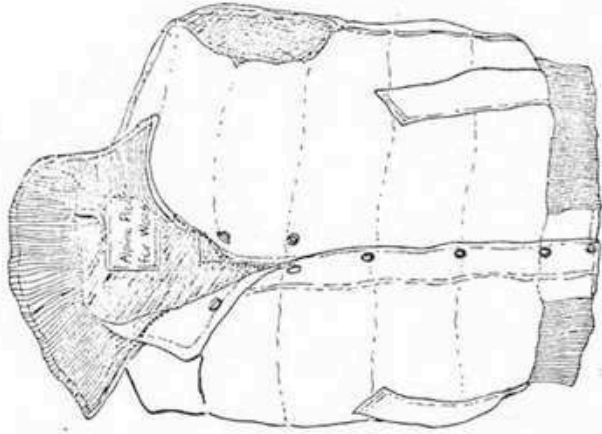
As Keith Argow said so well two years ago, "The NSPS: when you need us we're there, in the South we're everywhere." Well, next year my skis will be in Michigan, but my heart will be in Dixie.

Thank you,  
Tom Worley, A.D.D.

## CUMBERLAND SECTION

Our newly formed Section of Cloudmont (Alabama), Renegade (Tenn.) and Cedar Cliff (Tenn.) has two new patrol directors. Bo Stokes from Huntsville, Alabama, will take over the duties at Cloudmont. John who resides in Memphis, will serve at Cedar Cliff. Cedar Cliff, south of Nashville near Waynesboro, needs patrollers for next season. Please contact John (901-332-1372) if you can be of assistance. Your support to both new Patrol Directors will be appreciated.

John Newton, S.C.



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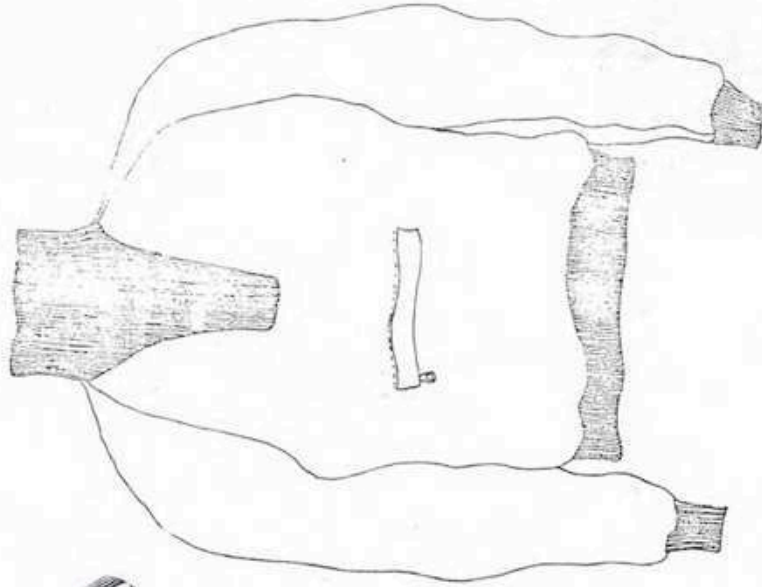
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Hahogany	Black	"	Black Taffeta	"	"

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## HELP IS NEEDED NOW FOR SENATE BILL S.43

(The National Ski Patrol System Recognition Act)

The NSPS has active patrol units in 42 states, Canada and foreign nations where U. S. government and military personnel are stationed. For the NSPS to continue its service in each individual state, an enormous amount of paperwork is required. As a nonprofit, volunteer organization, the NSPS does not have either the financial or personnel resources to meet the filing fees and registration red tape. Not only would passage of this bill to obtain a National Charter for NSPS recognize the exemplary achievements and dedicated service to people, but it would make the group directly accountable for financial reporting, taxes, and other requirements. This would reduce significantly the amount of time and money the NSPS *must raise* to stay in operation. Other organizations that have a "Good Samaritan" purpose and function very well with federal charters are The American Red Cross and the Boy Scouts of America.

The NSPS has been seeking a federal charter for over a decade, but so far the bill has been "buried" in committee. Now Senator Orrin G. Hatch, R-UT, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, feels there is a good chance that the committee will report the bill to the floor of the Senate. In order to do this, he needs support. If YOU haven't written as yet — NOW IS THE TIME!

There are now twenty seven Senators who have co-sponsored Senate Bill S.43. Six of those are members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. If they can get just *three* more members of this committee to endorse the Bill, it is expected that it would then be favorably passed and voted to the Senate floor. The following five Senators are considered to be most susceptible to our request.

1. Senator Birch Bayh — Indiana
2. Senator Charles Mathias — Maryland
3. Senator Max Baucus — Montana
4. Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. — Delaware
5. Senator Strom Thurmond — South Carolina

It is suggested that you write to these Senators at the following address:

Honorable Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Member of Senate Judiciary Committee  
Washington, D. C. 20510

It would be helpful if you would forward a copy of your letter to Senator Edward Kennedy — Mass., Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and one to Senator Orrin Hatch.

For more information on this subject, please read the article in the April National Patroller — pages 1-4.

## KEITH ARGOW — PUBLIC LANDS LIAISON

Keith Argow, former Southern Division Director, has been re-appointed Public Lands Liaison by National Director, Don Williams. the job includes responsibility for maintaining communication at the national level with all public lands agencies, principally the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service. Argow was originally appointed by Harry Pollard in 1976 and reappointed by Charles Haskins during his term as National Director.

Keith and Lou will be moving to the Washington, D.C. area (Vienna, Va.) in June. While he noted that would make his position as Public Lands Liaison easier, they will both miss easy access to our Southern Ski Areas. Both will remain Southern Division Patrollers and will be skiing with us as much as possible.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION REPRESENTED AT NATIONAL JAMBOREE

The National Junior Training Seminar was held in Bozeman, Montana at the Bridger Bowl Ski Area the week of March 18th.

The Southern Division was represented by Ingrid Brown, Madge Dillard and myself. Ingrid and I tied for first in the division seminar and had our way paid by the division. Sherry Perry was also in attendance as an advisor.

We participated in first aid, free skiing, giant slalom and toboggan handling. Although Ingrid had injured her shoulder and couldn't run a toboggan, we all did a good enough job to let everyone know we were there.

Besides competition there were two medical lectures and several fun events like Hockey on Skis and Tree Jumping (you ski downhill and jump into sapling pines). They've gotten it down to a fine art out there.

