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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
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.

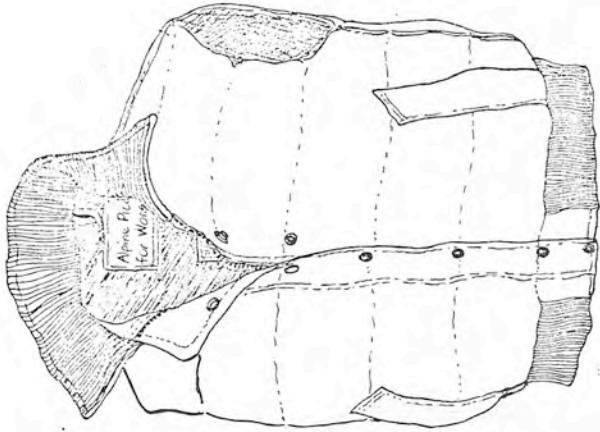
Thank you,  
Tom Worley, A.D.D.

## 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.





STYLE # \_\_\_\_\_ NAME SAGUARDO VEST FOR WOMEN \$ 59.00

SIZING S - M - L - XL FILL CS - 200 THINSULATE

Exterior Color	Knit Color	Ext. Fabric	Int. Fabric	Knit Type	Zipper
Light Navy	Grey	65/35	Cobalt Blue Taffeta	100% Nylon	2.0 1/2 One-way
Mahogany	Black	"	Black Taffeta	"	"

STYLE # **MENS** NAME SAGUARDO VEST

SIZING S - M - L - XL FILL 5.3 oz. POLARGUARD \$ 50.00

Exterior Color	Knit Color	Ext. Fabric	Int. Fabric	Knit Type	Zipper
Light Navy	Grey	65/35	Cobalt Blue Taffeta	100% Nylon	2.0 1/2 One-way
Mahogany	Black	"	Black Taffeta	"	"

STYLE # \_\_\_\_\_ NAME CALIFORNIA VEST FOR WOMEN

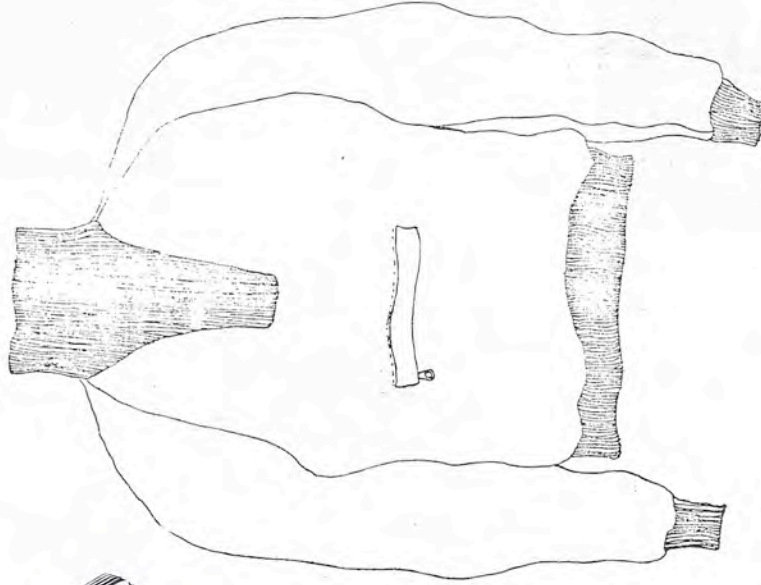
SIZING S - M - L - XL FILL CS - 200 THINSULATE \$ 59.00

Exterior Color	Knit Color	Ext. Fabric	Int. Fabric	Knit Type	Zipper
Spinach	Taupe	Corduroy	Taupe Taffeta	100% Nylon	2.0 1/2 One-way
Wine Cellar	Black	"	Black Taffeta	"	"

STYLE # **M & L** NAME 65/35 AMORAK

SIZING XS-S-M-L-XL FILL None (Shell garment) \$ 33.00

Exterior Color	Knit Color	Ext. Fabric	Int. Fabric	Knit Type	Zipper
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Light Navy	Grey	"	---	"	"



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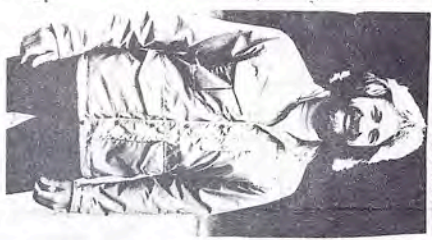


### Thinsulate PANAMINT

We came out with our 60/40 Panamint (see page 11) two years ago to bring the extraordinary weather coping characteristics of 60/40 cloth to an around-town design. The Panamint has been so popular we've decided to make it with Thinsulate insulation, too. High stand-up collar has Thinsulate insulation cloth. Snap front flap has 100% cotton chambray. Double front closure has an extra-start, smooth sliding nylon coil zipper sweater protected by an insulated snap storm-flap. Double Thinsulate insulated handwarmer/storage pockets. Outside handwarmer/pockets spacious and handy. Inside storage pockets are closure things won't fall out. Vertically zippered breast pocket for more secure storage. Cuffs lined with soft chambray cloth and velcro strip closure lets you seal them. Inner material hi-tenet-count nylon which mounts in reinforced 60/40. Outside layer resistant. 150 gram per sq. meter Thinsulate insulation will keep you much warmer than your sleek appearance will reveal.

