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FROM THE D.D.

By the time you read this, I will have visited all of our areas but about two. I hope to get by those before the end of the season. It has been a real experience for me. It's been great meeting new people and renewing old friendships. One of the most rewarding things has been to listen to the suggestions and ideas of a group of dedicated people in a variety of positions and jobs. In most cases I've been able to meet with Area Managers, and have gotten their input too. Without exception, they have been 100% behind their individual patrols and the National Ski Patrol as a whole. Sure, they've had some suggestions as to how we could improve, but they were all constructive in nature. We have an excellent relationship with the SSAA and we need to make sure we maintain it.

Speaking of the SSAA, you may or may not know we have joined with them for the first time this year on our Ski Safety billboards. I think it's a great program and I'm sure they do too. Many of you have probably seen the Posters coming or going from your ski areas. By the way, there will be an article on this in the next Ski Patrol magazine.

I have just returned from the Mid Winter Board Meeting in Denver. It snowed all day every day. Everyone was itching to get to the slopes. It was an excellent meeting and we covered a lot of subjects that are important to you all.

Most important was the information about our First Aid program. As most of you know, we have been working for some time on a new First Aid program. It was felt by many that we needed more depth than the Red Cross Advanced First Aid course. In the past, the ARC was not interested in talking to us about changing the program. Our First Aid and Medical Advisors felt we needed a course that included our Winter First Aid and such things as the use of oxygen, etc., and not so much emphasis on snake bites, drowning, emergency childbirth, for instance. Since we weren't getting very far with the ARC, the Board of Directors authorized the formation of a select committee. The Committee has done most of its work and the third draft of the course has been just finished. For a while it looked as if we might have to make up, run and operate our own First Aid Course outside the ARC. A lot of us felt we should work with the ARC if at all possible. For a long time, this didn't seem possible, but then in January of this year, the NSP and the ARC came to a tentative agreement on a joint First Aid course to be taught and administered jointly by the two organizations. The ARC has agreed to accept our new course curriculum and will work closely with us. Of course, there are still a lot of details to be worked out, but both sides are now working in the same direction. By the time we have our National Convention in June, it should be ready to be presented to the Board for final approval and implementation. This is an attempt to bring you up to date with the new program. I'm certain there will be changes in what I have told you before it is finalized, but I hope you agree this is a very positive step.

A lot of time was spent talking about how to go about getting your input on how you feel about the NSP. The Board is very interested in what you think. To that end, I believe they will be putting out a survey in the near future to ask your opinion on certain subjects. I hope you will take the time to respond to the survey when it comes.

I gave the NSP Board an overview of what we propose for the Board Meeting in Atlanta in June. Everyone is looking forward to coming and enjoying our famous Southern Hospitality. Again I urge you to get in touch with Rick Roberts if you can help on a committee. I guarantee you will enjoy yourself.

Please don't forget our Spring Convention in Boone. There is a registration form included in this issue of the Southern Cross. My thanks to the Hawksnest Patrol for hosting the meeting. Be sure to send in your registration right away so they can firm up their plans. Remember all Officers and Advisors are expected to be there. Don't forget to invite your Area Managers to the meeting. We certainly can use their input. The plans call for us to meet at the Center for Continuing Education near Appalachian State University. You will find the Center a beautiful and most enjoyable place to have our meeting.

Farris Jackson
Division Director

CALENDAR

March 1	Senior First Aid Test, Snowshoe, WV
2	Senior Ski Test, Snowshoe, WV
2	Basic Ski Test, Appalachian, NC
15-22	Advance Avalanche (Patch), CO
15	Basic First Aid Test, Silver Creek, WV
16	Basic Ski Test, Snowshoe, WV
21-23	Certified—Snowshoe, WV
Mar. 30-	
April 3	National Junior Training Seminar, Park City, UT
26	Spring Convention, Boone, NC
May 12	Southern Cross Deadline
June 25-	
29	National Convention, Atlanta, GA

IN MEMORIAM

Chuck Latkoff passed away
February 2, 1986
He patrolled at
Scaly Mountain, NC.