In closing I would like to thank all of the people involved in the Greensboro Swap Shop, the people who were at the Division Seminar and especially Ron Smith, without whom my skiing would not be of patrol ability.

Bob Pugh, Wintergreen

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

We have now applied for a Southern Division Radio License that would allow us to use our hand-held radios anywhere in the states of VA, WV, TN, AL, GA and NC. This is a time consuming process at best, and the paper work is endless. However, it is now in the hands of the Federal Communications Commission and hopefully we will get our authorization before the next ski season.

We have obtained a license for the Sapphire Valley patrol. They have five Motorola handi-talkies which were donated.

We now have seven patrols using two-way radios. Three have their own frequency, three share management's frequency and one uses the National Park Service frequency. It's time that more patrols and managements think seriously about using radio. All patrols should assess their needs and begin the acquisition process now if they expect to be in operation by December of this year. The FCC is taking a minimum of 180 days to process an application, so you'll need to get it in by June or July at the latest. Remember, I'll do this for you. All I need is some information about the area.

All patrols that have radios should remember to have all units calibrated by an FCC approved technician prior to next season's opening.

Farris Jackson, Communication Adv.

## FUND RAISING

If you have any thermometers, snow flakes or zipper pulls (or money from the sale of these items), please forward all to me as soon as possible.

There are two more patrollers who will be helping in the fund raising program of the division. They are Jim Baker of Wintergreen Patrol and Sam Harris from Beech Mtn. Patrol.

Sam Bruce, Fund Raising Adv.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION'S PATROLLING BENBOWS



left to right: kneeling Cindy and Steve,  
back row Wes, Doris, Charles, Gayle and Chuck.



## SENIOR TEST POLICY CHANGED

After having fulfilled the Circle A and Circle M. requirements, the First Aid and Skiing Toboggan test may be taken in any order to be completed within a 28 month period.

Tom Worley, A.D.D.

## WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

The following questionnaire was sent to patrol directors and region directors in the Central Division the end of February. The excellent response received prompted interesting discussion at the National Midwinter NSPS Board Meeting held in Denver March 16-17. The board representatives gained much information from the opinions offered and would like very much to hear from the patroller on the hill. David Dillard, past D.D. would like to hear opinions from the Southern Division. Please answer the following questions and mail it to him as soon as possible. He will collect the material and pass the information on to our new D.D. Harwell Dabbs in time for the next National Meeting which will be in June.

1. First Aid — Analyze the direction that the National Ski Patrol System is heading in the area of first aid requirements and training. Do you want to continue this trend? Are we doing too much or too little?
2. Should our first aid training continue to be under the direction of the American Red Cross?
3. Dues & Funding — Are you satisfied with the present system of funding? Can you think of any new areas of funding that can be utilized?
4. Administration of the National Ski Patrol System — Are you satisfied with the present policies?
5. Present responsibilities of the Patrollers— Are they adequate or should they be expanded or contracted?
6. Future Responsibilities of Patrollers — What would you like them to be?
7. What new programs do you feel are necessary?
8. Do you understand the insurance coverage as provided? Do you need more information on it?

## VIRGINIA/WEST VIRGINIA SECTION CHIEF NAMED

Doug Carlberg has accepted the position of Section Chief for this area. He has been a member of the Sugar Mtn. patrol until this year when his work necessitated a move to Virginia.

## APPALACHIAN SKI PATROL

We have accomplished many things this year. My personal thanks to each patroller for a job well done. We have done the following:

- Implemented a new training plan
- Implemented a lift evacuation plan
- Improved patrol-management relations
- Performed on-the-hill rescues — over 300
- Established a history for the patrol
- New training files on each patroller
- Qualified 12 Basics
- Qualified 5 Juniors
- Started a MINI patrol
- Improved the respect of the patrol in the Division
- Performed as a unit — not individuals

Congratulations to the following patrollers who have earned a new rating:

### Basic

Fred Adams  
E. B. Fox, III  
Paul Harper  
Butch McLean

Tony Ray  
Malcolm Roberts  
Ron Whicker  
Mark Wilks  
Wythe Wilson

### Junior

Brad Moretz  
Mike Spencer

Tracy Bumgarner  
Chris Wilcox

Sam Bruce, PL

## SAPPHIRE VALLEY HOLDS BASIC TEST

On Saturday, February 17th the patrol almost tripled in size. It went from 3 patrollers to 7 and 1 Auxiliary.

Those passing the Basic Test were Eddy Coleman of South Carolina, John Lamb of Atlanta and Carl Mimms and Tom Thomas, both of North Carolina. Tom has also received his Circle M. John Steele of Atlanta became the first and only registered Auxiliary on the patrol.

Many thanks to Rick Roberts who helped in training the candidates. Thank you also to Benning Garrison and Ron Geist from Sky Valley for administering the test.

Maybe now Joan Smith, Bob Major and I can have a weekend off.

Tommy Godwin, PL

## HELP NEEDED!

This newsletter is a division effort. It is only as good as the information in it and this must come from you, the patroller. Please do your best to get all information to the editor by the deadline (listed for the year in the "Southern Division Schedule").

Be sure you have *all* pertinent information about courses to be held and the name (correct spelling) of the patroller to contact. If at all possible, submit typewritten articles.

We would like to have more pictures; however, they must be very clear or they won't show up well when printed. Color photos do not turn out well, although when the subject is very distinct they are acceptable.

How about sharing your summer vacation with your fellow patrollers? Write an article, take pictures to go with it and send it in before the next deadline (September 8th). Have a great summer!

Your Editor

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#### FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR . . .

When I addressed you for the first time as your Division Director at our Spring Convention in Abingdon in April, I pledged the following: "Any decisions I make, any action I take during my tenure will be predicated on what I believe best for the NSPS and the Southern Division". I asked that you "help me by giving me your ideas, your thoughts, your renewed dedication". Four months have passed since that evening of "mixed emotions", and I want to give you an interim report of my thoughts, my actions, and my struggles on your behalf.

*Administrative Policy* — As I thought about the Southern Division, and the role of DD, his staff and advisors, as I studied the By-Laws, and our past actions, certain rather clear cut principles crystallized. It seemed to me that we had grown "like Topsy" and created positions and policies at times out of expediency, rather than rationally. At the risk of hurting my two illustrious predecessors, Keith Argow and Dave Dillard, for whom I have the utmost admiration, I made certain changes. These changes are, I believe, for the good of the Division.

The first of these changes was to reduce the ADDs from three to one. We had become "top-heavy", in my opinion, with an ADD for T & T, one for "Line" and one for "Staff Liaison". In a division as small as ours, I think the DD can deal directly with his RDs without another step interposed in the "chain of command".

