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HARWELL'S HOT LINE

A year ago I came before you to accept the office and responsibilities of DD. I said that I believed "the NSPS is the finest organization of its kind in the world; that the Southern Division is in good shape; that we are blessed with an abundance of dedicated patrollers; that our training program is excellent; but that we the leaders need to make the *system* work better through better communication and by solving little problems before they become big problems." One long year, and one short ski season later, I believe those things just as sincerely as I did then. I have been disappointed in some respects, but I have not lost faith. It is incumbent on *me* to report to *you* at this time what has been accomplished during the past year in your Division and on the National NSPS scene, and what new challenges we face in the coming season. I shall give only the "high points" since many things have already been reported to you through the Southern Cross.



THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN . . .

I have tried to "practice what I preach" regarding communication. In each issue of Southern Cross I have "communicated with you." With the concurrence of our dedicated, hard-working editor, Bobbie Rupp I have instituted two regular columns; "Harwell's Hot Line", (an informal, information update on what's going on in the Division), and "The Director Reflects", (more of an essay type column). In addition I have mailed five Southern Division Patrol Officer Bulletins since July 1979 (P.O.B.'s). These have gone to all members of the Board of Directors, all PLs and all Advisors. All this was done in an attempt to disseminate accurate information in a timely manner. It represents considerable effort; I trust it is worthwhile.

"Be not the first by whom the new is tried
nor yet the last to lay the old aside." Alexander Pope

Our fundamental goals remain always the same:

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

To accomplish these purposes, there exists a continuing challenge for creative thinking, and innovative technics. Several "new" things have been tried. Some have proven worthwhile already, some have been modified and some are still under evaluation.

THE FALL OFFICERS MEETING

A new format was tried at the Sugar Mountain meeting and proved extremely worthwhile. (The Southern Cross, Vol. VIII. No. 4, Sept. 1979). By using prior written communication (i.e. P.O.B.) the Board of Directors Business Meeting will be kept "streamlined" leaving time for stimulating workshops in the afternoon. Every PL needs to be there with his training officer! Every Advisor needs to be there! The date and place have been set for Saturday, September 13 at Sugar Mountain. Mark your calendars.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

During the first year I felt the need for only one ADD, Farris Jackson. He has done an outstanding job. He remains as 1st ADD and Executive Officer.

Randy Avery has accepted the appointment as ADD (Line) and will, I'm sure, carry the responsibility in the same quiet, but dedicated and efficient manner that he has exhibited as RD.

The total T & T program involving as it does Alpine and Nordic training and testing, coordination with Avalanche, Mountaineering, First Aid, Junior, Lift Evacuation, Equipment and Safety is quite a responsibility. Tom Moss has done a superb job and deserves recognition. I have named him ADD for these programs.

With the expense of traveling increasing alarmingly, and no end in sight, a long contemplated division of the Atlantic Region has been accomplished giving us three Regions: Skyline, Blue Ridge and Dixie. The RDs for the new Regions are: Skyline, Doug Carlberg and Blue Ridge, Charles Benbow, Jr. New SCs are: Virginia, Randy Pugh; Grandfather, Tommy Fisher and Carolina Highlands, Sam Bruce.

CALANDAR

July	12-13	Self-evacuation Seminar, Great Smoky Mountain, Foot Hills Parkway
September	13	Fall Officers Meeting — Sugar Mtn.
	14	Southern Cross Deadline
October	4-5	Fall Refresher, Blue Ridge Region, Sugar Mtn.
	31	CPR Refresher, ARC Asheville — 6 PM
November	1	Fall Refresher, Asheville
	1-2	Fall Refresher, Skyline Region
	2	On-the-Hill, Sapphire Valley, Cataloochee, Wolf Laurel
	15-16	Fall Refresher, Gatlinburg
December	22-23	Circle A & M, Brevard
	6-7	Circle A & M, Seven Devils
	20-21	Senior First Aid Test, Beech Mtn.
January	17	T & T Clinic, Patrol Trainer Clinic, Wintergreen
	18	Senior FA Test, Wintergreen
	25	T & T Clinic, Patrol Trainer Clinic, Sugar Mtn.
	31	T & T Clinic, Patrol Trainer Clinic, Cataloochee
February	31-	
	1	Circle A & M, Wintergreen
	1	Senior First Aid Test, Cataloochee
	7-8	Mountaineering Patch Course, Mount Rodgers
	8	Senior On-the-Hill, Beech Mtn.
	15	Senior On-the-Hill Test, Cataloochee
	21-22	Junior Jamboree, Seven Devils
March	22	Senior On-the-Hill Test, Homestead
	22	Basic Test, Wolf Laurel
1	Basic Test, Gatlinburg	