NEWS FROM THE DEEP SOUTH SECTION

Cool temperatures early in December gave Sky Valley, Scaly Mountain, and Sapphire Valley ski areas a great start for the 1985-86 season. January 5 marked the date for a candidate training seminar hosted by Scaly Mountain. Seven patroller and senior candidates attended with Dennis Slagle, training officer, constructing the courses and advising on skiing skills. On January 27th training officers from Scaly Mountain and Sky Valley participated in the Dixie Region Training Clinic at Wolf Laurel.

The Deep South Section was represented at the Division Junior Training Seminar this year by a talented patroller from Sky Valley. Mr. Brad Smith was able to attend the seminar, which was held at Winterplace, WV and deserves congratulations for his hard efforts. Overall in the competition Brad placed sixth.

February 2, 1986 was the date for the patroller ski proficiency test hosted by Sapphire Valley—with temperatures in the upper 40's and partly cloudy skies. Four candidates and five test judges completed the test with ease. The new patroller and junior patrollers are:

Joan Farrell—patroller—Sky Valley
Christine Chandler—Junior—Sky Valley
Clark Collins—Junior—Scaly Mountain

Congratulations for a job well done!

Thanks to each patrol for making me feel at home during my visits.

Joy Slagle
Deep South Section Chief

ATTENTION!

I have one (1) pair of the special Swallow/NSP skis left. Remember they are only \$79.00. This pair is 205 cm in length. Contact me if interested.

Farris Jackson
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Lifetime memberships are now available from the National Office. The one-time membership fee eliminates any future payment of National dues, regardless of increases. The one-time, tax-deductible fee for active patrollers is \$400.00 and \$200.00 for Alumni. Active memberships convert to Alumni lifetime memberships when the patroller is no longer active. The lifetime member receives a gold lifetime membership lapel pin, a walnut framed membership certificate and a lifetime membership registration card. Any interested parties should contact Dave Dillard, or the National Office for information.

Patrol Leaders, please continue your search for past inactive members; the Alumni need them.

David P. Dillard
Alumni Advisor

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Time:

Friday, 6-10 p.m., Saturdays, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sundays, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

March 14	March 15	March 16
March 21	March 22	March 23
April 4	April 5	April 6

Fee: \$125.00

Equipment to be furnished by students: Clothing appropriate for weather conditions with footwear with lug-type soles if possible, bag lunches when needed, rain gear.

Topics to be covered are:

- Mountaineering Equipment Discussion
- Mountaineering Knots
- Rappelling Techniques Discussion
- Practical Rock Work
- Stretcher Lifts
- Stretcher Lowering
- Tyrolean Traverse
- Practical Exams of Systems and Techniques
- Basic Rock Climbing
- Self Evacuation
- One-on-one Rescue
- Mountaineering Medical Skills
- Free Wall Rappelling from heights above
- Introduction to Map and Compass
- Written Exam

For further information contact:

Office of Continuing Education
East Tennessee State University
P. O. Box 22,270A
Johnson City, TN 37614-0002
Phones: 929-4223 or 929-4341

SKI DREAM A REALITY AT OBER GATLINBURG

Once again the Ober Gatlinburg Ski Patrol has sponsored a successful "ski day" for several dozen Kingswood School students. Kingswood School is a home for displaced children and is located in Bean Station, Tennessee.

All 24 children and chaperones were excited when January 28th rolled around, even though the temperatures were near zero. The participants wore donated long underwear under their jeans, 2-3 pairs of mittens, and warm hats and coats. None were intimidated by the frigid air. After the 7 minute aerial tram ride to the top, all ate donuts from the Donut Friar, donated by patroller Rick Ryan, and were outfitted with ski equipment. Next they were placed in ski school with instructors from Rolf Lanz ski school. The students finished class quickly and eagerly headed for the lifts and slopes. They were warned by patrollers Rick Ryan, Jimmy Kuneman, John Suiter, Robert Rhinehart, and myself on the signs and symptoms of cold exposure, but none suffered any frostbite. By day's end all had a terrific day!