The ADD for T & T appeared to me to be a superfluous post if we had a strong T & T chairman. In short, it seemed best to me to select one man to serve as the ADD, my "alter Ego", abreast of all the problems, and ready to "step-in" in the event of an "administrative emergency", an Executive Officer, to borrow a term from the military. For this post I chose a man who is a dedicated patroller, an excellent organizer, a man of mature judgment, a man who has done a superb job with every responsibility he has been given. I chose Farris Jackson — and he accepted — "for the good of the Division".

In regard to the ADD for Liaison with Area Management, I propose to continue my personal acquaintance with the Area Managers within our Division. I propose, further, to extend the good will built up over the past four years with Area Managers by bringing to their meeting our new ADD and selected Advisors and Line Officers, introducing them, and, by this means enhancing the good relationships we have established. The first opportunity to put this policy into practice occurred in June.

*Southeastern Ski Area Managers Association (SSAA)* — The Annual Spring Meeting of the SSAA was held at Snowshoe June 3rd and 4th. I attended with our new ADD, Farris Jackson, and his wife Susan (Southern Division's executive secretary). In addition Walt Eaton, Division Safety Advisor, came to the meeting and delivered a very scholarly and well received presentation on what NSPS has to offer in regard to Ski Safety Programs. All these people traveled at their own expense.

Meetings such as this are of inestimable value. Farris, Susan and Walt got acquainted with people in management they might never have met under other circumstances. At the "attitude adjustment" session, the dinner, the breakfast, the meeting, and the coffee-break, and in informal pow-wows, you get to know people, and in so doing, you build a foundation of good will for NSPS and for the Division. We not only need to continue this — we need to expand it. For example, the SC and PL in whose territory these meetings are held should be there. In a reciprocal gesture, I invited the Area Managers in the Banner Elk area to attend the Fall Officers Meeting. Most of the problems of the world arise from: a. Lack of good will, or b. Lack of communication. There is no lack of good will between patrollers and management. Most of our past problems are from lack of communication.

The most significant action that came out of this meeting in Snowshoe was the passing of a resolution asking NSPS to extend the boundaries of the Southern Division NSPS to coincide with that of SSAA (see Resolution page 3).

*Administrative Policy Statement* — By the end of June, all elections were over, new PLs, SCs and RDs selected, changes in Advisors made where indicated, and my concept of how the system ought to work was clear in my mind. I did not want to wait until the Fall Officers Meeting or the fall issue of the Southern Cross to disseminate this information. In the interest of better communication, therefore, I mailed each officer and advisor in the division a bulletin (POB 80-1), dated July 2, 1979 together with a revised roster of all officers, advisors and Area Managers. A copy is enclosed with this issue of Southern Cross. It is an important tool of communication.

The calendar of events published in Southern Cross is an important item. I insisted at the Spring Meeting that we set the date of the Fall Officers Meeting and publish it in that issue. I see no reason we cannot select the dates of these meetings a year in advance so that it can be announced and planned for well ahead of time. This is what we intend to do as a matter of policy henceforth.

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SOUTHERN DIVISION SCHEDULE 1979-1980

October	13	Carolina Highlands Section First Aid Refresher, Sugar Mtn., NC
	20	Cumberland Section First Aid Refresher, Renegade Resort, TN
	21	Deep South Section First Aid Refresher, DeKalb-Rockdale American Red Cross Center, Decatur, GA
	26	Smoky Mountain Section CPR Refresher, MAHEC, 501 Biltmore Ave., Asheville, NC (6:00-10:30 p.m.)
	27	Smoky Mountain Section First Aid Refresher, MAHEC, Asheville, NC (8:00 a.m.)
	27	Virginia-West Virginia Section First Aid Refresher, Charlottesville, VA
November	3-4	Circle A & Circle M, Cascade, VA
	5-11	Greensboro Ski Show & Swap Shop, Carolina Circle Mall, Greensboro, NC
	10-11	Ski Mountaineering Instructors Clinic, Gatlinburg, TN
	17	Senior First Aid Test, Seven Devils, NC
	17-18	Ober Gatlinburg First Aid Refresher, Gatlinburg, TN
	18	Senior First Aid Test, Snowshoe, WV
December	1-2	Circle M, Wolf Laurel, NC
	1-2	Circle A & Circle M, Ober Gatlinburg, TN
	1-2	Circle A & Circle M, Seven Devils, NC
	8-9	Circle A & Circle M, Wintergreen, VA
	8	Senior First Aid Test, Cataloochee, NC
	13	Basic Test, Snowshoe, WV
15-16	Certified Patroller Test - First Aid, Administrative & Oral, Snowshoe, WV	
January	3	Southern Cross deadline
	5	Senior Test & Training Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
	6	Basic Test, Seven Devils, NC
	7	Last date for Certified Patroller application
	12	Senior Test & Training Clinic, Cataloochee, NC
	19	Certified Patroller Clinic, Beech Mtn., NC
	20	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Sugar Mtn., NC
	26	Certified Patroller Test - Ski & Toboggan, Snowshoe, WV
27	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Cataloochee, NC	
February	1-3	Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers, VA
	2-3	Certified Patroller Test - First Aid, Administrative & Oral, Beech Mtn., NC
	4	Southern Cross deadline
	10	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Wintergreen, VA
	16-17	Junior Jamboree, Seven Devils, NC
March	2	Basic Test, Gatlinburg, TN
	22-30	Avalanche Patch Course, Bozeman, MT
April	26	Spring Convention, Greensboro, NC
	27	Southern Cross deadline
September	13	Fall Officers Meeting, Sugar Mtn., NC

*The Fall Officers Meeting* - In considering my duties as DD, one of the changes which seemed highly desirable appeared to be the format and content of the Fall Officers Meeting. We have sat through many long sessions, involving debate over minutiae in which only a few people had an interest, and yet the whole delegation was captured and had to listen. Budget items were debated ad nauseum before the entire assembly before a decision was made and so on. I asked myself the question "What is the purpose of the Fall Officers Meeting?" The answer is clear. "To help the patrols of the division get ready for the coming season." The next question I asked myself was, "How do we get all these other things done?" I went back to our Division By-Laws which clearly state that "the Board of Directors of the Division shall have the power to determine administrative policy, and take administrative action for the operation of the Division". A lot of decisions can be made by the DD, after consultation, if necessary with an appropriate person or Advisor. Deadline dates for The Southern Cross, for example, can be decided by the Editor (and the DD if she wants "back-up"). There is no need to discuss items such as this in any large gathering.