AND IN THE FUTURE

Put this on your calendar now so you won't forget: the 1981 spring convention will be in Atlanta, with Rick Roberts, Cataloochee PL as coordinator. The 1982 convention will be at Wintergreen. Tentative date for both is the last weekend in April.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

We have four copies of "Skiers Choice" in the division. These were furnished by National. They were shown at the Fall First Aid Refreshers and also at the Sky Valley Safety Refresher and at St. Paul's Episcopal Youth Group, Augusta, GA.

Articles about the division were in Ski South magazine; Atlanta Journal and Constitution magazine; Greensboro, NC, Record; Augusta, GA, Chronicle; Asheville Times; Daily News, Bowling Green; Knoxville newspaper and three in the National Patroller.

Share what you are doing not only in the Southern Cross and National Patroller, but put this information in the local newspapers too. If you want help writing articles for newspapers or magazines, let me know. I will be glad to help "spread the word" about NSPS.

Benning Garrison, PR Adv.

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PROGRAMS REVIEWED

Certified

I believe that a lot of our Pro patrollers are quite interested in this, but it really hasn't "gotten off the ground". I would appreciate suggestions from you, particularly the "Pros."

Junior

Steve Benbow continues to do an outstanding job with the Junior Jamboree. One of the high points of the season for me was participating in this event. We have many fine Juniors throughout the Division. I would like to see more. These young people are an inspiration to us all and the leaders of the future. We would like to see every area develop a Junior Program.

Fund Raising

Logistical problems have plagued the fund raising program and results have been quite disappointing. I still believe the basic idea is viable and hope that, with new leadership under Mike Harris, this will produce results during the coming season so that we can bring better service to the Patroller on the Hill without increasing his costs.

Public Relations

This has begun to blossom under the expert cultivation of Benning Garrison. Many patrols have responded to our pleas for more material for Southern Cross and local newspapers. Many have not, and we need your help!

Auxiliary

I still feel this is a sadly neglected area of man-power (or people-power). Mary Twomey is dedicated to this thesis, but can do very little at the individual patrol level. I say again to all PLs — "Try it; you'll like it."

Historian — Archivist

A new post was created and Patsy Harris accepted this job (Southern Cross Vol. IX, No. 1, January '80). Those of you who were at the convention had a chance to see the scrapbooks she has filled with pictures and mementos of the past nine years. She has made an excellent start, but needs your help especially with the early years of our division.

MY ACTIVITIES

Visitation

During the past year I have driven 10,482 miles on your behalf visiting every ski area in our Division at least once during the ski season and patrolling at most. I enjoyed every minute of it although you weren't always so hospitable. Bo Stokes arranged a cloudburst at Cloudmont, and Beech Mtn. staged a lift evacuation (for real) the first time I went out on patrol. Most everywhere I went in the Division I was impressed anew by the dedication, the expertise, and the striving for excellence which characterizes our Patrollers. Each place I visited I tried to alert the PL ahead of time, and tried to visit the Area Manager as well. Our season is so short, the weather so uncooperative, the distances so great that I was not always able to do this. I apologize. I did the best I could and hope to do better next year.

National Meetings

I reported to you on the NSPS Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City (Southern Cross Vol. VIII, No. 4, September '79). The mid-winter meeting at Denver in March was even worse. Sometimes I think that the spirit of "Minnie" Dole lives on despite the National Board. I cannot believe that it has always been this way, or that it will continue.