Ober Gatlinburg Patroller Robert Rhinehart who organized the ski outing did a super job which we all appreciated. Without his energetic unselfishness, these children probably would never get a chance to experience the thrill of skiing. It is just one way we as patrollers try to promote the sport and make an unreachable dream for these children come true.

At this time I would also like to thank Ober Gatlinburg ski area, Rolf Lanz Ski School, the Donut Friar, and all the Ober Gatlinburg Ski Patrollers who donated the funds to make this special dream become reality.

Joy Slagle
Ober Gatlinburg Patroller



Patroller John Suiter assists student from Kingswood School



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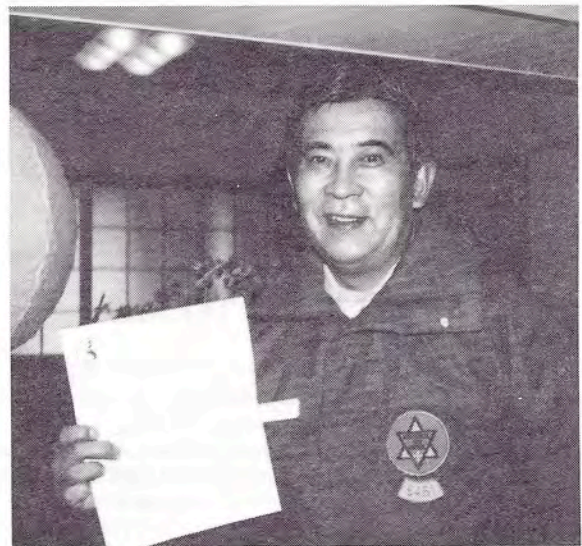


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Kataro "Jim" Hori NSP #6461

Jim is shown holding the very first copy of Southern Cross ever officially flown across the Pacific Ocean.

He expressed delight in receiving our newsletter and extends warmest regards to all Southern Division patrollers.

Thank you Jim and good skiing!

THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE



Avalanche Probe



One of five shelters



Mountaineering Class

On November 15th, 16th and 17th, Wintergreen Ski Patrol sponsored a Skyline Region Basic Avalanche and Mountaineering Course. At 7:00 p.m. on November 15th, we kicked off the weekend with a four hour lecture/conference on basic avalanche rescue utilizing materials provided by the Southern Division Avalanche Advisor plus handouts I provided. At 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning Doug Molyneaux started the basic Mountaineering course assisted by Norris Woody, Bob Bodamer, Kevin Minnix and me. At the end of the lecture period the assembled class headed for the trailhead where we all hiked into the area where the over-night field portion would be held.

It was great training weather, at 45 to 50 degrees and light rain. By the time we got the tents up the rain had really started in earnest. By about 9:30 p.m. the die hards had finally given up and retreated to their tents. The next morning dawned partly cloudy but no rain so it was a welcome relief. We ate breakfast and participated in a couple of seminars, then split up into our work groups and constructed shelters using materials at hand. At the conclusion of the shelter experience the Mountaineering session was complete and we had an impromptu avalanche rescue exercise. We didn't have any probe poles or snow, but we improvised with bamboo and deep leaves. I set up a rescue scenario, assigned rescue positions and turned them loose to set up probe lines. Fortunately we had 25 people at this weekend exercise and there were enough for key leadership positions and two separate probe lines. We finished up with a short critique, then packed up and headed back off the mountain to our cars.

It was a great weekend. We accomplished all our goals and teaching objectives without compromise. Everyone had a great time inspite of the rain.