In going back to the By-Laws it seemed obvious that our "founding fathers" never intended policy decisions to be made by any large body of people. The Board of Directors consisted of RDs, SCs and the DD. "It was said" that this was expanded to include all PLs at a meeting "in Gatlinburg", but no minutes were available to assert this as fact and our Division Legal Advisor was of the opinion that the By-Laws, as such were never properly amended.

In order to put our house in order, I duplicated and mailed out to all officers, including all PLs, copies of the original By-Laws, the proposed new By-Laws and a letter stating my position on each item at issue. (See POB 80-2, 27 August 1979 and accompanying letter and By-Laws). All Administrative and policy questions were to be resolved Friday night, so as to leave the entire day on Saturday for discussion and activities pertinent to the task of preparing for the coming season.\*

*Fund Raising* - It is my firm belief that there exists a large, untapped reserve of donors if we but set up the mechanism for doing so. The target population initially will be in three categories: Ski Clubs; Physicians and Dentists who ski; Corporate gifts. In regard to ski clubs and the professionals, these people to a great extent, are aware of, and appreciate the work we do. What they do not know is that we need money for our Junior Program and for T & T. Appropriately worded letters of solicitation will, I am sure, bring in donations. The key to these two categories is the development of mailing lists. We need your help in this. There must be fifty or sixty ski clubs in the South. If thirty of them would give \$100 annually that's \$3,000, for example.

The key to corporate gifts, I believe, is to find a corporation in which a key man, is an avid skier. (All who ski are avid.) Then work on him personally, (one on one) to sell him on the idea of an annual giving program for the Southern Division. We need your help here. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 per year from donations. If we can do this, and I believe we can, we can really "build for the future" through ever improving Junior and T & T Programs.

Other fund raising techniques such as sale of zipper-pulls, fast wax, etc. will be left up to patrols and/or sections. It is the feeling of this administration that the problems of inventory, bookkeeping and distribution make this type fund-raising unsuitable on a division-wide basis.

In closing, let me say that I look forward to the challenge of the coming season with you. I ask your understanding as decisions are made and pledge to you again that they will be predicated on "what I believe best for the NSPS and the Southern Division". Again I say "Help me by giving me your ideas, your thoughts, your renewed dedication". Together we shall make this the best season ever for the patrollers of the South - The Southern Division. *cont. page 3*

\* This meeting took place Friday night as scheduled and the By-Laws duly amended. After this meeting, a copy of the missing minutes (Beech Mtn. 1973) was found by Bobbie Rupp and the question of the composition of the Board of Directors resolved Saturday morning by another (called) meeting of the Board of Directors.

## RESOLUTION

*Format of Meeting* — We are experimenting with a new format for the meeting. All administrative announcements and items of general interest were dealt with in the morning. The afternoon was broken down into two work-shops as indicated in the agenda, one on "Leadership" and one on "Training and Testing". It is my hope that the dialog coming from these sessions will result in greater dissemination of knowledge, better cross-fertilization of ideas and better patrolling. Each of the work-shops reported back to the general session with a fifteen minute summary. If this format proves to be a good one we will keep it, unless a better idea comes along. Let me have your ideas.

In order to prepare this type meeting it was necessary that your Executive Committee meet ahead of time, which we did on August 25th. It was also necessary that your Board of Directors meet ahead of time, which they did the evening before the Fall Officers Meeting. If this format proves a success, it will continue to be necessary for a few people to spend extra time ahead of time, to resolve any administrative policy problems not decided by the DD, so you won't have to be bothered with it. This is the way the business of the division was conceived to operate, and this is the way it should operate: Any PL, Advisor or patroller who has a problem of such magnitude that it must be resolved by the Executive Committee, or the Board of Directors, is always welcome to appear before these bodies to present his case. I plan to have at least one meeting of the Executive Committee during the season, and one immediately prior to the Spring Convention. I also intend to rotate these geographically so as to equalize the distances traveled by the members.

C. Harwell Dabbs, M.D.

### 1979-80 DUES

New Candidates	\$23.00
Old Candidates	19.00
All Others (except alumni)	19.00

Alumni dues are \$5.00 and are paid directly to NSPC in Denver.

WHEREAS the Southeastern Ski Areas Association values the services of the National Ski Patrol System (NSPS) to its membership and to the skiing public and;

WHEREAS communication between the NSPS and Ski Area management at all levels is extremely important and;

WHEREAS attendance of a representative of the Southern Division, NSPS at all meetings of the SSAA for several years has proven very effective in improving communications and solving mutual problems and;

WHEREAS several ski areas which are members of SSAA do not benefit from this liaison because of slightly different geographical boundaries of the two organizations and;