Don Williams was "ambushed" at Denver by a "write in" election with Mark Behan the "write in" candidate. I supported Don because:

a. I think he's doing a good job under difficult circum-

stances, because we have no full time "executive director".

b. I didn't think the way things were done was "quite right".

Don was re-elected and is continuing to do an excellent job.

The proposition was made to name the Olympic Patrol The Outstanding Ski Patrol for the 1980 season. This would have meant abolishing the regular method of selecting one Outstanding Patrol from the Divisional Outstanding Patrols. I voted against this and voted for a special award for The Olympic Patrol. This is what was done.

The National Fund Raising Committee proposed that a percentage of any funds raised at Patrol, Section, Region or Division level (5% of \$100 to \$500 on up to 20% of net for anything over \$1000) be sent to National. I voted no. It was defeated.

A proposal was made to decentralize registration. I voted for this and it was passed. Registration cards for previously registered members will be sent to each Division. It will be left to us to devise a system for control.

Dick Soper reviewed our insurance coverage and problems, NSPS P.O.B. 80-2. I suggest you study it thoroughly.

A great deal of time was taken up with a report from the committee to study the present computer system and make recommendations. In summary we are using a "bargain basement" computer service now, paying a "bargain basement" fee, and getting "bargain basement" use from it. An in-depth study is being undertaken and a progress report will be given at the annual meeting (June at Stratton Mtn.)

Finally, I had so much to say about our frittering away valuable time on trivia, points of order, minutes consisting of verbatim transcripts, etc. that I was appointed chairman of a new committee to "study and recommend a possible format for the gathering (of the Board of Directors) and the keeping of minutes of the National Board Meetings." I shall give you a follow-up report on this at our Fall Officer's Meeting and in the Southern Cross.

In closing let me say for the Executive Committee, the Advisors and the Administrative Patrol that it has been a pleasure and an honor serving you this past year. We solicit your comments, your constructive criticism, your ideas, your help. Together we shall continue to work to make the Southern Division the best in the NSPS.

C. Harwell Dabbs, M.D.,DD

TESTING & TRAINING

The planned events, including clinics, training sessions and Senior On-the-Hill Tests, by in large were all conducted successfully. Weather conditions forced the scheduling to remain flexible. Pre-season Senior First Aid and Administrative tests were fairly successful and I expect increased attendance next year. The emphasis was and will be on patrolling as a continual learning and training process. Basic or Senior is not a stopping point, but a way of comparing one's ability to a standard.

The statistical results of Senior testing are as follows: In three tests held a total of 28 candidates were tested, with 20 passing (71%).

I am proud to announce the appointment of 3 new regional testing and training advisors. Harold Tilley — Blue Ridge, Ron Smith — Skyline, Lynn Pace — Dixie Region. These advisors will aid me in administering the various programs under testing and training. They will be available for coordinating training efforts between patrols as well as conducting clinics and tests. They will also work closely with me in conducting the Senior Test Judge and Trainer Clinics. I am looking forward to working with this new staff and to the rapidly approaching 1980-1981 Ski Season.

Tom Moss, ADD

CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER NEEDS HELP, AGAIN!

Your efforts paid off in the Senate with their unanimous passage of Senate Bill 43. House Bill 2279 needs strong, steady support, now. The House of Representatives will probably adjourn in early October. This bill is only now being reviewed in a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee. In the next several weeks let's make a concerted effort to:

(1) write the members of the Judiciary Committee

(2) write each of the Representatives from your own state.

Please ask the committee representatives for their early support and approval of this bill. Request all representatives to co-sponsor this bill and seek its passage before this congressional session ends.