Preston Funkhouser

MORE TIME TO SKI

The operating room's loss is our gain. After 40 years in private practice, Harwell Dabbs, former division director, has retired. His days in surgery are now a thing of the past.

Harwell says had he been twenty years younger, he'd "stay in and fight the bureaucrats who've taken over medical practice." Malpractice insurance costs, plus governmental dictates on how a doctor must treat a patient, were prime factors in his decision. Tough words from a gentle man. He's not ready to sit and rock, however. As of February 3, he began a 40-hours a week position with the Veteran's Administration.

All this should mean we'll get to see Harwell on the slopes more. We wish him well in his new endeavor, and more good skiing!

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor



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MOUNTAINEERING PATCH COURSE FEBRUARY 7, 1986

Under the threat of lighting storms, thunder and rain I arrived at the Abington-Washington County Lifesaving Crew Building with my truck loaded with films, slide presentations and books. A group of 21 instructors and novices registered, and touched base with old friends, and made some new ones over some hot coffee and donuts. The instructors presented lectures, slide presentations and hands on projects to prepare the trainees for the actual application which would take place over the next several days. Areas of Instruction are as follows: BODY WARMTH, FOOD AND WATER NEEDS, ESSENTIALS FOR SURVIVAL, FIRE BUILDING, EMERGENCY BIVOUAC, MAP AND COMPASS, ROPE WORK, RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES.

At 6 p.m. the classwork was wrapped-up and trainees and instructors alike headed for Mt. Rogers. At 7:30 we donned our packs and tightened up our boots at our point of embarkment and headed up the trail. The star-lit, moonless night was breathtaking and led our way to our base camp near the top of Mt. Rogers. After a quick check of all personnel, I set up camp and turned in for the night.

Saturday was spent participating in various activities. The trainees were given instruction in emergency litter construction, first aid, communication and search/rescue and fire building. All were completed through practical application. Howard James assisted in the presentations and kept a hot pot of coffee on throughout field exercises. This was Howard's eleventh consecutive year on the Patch Course. Congratulations Howard! A search and rescue was initiated after lunch. Some time after (HAPPY WANDERER) Norris Woody was located and administered to in a very professional manner. A critique was given on the search and rescue on returning to the base camp.

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The weather, to this point, was definitely wintery but the snow and deadly cold present in past years was absent. Early Sunday morning we had our final critique, packed up, said our goodbyes and hiked out to the departure point.

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Mount Rogers, VA—February 8, 1986*

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FREE SKI EQUIPMENT

Yes, that's right! Free ski equipment will be given away among the door prizes at the 1986 Southern Division Spring Convention! There are plenty of other good reasons to come to the Spring Convention in Boone, N. C. on April 26th! Not the least of these is a chance to meet a lot of good people from throughout the Division. You can also find out about new programs and opportunities in NSPS.

The convention will be held at the ASU Continuing Education Center on the ASU campus. The banquet Saturday night will feature prime rib, Division awards, entertainment (not yet finalized), beer, wine, set-ups, and soft drinks (sorry, Juniors)! We have set aside a block of 35 rooms at very reasonable rates (see the enclosed pre-registration form), so be sure and make your reservations by mailing the pre-registration form to me by MARCH 20TH. For those of you not familiar with the ASU Continuing Education Center, the rooms are very nice and the food is excellent. Banquet reservations can be made anytime before April 19th, but advance payment is required.

Come spend a spring weekend in the Carolina high country and enjoy the area's sights, cultural attractions, and hospitality. Boone may have a new look with honest-to-gosh nightlife if a beer and wine referendum on March 18th is successful! We at Hawksnest and other area patrols look forward to hosting you at the Spring Convention and urge you to attend. By the way, our door prizes will include a valuable, brand new, upholstered glider chair, so bring your aching backs to Boone! Don't forget to pre-register early (like now)! See you on April 26th.


Mark Taylor
Hawksnest Patrol Director



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