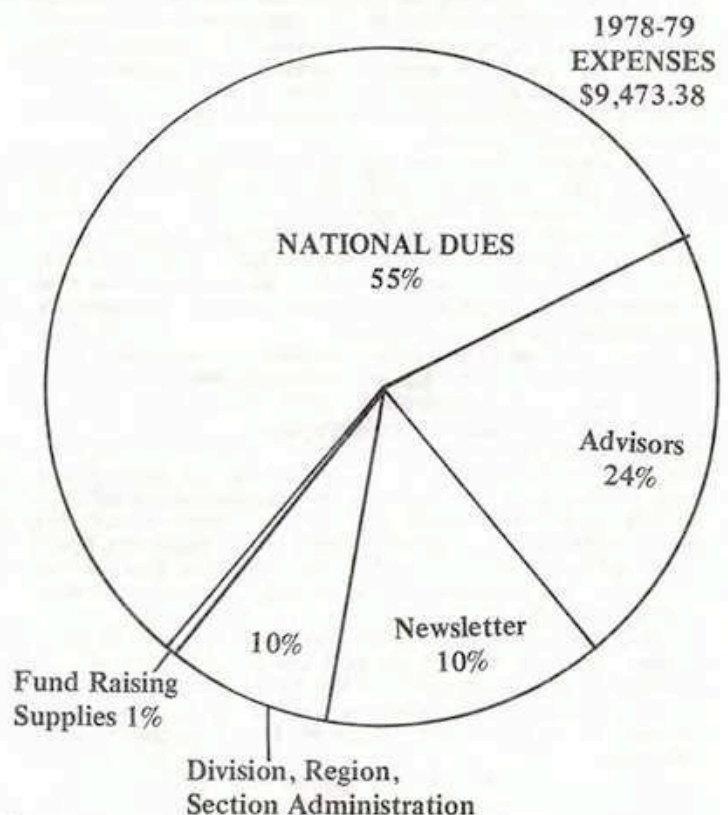
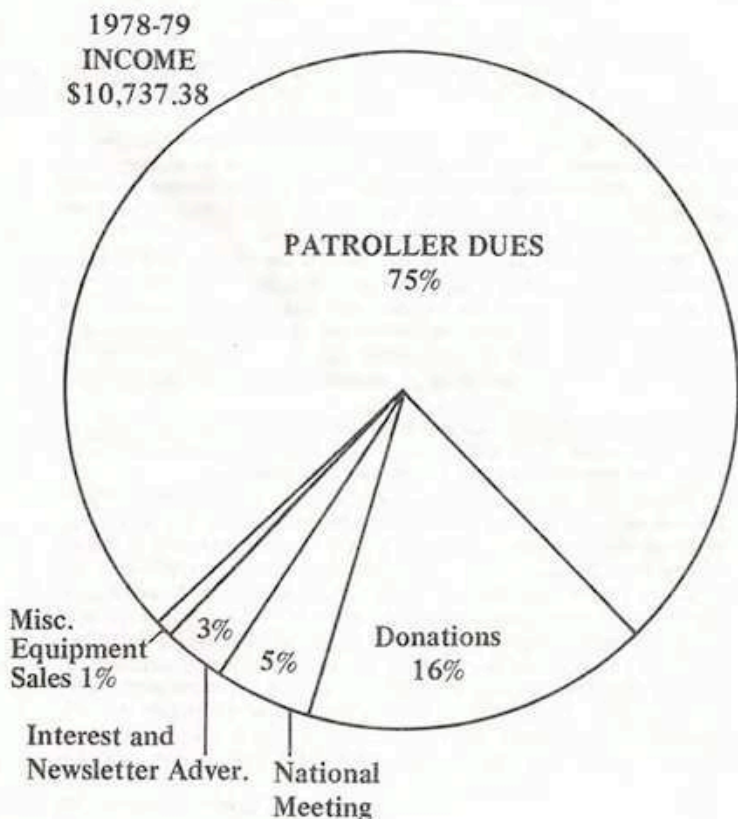
WHEREAS the NSPS at the national level is laying great stress on better communications between the two parent organizations;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this organization petition the National Director of the NSPS to extend the geographical boundary of the Southern Division NSPS so as to coincide with the boundaries of the SSAA and;

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the National Director, NSPS; and to the Division Director, Eastern Division, NSPS; and to the Division Director, Southern Division NSPS.

Passed this fourth day of June, 1979 at the Spring Meeting, SSAA, Snowshoe Ski Resort, Snowshoe, West Virginia 26209.

## WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM AND THEN GOES



## NSPS — THE ANNUAL MEETING Salt Lake City, June 21-24

As you know, each DD is also a member of the Board of Directors, NSPS. I am your representative to this body. Originally each Division had one vote, but this was changed several years ago so that larger divisions have more than one representative, based on the number of registered patrollers. At each of the Annual Meetings of NSPS the DD is obligated to go and represent his Division. In addition, selected National Committees meet each year (the National Committees being composed of all the Division Advisors in a specific category) with the National Advisor of that "specialty" serving as chairman. For example, I had attended two previous NSPS National Meetings when the National Medical Advisory Committee had been called to meet.

This year meetings were called for Nordic and Mountaineering. The notification of these committees occurred only a few weeks prior to the annual meeting, which represented very poor planning in my opinion. Norm Bishop was able to go in mountaineering on short notice. Jim Scott (Nordic) was already committed to a European course, so Tom Moss (T & T) volunteered to go as surrogate. Fate decreed that he was not to go. First he sustained a fracture of his os calcis. He was still going in his cast, but the day before we were to leave he was afflicted with a fulminating attack of labyrinthitis. He couldn't even stand up, much less walk. So Norm Bishop and I represented the Southern Division. I shall give you a very brief summary of the high points of the meeting. First, Don Williams, who was elected National Director at the Knoxville Meeting, appears to be doing a very fine job under difficult circumstances. You have no doubt read his report in the summer issue of the National Patroller. One of his recommendations is the hiring of a full-time Executive Director, which, I feel, is badly needed. No one can carry all the duties of the office unless he is retired or independently wealthy and devotes full-time to it.

Interestingly enough, many of the thoughts Don expressed you have heard from me before. For example, quotes from his address: "You must continually monitor the system to make certain the system works". "First, we must think Ski Patrol-not volunteer or full time, or part time." "... what probably holds the most importance for all of us is our relationship with Area Management."

I served on a committee to consider the question requiring Lift Evacuation Training for all registered patrollers including Nordic. According to The Ski Patrollers Manual this is required. It was my opinion that this should be changed so that Nordics and patrollers serving at areas having no aerial lifts not be required to take lift evacuation training. This proved to be the recommendation of the committee and it was passed by the Board of Directors.

The Finance Committee is composed of each Division Director with the National Treasurer serving as chairman. Although it was not clearly within our province, we took note of the practice of calling meetings of National Committees at a late date, deplored it, and urged the First Assistant National Director to make and announce these decisions early so that Division Advisors could plan accordingly. We were subsequently assured that such would be the case.

The resolution of the SSAA (see page 3) was presented to the Board of Directors. I gave the background of events leading to this, as I had previously in letters to Don Page (Eastern DD) and Don Williams. My position was that we of the Southern Division are not seeking to "raid" the territory of the Eastern Division, from whose loins we sprang, but that it does seem logical, would make for better communication between us and Area Management, and we will gladly accept the responsibility if it is given to us. After some debate the Board voted not to change the boundaries and Don Page pledged that he would have someone call on Murray Dearborn at Canaan Valley right away.

That Saturday night dinner proved to be very pleasant. Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah gave the keynote address. As you know, he is sponsor of our bill for a Federal Charter. He is a very personable and effective speaker. I recommend you all read his address which is printed in full in the National Patroller.

An unexpected and pleasant surprise was my being called to the head table three times to accept awards on behalf of the

Southern Division. *Gatlinburg Ski Patrol* for runner up for outstanding Ski Patrol, *Jim Williams* for runner-up, outstanding Junior Patroller, and *Phil Birdsong*, runner-up for outstanding Professional Patroller. I was bursting with pride and beaming at the accolades the Southern Division collected, and all richly deserved.

C. Harwell Dabbs, M.D.

## SKINNY SKIS COME TO THE SOUTH



Photo of Tom by Brenda Thomas

Have you ever thought about skiing up hill? Would you like to be involved in one of the fastest growing winter sports? How hard is it to learn? How old do you need to be to participate?