Colors: Navy, Green, Tan, Yellow  
 Size: XS(20-22), S(24-26), M(28-30), L(32-34), XL(36-38), XXL(40-42)  
 Ave. Total Weight: 1 lb. 11 oz.  
**PRICE: \$79.00**

### RUST



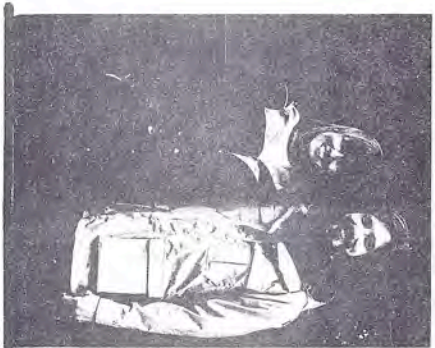
### THE LUPINE

#### Our Thinsulate Vest for Women

THE DESIGN: Tailored to fit women! Cut narrow in the shoulders so you won't look like you're wearing shoulder pads, tapered at waist for a snug, warm fit and flared at bottom to go comfortably around your hips. Back extension to keep you warm when you bend over. Insulated handwarmer pockets with insulated pliers, handwarmer, pen, keys, etc. Top can duct into to get away from the wind.

THE MATERIALS: Entire Vest made of 100% supertop nylon. Besides being extremely tightly woven so it will repel wind and resist weather, we chose this material because it looks good, comes in exciting colors and is soft, smooth delight to wear. At 2.4 oz. per sq. yd. its rugged durability is impervious to light and warm 150 gram per sq. meter Thinsulate insulation.

Colors: Blue, Green, Tan, Peach, Yellow (all with bone inside lining)  
 Size: XS(20-22), S(24-26), M(28-30), L(32-34), XL(36-38), XXL(40-42)  
 Ave. Total Weight: 1 lb. 11 oz.  
**PRICE: \$45.00**



### NEW... 65/35 Trail Parka

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65/35 Trail Parka is identical to 60/40 Mountain Parka in every detail (it is covered in the same way as 60/40 Mountain Parka). The only difference is the waist, uses a #2 tooth nylon zipper, does not have a rear pocket and the hood does not form as neat a ball. Care instruction sew-in.

Colors: Navy, Green, Tan, Yellow  
 Size: XS(20-22), S(24-26), M(28-30), L(32-34), XL(36-38), XXL(40-42)  
 Ave. Total Weight: 1 lb. 14 oz.  
**PRICE: \$59.50**



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### RUST

Colors: Navy, Green, Orange, Tan  
 Ave. Total Weight: 1 lb. 12 oz.  
**PRICE: \$78.00**

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Don't let the tailored appearance fool you, Macintosh is all you'll ever need in the mountains. Unique design, flap and Velcro adjustable cuffs let you land-on-tightly against the neck, storm and ventilate freely when the weather abates. Hip pockets are double handwarmer/storage pockets with the storage pocket pleated-expandable for big loads. Two large interior pockets for inconspicuous storage. Top yoke adds style while giving you double Gore-Tex® Laminated protection where you need it most. All major seams double needle stitched for strength and durability.

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 Ave. Weight: 1 lb. 2 oz.  
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Colors: Blue, Green, Yellow  
 Ave. Weight: 10 oz. (size med.)  
**PRICE: \$53.00**

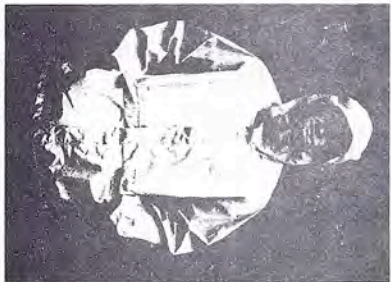
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### KELTY TAHETA ALL WEATHER FULL ZIP JACKET

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More than just a foul weather jacket, your Kelty Taheta All Weather Full Zip Jacket will be a basic part of your outdoor activities all year around. Colors: Blue, Green, Yellow  
 Size: XS, S, M, L, XL  
 Ave. Weight: 16 oz. (size med.)  
**PRICE: \$79.00**





## 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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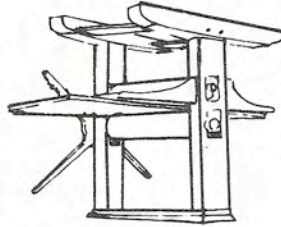
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