Members of the House Judiciary Committee are: Peter W. Rodino, Jr., NY, Chairman; Jack Brooks, TX; Robert W. Kastenmeier, WI; Don Edwards, CA; John Conyers, Jr., MI; John F. Seiberling, OH; George E. Danielson, CA; Robert F. Drinan, MA; Elizabeth Holtzman, NY; Romano L. Mazzoli, KY; William J. Hughes, NJ; Sam B. Hall, Jr., TX; Lamar Gudger, NC; Harold L. Volkmer, MO; Herbert E. Harris, II, VA; Michael L. Synar, OK; Robert T. Matsui, CA; Abner J. Mikua, IL; Michael D. Barnes, MD; Richard C. Shelby, AL; Robert McClory, IL; Tom Railsback, IL; Hamilton Fish, Jr., NY; M. Caldwell Butler, VA; Carlos J. Moorhead, CA; John M. Ashbrook, OH; Henry J. Hyde, IL; Thomas N. Kindness, OH; Harold S. Sawyer, MI; Dan Lungren, CA; and F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., WI.

If you have any questions or need additional information, write or call me. If we don't get the bill approved this session, we'll have to start all over! With your amazing efforts and support, we can't help but succeed. Thanks.

Roger W. Bollinger
P. O. Box 428
Norris, TN 37828
615-494-7350

NATIONAL PRO ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

On March 6th the Professional Directors from each division met in Denver with the National Pro Director Bill Heft to discuss what can be done to make N.S.P.S. more responsive to the Pro Patroller's needs. Attending the meeting were Nick Payne from Rocky Mountain; Dick Rosston from Alaska; Slate Altenburg from Eastern; John Waite from Far West; Sherry Perry from Southern; Steve Gorgensen from Inter-mountain; Steve Bedell from Northern; and Sally Lee from Pacific Northwest division.

Each director gave a short report on the activities in their division. An obvious pattern exists in that the smaller areas and the ski areas located near large metropolitan centers support strong volunteer systems while the destination areas support mainly a professional patrol.

The National Patroller has offered as many pages as necessary where pro patrollers could publish their events and ideas. Please feel free to write anything you have on important aspects of patrolling (we need your input from the Southern Division). Send these to Bill Heft, P. O. Box 142, Skykomish, WA 98288 and he will send them on to the National Patroller for publication.

Marlen Guell, the N.S.P.S. Assistant National Director then stated that he feels the national system should be used by all patrollers.

In general, it was felt at this meeting that pro patrollers can work together at a national level and can help each other as well as the volunteer patrollers.

THE SYSTEM IS THERE ALREADY WHAT IS NEEDED ARE YOUR IDEAS AND INPUT

Sherry Perry, Pro Director

SPRING CONVENT



SOUTHERN DIVISION'S OUTSTANDING!

We all offer congratulations to these worthy recipients. They are (left to right): top row, Mary Twomey is presented with Outstanding Auxiliary by RD Janie Bollinger; Outstanding Administrator was awarded to our hardworking DD, Harwell Dabbs; Jim Williams is presented Outstanding Junior award by Harwell Dabbs; bottom row, Sherry Perry is presented Outstanding Pro by Arch Smith; David Dillard presents Arch Smith with Outstanding Patroller, David Dillard presents Steve Benbow, Seven Devils PL with Outstanding Patrol.

THE MAN FROM M

What better way to celebrate Day down South than to have a convention in town. Such was our good fortune at the Spring Convention in Greensboro — the main speaker and award recipient was NSPS N.D. Don Williams.

Speaking on "the NSPS of the South," Williams said, "We are at the peak of membership right now, with so much growth will depend on you. The biggest problem today. The industry is tired and underpaid, he said. It requires understanding and patience if profits are to be maintained.

Williams said there is a plan to give a percentage of profits to the banks across the nation, if not these stations. The profits are to be given year to us.

Southern Division was pleased with its area management policy. Williams said the policy of the divisions do not yet reflect the importance of the industry. It must be a good working relationship between management and patrol, with us as the backbone of them ours. If not, with the changes we'll be the first to go."

As for the national charter, Williams said it is in a precarious position. Although the House has passed a portion of this bill, the House is expected to act in October to act. They'll be in session in August, which leaves us every body person to put pressure on the House to sponsor the bill, then to the Judiciary committee, and in the House "where it's now sitting." Williams said he collected over 23,000 signatures in support of the Division's strong efforts in education.