Anyone in your family from 6 on up can enjoy this leisurely recreational type of skiing over snow in a safe gliding motion. Ski-touring takes us away from our fireplaces and our down hill slopes and out into nature's winter wonderland over snow filled fields and hills with pleasant ease.

The equipment is moderately priced for rental or purchase compared to down hill equipment. The skis are narrower and longer and the poles are longer and have large baskets. The bindings allow the heels to come off the skis and permit the walking-sliding motion necessary for tour skiing. Clothing can be found in your closet — something warm and comfortable.

At first you feel a bit awkward and will need to experiment with your ski. You will enjoy a new way of traveling and also enjoy the peaceful winter landscape in a new way.

There are three main categories for cross-country skis. Racing skis are the lightest in weight and are for the advanced skier or competitor. Mountain skis are usually the heaviest of the touring skis. They are used for breaking trails and are built to take a great deal of punishment and carry heavy loads. They have metal edges for ease of turning. The general touring ski is the middle weight ski and is flexible. This ski is found in many styles and can be used for breaking trails and camping as well as day trips with the whole family. It is the most popular touring ski. Some skis must be waxed, while other such as mohair and fishscale do not need wax. It is hoped that this brief summary on ski touring will help you select the skis right for you. Good touring.

Tom Thomas, Sapphire Valley PL

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## FUND RAISING

At the request of Harwell Dabbs, the Southern Division will initiate a fund raising campaign this year that will give us the potential to greatly enhance the future growth of our division of the NSPS. The funds will be used for equipment, training and the Junior Program. The fund raising approach will be to ask for donations largely through a direct mailing campaign. The key element of such a campaign is the establishment of a good mailing list. Each patroller can help make this a successful campaign this year and in years to come by providing five to ten names of contacts who know and appreciate the services provided by NSPS and are therefore likely to contribute if asked.

The division has been divided into four zones — each zone will have a campaign chairman and that chairman will have additional solicitors who will provide assistance. The zones are: Tennessee-Kentucky — North Carolina-South Carolina — Virginia-West Virginia — Georgia & other states.

Initially this campaign will be targeted primarily at ski clubs, corporations and professionals (physicians and dentists). Please provide a list of names, addresses and editorial comments on the following form and mail to Gary Riser, Southern Division Fund Raising Advisor.

### Remember: All donations will remain in the Southern Division. All donations are tax deductible.

### PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS WHO SKI

Name	Address	Name of Ski Club (if member)
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____

### CORPORATIONS WHICH ARE POTENTIAL DONORS

Name of Corporation	Name of "Keyman"*	Address	Comment
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

\*Preferably a skier known personally by a patroller

SKI CLUBS (anywhere in the South)

Name	President	Address	NSPS Members?
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____	_____

NAMES OF PATROLLERS IN YOUR AREA WHO MIGHT HELP WITH CORPORATE-DONATIONS PROGRAM

Name	Address	Patrol
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

### CIRCLE M COURSE

The below form is required for any patroller wanting to take this course. It must be filled out completely and received by the instructor two weeks ahead of the course. If you have any questions, contact Norm Bishop, Division Ski Mountaineering Advisor.

#### Circle M Mountaineering Course Pre-registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
NSPS Registration \_\_\_\_\_ Ski Patrol (other affiliation) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose \$3.00 registration fee. Your registration must be confirmed by MAIL.

### MOUNTAINEERING PATCH COURSE

There will be an Advanced Ski Mountaineering Patch Course February 1 to 3, 1980 at Mount Rogers, Va. The classroom work will be held at the Mount Rogers Rescue and Fire Station on U. S. Route 58 near the White Top, Virginia Post Office. It will begin at 12 Noon on Friday, February 1st. The field work will be Friday night through Sunday afternoon. All participants must pre-register using the form below with a signed recommendation from either your PL or a Division Mountaineering Instructor and mail to F. H. Moore, Jr., Box 516, Abington, Va. 24210 by January 4, 1980. All information needed for the course will then be mailed to you.

This course is open to registered patrollers with Circle M and Circle A, Forest Service and Rescue Squad personnel possessing the basic equipment (cross country skis and/or snow shoes required), knowledge, mental and physical stamina to take part in a survival-type winter weekend. The course is also open to alumni of previous courses. All Southern Division Registered Ski Mountaineering Instructors should make every effort to attend.

#### NATIONAL SKI PATROL SYSTEM, SOUTHERN DIVISION APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED SKI MOUNTAINEERING COURSE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Current NSPS Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle A Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Circle M Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Division Circle M Instructor No. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Evidence of winter mountaineering experience *other* than Circle M Course \_\_\_\_\_

Other general outdoor and mountaineering experience, including schools, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

PATROL LEADER'S RECOMMENDATION: I hereby approve and recommend the above patroller as candidate for the Advanced Ski Mountaineering Course.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION SKI MOUNTAINEERING INSTRUCTOR RECOMMENDATION: I hereby approve and recommend the above patroller as candidate for the Advanced Ski Mountaineering Course.

Ski Mountaineering Instructor, Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Do not recommend any person who in your opinion is not mentally, physically and emotionally capable of participating in a rugged winter expedition. Candidates should also display strong leadership qualities.

## WORKSHOPS HELD DURING FALL OFFICERS MEETING

### *Leadership Workshop:* Coordinated by Sam Bruce

A two-hour discussion snapped through the how-to's of leadership. The four major concerns were determined to be *morale, esprit de corps, discipline and proficiency*. After defining each aspect, questions, experiences and suggestions were offered as ways to accomplish these purposes.

**Morale** — Know your patrollers and look out for their welfare. Know them as individuals, but train as a team. Search for new leaders. (How to find them? Look for who's first to do something? Who takes the toboggan up the lift without being asked? Who offers to do, without waiting to be asked or told?) Train with them; the one-on-one idea was emphasized: seasoned patroller working with candidate = better patrollers. Set the example: nobody wants to know you can do something; they want to see you do it.

**Espirit** — Keep your patrollers informed. Increase the number of full patrol meetings. Through knowledge, have the courage to make proper decisions; then have the strength to stand by them. Keep equipment, patrol rooms and personnel in good condition. Give your patrol something to be proud of!

**Discipline** is not difficult if fair and impartial judgement is made for both punishment and rewards. A leader, from day one, must establish goals; let it be known what is expected; then stick with it. The steps to solving a problem can eliminate much of the problem, itself. First, recognize the problem; then estimate the situation; determine your solutions; pick the best; act. One of the best ideas on counseling was offered in connection with testing. If an individual has not done well on, say, the Senior test, that person should be asked to critique his own performance. The blow of defeat is often lessened by the individual's own recognition. And, more often than not, interest in trying again remains.

**Proficiency** as a leader encompasses all other aspects of the position, from screening of potential candidates and being selective on who is accepted, remembering the all important "attitude"; from realistic training to developing new leaders, and knowing when to step down and let them take over. It's counseling, encouraging, setting examples, developing a sense of responsibility, using tact . . . and don't forget all that paper work. New PLs were encouraged to learn their problems with registration were not unique. The workshop concept was good, and benefited all who participated.

Benning Garrison, PR Adv.

### *Training & Testing Workshop:* Coordinated by Tom Moss

The two-hour discussion took in many areas of testing and training patrollers. Often we tend to think about T & T as merely what we do to become Basic, Senior or Certified. Instead we should be conscious of the many facets of this area

and use the opportunity to improve ourselves and to help others to do the same. We heard from division advisors about how this program affects their fields of interest and enjoyed the discussion about each of them.

**French Moore, First Aid Advisor** This is the third year in the series of three to complete the training for the Red Cross Advanced First Aid & Emergency Care course. Every patroller should have a yellow card with signatures on it for having taken the two previous parts. Topics for this year's refresher were listed from this book as well as those from the Winter Manual.

**Norm Bishop, Mountaineering Advisor** The course is designed to teach the basic level of skill. The main thing to be learned is how to keep yourself alive. This knowledge is invaluable if a search and rescue operation must be undertaken at a ski area to be able to find a person after the lift closes. When a lost person is found, first aid must be given and then stabilize the victim where they are found or get them out if at all possible.

**Ron Geist, Avalanche Advisor** The idea of the Circle A is to go through the procedures. There are three tapes available in this division for this course. Ron has one and there is one in each Region so they are available to all. The Patch Course will be held in Bozeman Montana the 2nd or 3rd week in March. There will be a fee of \$25.00 to cover the book, transportation to and from the ski area and other incidentals. The cost for air fare (excursion rate), motel, meals and lift tickets will be about \$500.00.

**Walt Eaton, Safety Advisor** The Patrol Leader and Section Chief should meet with the area manager at each ski area about their particular accident prevention program. There are many things each patroller can do to help skiers to be safer and have more fun. One example is to go along the lift lines and chat with skiers, answer any questions they may have and leave telling them to have a good day.

**Phil Birdsong, Certified** Being a Certified Patroller means that you are truly a "professional" in every sense of the word. You must have a working knowledge of all equipment and be able to handle all snow conditions and all situations even if alone. An interview is part of the examination and must show that you are fully competent.

**Tom Moss, T & T Advisor** The problems of taking and giving tests were discussed. Patrollers should be familiar with what is expected of them when they go for a test and try to evaluate in their own mind how they did. Examiners should point out weaknesses and strengths of individual candidates to help them know what to work on to improve. Tests should be given at times and places so that everyone will have an opportunity to participate.

Bobbie Rupp, Editor

## FALL OFFICERS MEET — PLANS AND UNPLANS

General sessions were planned, as were announcements, reports, lunch, workshops and adjournment. Something known as "free time" was on the agenda too, but got lost somewhere down the line between the rhubarb at Friday night's Board of Directors meeting when it was thought the By-Laws hadn't been officially updated since 1972, and the Board was asking itself who's who and do you really think you belong. The discovery of minutes of a board meeting in 1973 which showed that everything thought to be illegal was, in fact, quite legal; so Saturday morning another vote was taken after which who met who who really belonged. (See official report for clarification — as will everyone who attended the meeting!) Unplanned were, between meetings, mad races down the Alpine Slide — a thrill a minute must for all who've never tried. For Tom Moss, this will be mandatory next year.

Sherry's Sugar Social was great! A keg of beer and food, food, food turned the porch at Sugar into "Fat City", with honors on number of pieces of cake being fought over between Dave Dillard and Ron Geist. Nobody kept tallies on beer consumed, which was just as well, since summer (?) temperatures required extra warmth measures — which led to even wilder after dark Alpine Slides . . . to Tom "Travolta" wearing Bobbie Rupp's jacket and Harwell sporting his "Runeer Red" jacket ("It's in the catalogue") NSPS patch on pocket (what, no epaulets?) . . . and home movies of rappelling Mr. Rogers and the Martha Washington . . . "nobody could fill those boots". . .

and after the party parties . . . and jokes, of course . . . something about Harwell's clock and a fan? Oh well, it was late.

Benning Garrison, PR Adv.

Photo by Harwell Dabbs



## (A)&(M) COURSE LEADS TO ALTAR



Last November a new Seven Devils candidate, Mary Masters attended her first Ski Patrol function, a Circle A and Circle M course. On this trip she met Kim Annas, a Senior Patroller from Seven Devils.

After dating and skiing together all season, Mary and Kim were married on March 17th. This coming season they will be patrolling together in New York.

Doris Benbow

## MOUNTAINEERING IS AT NEW HEIGHTS

Norm Bishop, Division Mountaineering Adv. attended the National Meeting in Reno, NV. He is a Registered National Instructor in this field. Steve Waldrup, Wolf Laurel PL and John Lawrence, Div. Lift Evacuation Adv. are also RNIs. Dick Weinberger, Gatlinburg Patrol, is a newly appointed Division Mountaineering Instructor.

## LIFT EVACUATION SEMINAR & REFRESHER

The Carolina Section will offer this seminar on October 27 & 28, 1979. It is tentatively scheduled to be held at Seven Devils. Pre-registration is a must. Registrations *must* be received no later than October 17, 1979. If interested, send \$10.00 to Charles Benbow, Carolina Highlands SC.

Keith Gray, Equipment Adv.

## DISCOUNTS FOR PATROLLERS

Diamond Brand Camping Center will give a 10% discount with presentation of a current NSPS registration card, for any patrol-related item. Articles included in this are parkas, packs, climbing and cross-country equipment, etc.