Williams, who is described as "a real worker," lives up to his name in Greensboro Friday night, where he spent his way of sightseeing, he'd like to see the convention meeting." And so he did, he attended the convention, and offering valuable advice.

SPECIAL

Any one of the 150 southern divisions attending the annual spring convention will tell you it was a humbling experience. A profound thanks for efforts of the Greensboro committee: Don Johnson, Dale Johnson, Dave Dillard and Dale Johnson, Dave Dillard and Dale Johnson worked with them.



Southern Division's New Angels



DD Harwell Dabbs bestows the honor to: (clockwise) Gayle Benbow, Brenda Thomas, Pam Ellis, Rosa Ehrlich and Mary Silver.



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If you think Spring Conventions are dull, you weren't in Greensboro April 26th!



right by Dale Johnson and
 les Latkoff.

CONVENTION

THE MAN FROM MICHIGAN SPEAKS

What better way to celebrate Confederate Memorial Day down South than to have a big, juicy Yankee come to town. Such was our good fortune when, at our 1980 Spring Convention in Greensboro on April 26 — of course — the main speaker at the Saturday night banquet was NSPS N.D. Don Williams.

Speaking on "the NSPS today and tomorrow," Williams said, "We are at the peak or threshold of membership right now, with some 23,000 members. Our growth will depend on you." He indicated money is our biggest problem today. The Denver office is understaffed and underpaid, he said, and asked for our understanding and patience if problems arise there.

Williams said there is a possibility that NSPS will be given a percentage of proceeds from ski locks and ski banks across the nation, if we are willing to help staff these stations. The profits could mean over \$50,000 a year to us.

Southern Division was particularly complimented for its area management policy, a relationship which several of the divisions do not yet have. Williams feels this area is of extreme importance. We've got to work together. It must be a good working relationship between management and patrol, with us sharing their expertise, and them ours. If not, with the energy and monetary crunch, we'll be the first to go."

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Williams, who is described by his fellow patrollers as "a real worker," lives up to this reputation. He arrived in Greensboro Friday night, and when asked what, in the way of sightseeing, he'd like to do, he said, "I came to a meeting." And so he did, attending all sessions of the convention, and offering valuable assistance and guidance.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

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ANDING!

(left to right): top row, Mary Twomey is pinning Administrator was awarded to our Outstanding Junior award by Harwell Dabbs; Smith; David Dillard presents Arch Smith Seven Devils PL with Outstanding Patrol.



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Gene Henderson is presented a 15-year service pin by David Dillard, Harwell Dabbs and Jim Underwood, our Division Treasurer.

If you think Spring Conventions



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SSAA MEETING

The spring meeting of Southeastern Ski Area Association (SSAA) convened at Beech Mtn. Sunday and Monday, April 27th and 28th. Bob Ash, manager of Beech Mtn., hosted the social hour and dinner Sunday night at Beech Alpen Inn. Along with my wife Beth and I, NSPS was represented by Farris and Susan Jackson; Tom Moss and his bride to be Pam Ellis; and Beech Mtn. patrollers French and Mary Ann Moore.

The business session on Monday contained several items of interest to Southern Division patrollers:

I introduced Bill Olden, RD of Southern Appalachia Region, Eastern Division NSPS, to the group. This region has Canaan Valley, Massanutten, Bryce Mtn., Wisp and Alpine Lake among its patrols. Bill flew in from the Eastern Division meeting in Oriskany NY.

Farris Jackson set up the exhibit on radio communication that he displayed at the meeting in Greensboro. This was well received and provoked a lot of interest.

Two young couples from Scaly Mt., NC were in attendance. Susan and Gene Head and Melinda and Ricky James plan to open this season and want us to develop a patrol. This area is located between Sky Valley and Sapphire Valley. Walt Eaton, SC, will be in contact with them.

The area managers received a standing invitation to attend our spring and fall meetings.

The Ski Safety Stop Program described at Greensboro was presented as an additional idea in accident prevention.

Brian DeRouin, of Kendall Insurance, presented updated information and trends concerning ski accidents as monitored by their company. Incidence of lift related accidents is decreasing while those related to down-hill (skier collision accidents) is increasing. This makes our accident prevention efforts ever more meaningful.

The SSAA passed unanimously a resolution endorsing the NSPS Federal Recognition Act calling on the House of Representatives to bring the bill out of committee and vote in favor of its passage.

C. Harwell Dabbs, M.D., DD

AUXILIARY PATROLLERS

We welcome the following auxiliary patrollers to the division: Lib Harbin and Mary C. Underwood, Renegade; Gene Carnathan, Sapphire Valley; and Bob Dudley, Cataloochee.

At the National Meeting at Salt Lake it was decided to have the Auxiliary Program under the auspices of the First Aid Advisor instead of T & T. At the Mid Winter Meeting in Denver it was voted to have an Auxiliary Patch, a replica of the sweater pin and the size of the circle badge.

I encourage auxiliaries to become First Aid Instructors so they can assist with First Aid Training, First Aid Refreshers and be Winter First Aid Test Judges.

Mary K. Twomey, Aux. Adv.

JUNIORS



Mike and Jim in Alaska at the National Junior Jamboree

This year our Junior Program had its feet solidly on the ground (snow). Sixteen Juniors participated in the division competition at Seven Devils with a difference of 5 hundredths of a point between the top three places. First place was Mike Spencer from Appalachian, second place was Jim Williams from Gatlinburg and third place was Bob Pugh from Wintergreen. Jim Williams and Mike Spencer did an outstanding job representing the Southern Division bringing home 10th and 20th place overall in national competition.

My congratulations to all Juniors in the division and I hope they will be inspired enough to keep promoting the excellent standards of ski patrolling which was demonstrated at the Junior Jamboree. I would also like to thank all the patrol Junior Advisors for their excellent training efforts. With this type of skills being demonstrated by our Juniors, I would say the Southern Division is in good shape for years to come.

Steve Benbow, Junior Advisor



Jim Williams, Mike Spencer & Bob Pugh at Seven Devils

SOUTHERN DIVISION, NSPS PATROLLER DISTRIBUTION 1979-80

Type Patroller	Nat.	Sen.	Basic	Junior	Aux.	Old Cand.	New Cand.	Inactive	Certified	Alumni	Total	%
Alpine-Vol.	17	64	185	14	14	43	114	5			457	89.2
Professional		7	27	1		6	1		1		43	8.4
Alpine/Nordic	1	3	3	1							8	1.6
Nordic			1			2	1				4	0.8
Total	18	74	216	16	14	51	116	5	1		512	Total
%	3.5	14.5	42.2	3.1	2.7	10.0	22.6	1.2	0.2		%	
1978-79 Total	21	66	179	10	7	49	132	2	1	2	469	Total
%	4.5	14.1	38.2	2.1	1.5	10.5	28.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	%	

CUMBERLAND SECTION

Basic Tests

We in the deep South didn't get on our skis until it was almost February, but we ended up with about 5-6 good weeks. We had two Basic Tests and the first Circle A and Circle M Course in our Section.

Derek Dodson, John Thomas, Lee Grimes and Kent McNeer, all EMT's on the Renegade Patrol, passed the Basic Test February 16, 1980 at Renegade. We were provided with perfect conditions — LOTS ICE! All four were well trained and qualified, and will be an asset to the Southern Division. For this, we can credit Sybille Barr, Renegade Training Officer, who did an outstanding job in training the new Patrollers. We are also pleased to announce Mary Underwood (Jim's better half) passed the Auxiliary Test.

It took two days for Harry "Butch" Barnes to pass the Basic Test at Cloudmont, February 17 and 18. Following the written tests and after negotiating the snow plow course, Butch was called to put out a fire, as he is the Assistant Fire Chief of the local volunteer fire department. He successfully completed the on-the-hill tests the next day, between accidents the two of us handled. This probably set a Southern Division record for the longest-on-the-hill test. Butch will do a fine job. He lives at Cloudmont, and is at Cloudmont about 4 days a week. The other 3 days, he works as a fireman and EMT for the Chattanooga Fire Department.