Tom Thomas, Sapphire PL

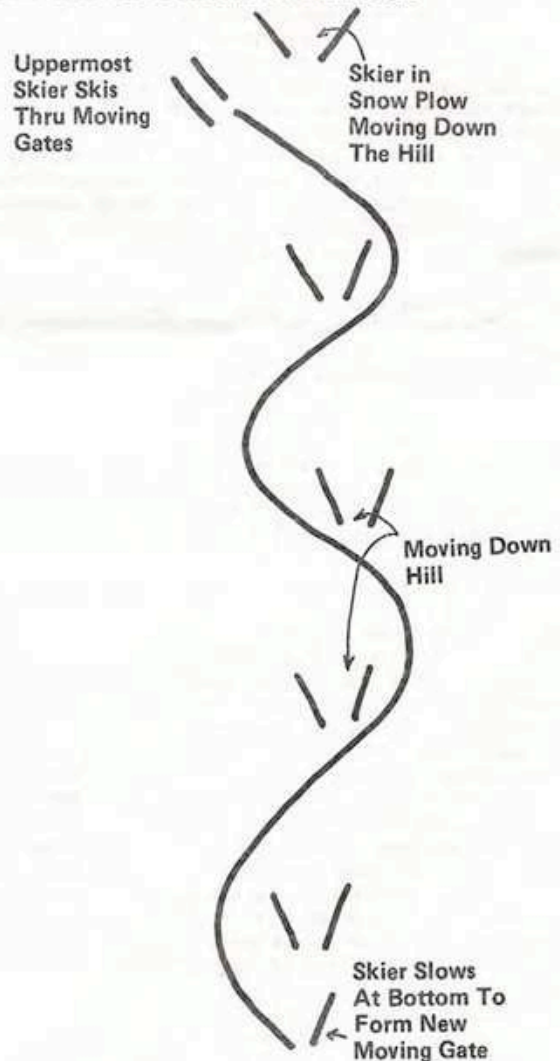
## CONGRESSIONAL CHAPTER

A Federal Charter (The National Ski Patrol System Recognition Act Senate Bill 43 and House Bill 2279) is gaining congressional interest. This charter is vital to maintain and extend the capabilities of the NSPS. It would make our national, state and regional requirements more efficient and effective and keep overall costs down. It would put us on a similar keel with the American National Red Cross and the Boy Scouts of America. Furthermore, it would open up surplus equipment and supply opportunities not now available — offering considerable savings to patrols and members in performance of their duties.

We need it! To get it, we need the positive support of our respective Senators and Representatives. We need *your* letters to your Senators and Representatives now. Write your legislator requesting his or her support to co-sponsor this bill if they have not already done so, and urge each to ask members of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees to give this bill its prompt support. Your letter need not be long; merely a request as a member of the world's largest volunteer winter rescue organization. Encourage area management and friends of NSPS to help by writing too.

Roger W. Bollinger  
Southern Div. Coordinator  
Congressional Charter

## THE MOVING HUMAN SLALOM



Types of Skiing Skills Practiced are:  
Snow Plow, Control Course, Side Slip

We do this a lot on not so busy days as it helps our skills as well as helps pass the time away at Ober Gatlinburg.

Linda Coulter

## NATIONAL AWARDS

Southern Division surely did come in second this year in the awards department! We are proud of the patrol and those patrollers who attained such a high recognition. The following were all second nationally in these categories:

Patrol . . . . . Ober Gatlinburg  
Professional Patroller . . . . . Phil Birdsong, Wintergreen Pro PL  
Junior Patroller . . . . . Jim Williams, Ober Gatlinburg

## HELP WANTED

**JOB AVAILABLE:** Historian-Archivist for Southern Division, NSPS

**APPLICANT DESCRIPTION:** A patroller (or spouse) who writes reasonably well. Someone who cherishes the division, will relish the job and keep it for several years.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Write and publish (Special Edition of Southern Cross) a history of the division to date.

Maintain a scrapbook (or scrapbooks) of division activities for exhibition at meetings.

Maintain archives of publications, photographs, slides and movies, administrative records of interest, etc.

**REMUNERATION:** Pay is quite low (non-existent) but fringe benefits are enormous (eternal gratitude of fellow patrollers, satisfaction of bringing pleasure to others, etc.)

**WHERE TO APPLY:** Harwell Dabbs

## SEMITOUGH?

A new product was brought to our attention at the Fall Officers Meeting — "Fastwax". A roll-on wax kit, the package reads "enough to wax a pair of skis 3" x 164". A question was raised, if only one ski was waxed, would the product be known as "Halfastwax"?

## OUTSTANDING AWARDS NOMINATIONS

All Outstanding Award Nominations are initiated at the patrol level and are to be sent to the Division Awards Advisor.

If you plan to submit a candidate for the Outstanding Patroller, Outstanding Junior, Outstanding Professional, Outstanding Auxiliary, or for the Outstanding Ski Patrol for the 1979-80 ski season, nomination forms can be obtained by request from the Division Awards Advisor.

In order for the nomination to be considered, I must have the information by *March 10, 1980*.

Charles Benbow, Awards Adv.

## PATROL NEWS

### Appalachian

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## NATIONAL AWARDS

Southern Division surely did come in second this year in the awards department! We are proud of the patrol and those patrollers who attained such a high recognition. The following were all second nationally in these categories:

Patrol . . . . . Ober Gatlinburg  
Professional Patroller . . . . . Phil Birdsong, Wintergreen Pro PL  
Junior Patroller . . . . . Jim Williams, Ober Gatlinburg

## HELP WANTED

**JOB AVAILABLE:** Historian-Archivist for Southern Division, NSPS

**APPLICANT DESCRIPTION:** A patroller (or spouse) who writes reasonably well. Someone who cherishes the division, will relish the job and keep it for several years.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Write and publish (Special Edition of Southern Cross) a history of the division to date.

Maintain a scrapbook (or scrapbooks) of division activities for exhibition at meetings.

Maintain archives of publications, photographs, slides and movies, administrative records of interest, etc.

**REMUNERATION:** Pay is quite low (non-existent) but fringe benefits are enormous (eternal gratitude of fellow patrollers, satisfaction of bringing pleasure to others, etc.)

**WHERE TO APPLY:** Harwell Dabbs

## SEMITOUGH?

A new product was brought to our attention at the Fall Officers Meeting — "Fastwax". A roll-on wax kit, the package reads "enough to wax a pair of skis 3" x 164". A question was raised, if only one ski was waxed, would the product be known as "Halfastwax"?

## OUTSTANDING AWARDS NOMINATIONS

All Outstanding Award Nominations are initiated at the patrol level and are to be sent to the Division Awards Advisor.

If you plan to submit a candidate for the Outstanding Patroller, Outstanding Junior, Outstanding Professional, Outstanding Auxiliary, or for the Outstanding Ski Patrol for the 1979-80 ski season, nomination forms can be obtained by request from the Division Awards Advisor.

In order for the nomination to be considered, I must have the information by *March 10, 1980*.

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