Circle A and Circle M Courses

Thanks to Ron Geist and Tom Moss, the section held its first Circle A and M Courses on Renegade Mountain, March 22 and 23. I'm not sorry to say that we can't relate a tale of cold and misery as did our DD, Harwell Dabbs in his adventure story. Most of Saturday was spent with Ron's fine instruction on avalanche. The course ended with an excellent avalanche film, just released.

Tom Moss spent Friday evening preparing us for the overnight stay on Renegade Mountain. About one third of the group didn't bother pitching a tent and slept under the stars after several stories around a warm fire. Cindy was in a tent with three guys, boy, she was brave! The next morning we discussed and completed a search and rescue. Some hiking and building "one night" shelters followed. At noon, we packed up and headed back to the Lodge in short sleeve weather — eat your heart out, Harwell!

Participants included Derek Dodson, John Thomas, Robert Millen, Kent McNeer, Robert Bernstorf (Circle A only), Lee Grimes, Cecil Etheridge, Tom Danhart, Jim Neerdson, Cindy Sloan, John Newton, and instructor Tom Moss.

John Newton, S. C.

INSURANCE

The Southern Division has again gone through a ski season without any known threat of claim or actual claim for damages against any patroller or patrol unit as the result of ski patrol activities for the 1979-1980 ski season. However, in North Carolina the Statute of limitation for bodily injury or property damage claims is three years. The film "A Matter of Decision", shown at refreshers last fall, depicts the importance of accurate, detailed and comprehensive reports of all patrol involved accidents. Can you remember the injured person's name, the specific injury, treatment rendered, what was said for each accident in which you were involved three years ago? Be sure all pertinent information is written on the accident report.

The liability coverage provided to NSPS, Inc. is "excess" over other valid and collectable insurance. Your own Homeowners policy or Personal Liability policy would be "primary". Therefore, any patroller upon being served with notice of claim or papers of a lawsuit should immediately notify his or her company and/or agent, and NSPS Administrative personnel so that proper investigative and defensive action could be taken.

Bob Edwards, Insurance Adv.

WINTERGREEN

Tests Given

Wintergreen closed for the season on March 16. Lack of snow was not the problem, the skiing public had seen enough of the white stuff and was being out numbered by the still enthusiastic members of the Wintergreen Ski Patrol.

A Senior and Basic Test were held at Wintergreen on February 10. Patrol Leader, Phil Birdsong, Vol. Patrol Leader, Ron Smith and Training Officer, Rich Chadich were judges for the exams.

Those attaining the Basic Plateau were Maggie Dyer, Ned Williams, Robin Myer, and Elinor Ann Clark. This gave us nine new basic patrollers for the season.

The Senior Rank was attained by Tim Carwile, Mark Smith and Jim Kneas — all of Wintergreen, and Glen White of Homestead. It must be noted here that Smith and Kneas, however, must still take their Circle A & M before the award can be given them.

Circle A & M

Charles Benbow and Dale Johnson came to Wintergreen, March 1 & 2, (along with the snow) to hold a Circle A & Circle M course. It should be noted here that Doris Benbow and Liz Johnson came along on the trip and were put right to work at Wintergreen filling in for patrollers tied up with the courses.

The Circle A course was taught at the Patrol house on Devil's Knob with Maggie Dyer, Jim Kneas, Bob Pugh, Bill Donhiser, Tom Dalton, Carol Dalton, Marc Smith, Doug Molyneaux and Mark Pest completing it.

With heavy snow falling, the instructors and six brave souls took off to camp for the night and to go through the basics of cold weather survival (a real test!) Maggie Dyer, Tom and Carol Dalton, Mark Smith and Mark Pest completed the night. They returned in time Sunday to help sweep. With the completion of their Circle M & A, Tom and Carol Dalton and Mark Smith were able to sew on Senior Rockers, having passed their Senior skiing test earlier.

Randy Pugh

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If you are interested in becoming a Professional Patroller for the 1980-81 ski season please let me know. The Southern Division now has a placement service to help interested patrollers and area management.

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