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FROM THE D.D.

Happy New Year to you all!!!

I hope you all had a fine holiday season and are enjoying the beginning of the 1986-1987 ski season.

As I told you in the last Southern Cross, we had an excellent Fall Officer's Meeting in September. It was well attended and the participation was outstanding. I thank you all for your efforts. Since that meeting a lot of work has gone on to carry out the decisions of the officers there.

I was fortunate enough to attend six of our First Aid Refreshers this fall. All of them were excellent in my opinion. Of course, they were all different in their approach, but the content and "hands-on" experiences were super. The instructors had obviously done their homework because the lectures and problem presentations covered the subjects expertly. Due to the introduction of the new Winter Emergency Care Course there was a lot more emphasis on physiology. The very first WEC refresher was held in Charlottesville, VA and was supervised by the Virginia Section under the able direction of Pres Funkhouser. The level of instruction at all the refreshers I attended was very high from the first aid instructors to the medical people who were nice enough to help us.

Cloyd Beasley ran the first ever complete Winter Emergency Care Course in Oak Ridge this fall. I believe there were about 12 students who began the course and ten graduated. Two had to drop out. The comments were all very favorable at the end of the course and all these people scored high on the refresher tests. Thank you Cloyd for an excellent job.

We held our Mid-winter Executive Committee Meeting at Beech Mountain on January 3rd and heard reports from most patrols and advisorships. Doug Carlberg traveled from his home in Tucson, AZ in mid-December and has visited all ski areas in the Skyline Region and several in the Blue Ridge Region while attending the Executive Committee Meeting. One area he visited was Timberline Ski Resort. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome this fine area into the Southern Division family. Lynn Janutolo is the area manager and Bob Maclay is the PL. Doug says they have 24 patrollers at this time. Any of you that may be in the vicinity, drop by and welcome them. By the way, Timberline is in Davis, WV near Canaan Valley. Reports indicate that nearly all areas had a good Christmas season and are happy with the season so far. Rick Roberts reported for his advisors except for Tommy Godwin, our new Fund Raiser Advisor, who was in attendance. All programs have capable leadership and I would encourage you to call on any advisor that you feel can help you. Charles Benbow, our Awards Advisor, was shocked when he received 3 award forms on January 3rd. This is a good trend! Please think about deserving people on your patrol and get award forms to Charles as soon as possible. French Moore is working on the First Aid section of our training manual and with help should have it to us this season. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a list of surplus equipment that Harry Stowe, our FED Advisor, has rounded up for us. If your patrol needs any of this equipment, please contact Harry directly. His address and phone number is on the address list included with this newsletter.

Be sure to look at the additions to the calendar (page 2) so you don't miss any event you might want to attend.

As a reminder, I hope you will make plans to join us at our Spring Convention to be held April 24th and 25th. We're planning to hold it in the Waynesboro, VA area this year.

If there is anything I can help you with during the season, please give me a call or drop me a line. Finally, I'll be attending the Mid-winter National Board Meeting in Denver on the 6th and 7th of February. Actually, I'll be going out early to attend a meeting of a committee to re-work the national awards procedures and forms. This meeting is on the 4th and 5th. Should you have any input for either of these meetings, please let me know before I leave on the 3rd. I would welcome your suggestions because I'll be representing you all at these meetings.

Have a good ski season!!!

Farris Jackson
Division Director

ATTENTION ALL PATROLLERS

*Please observe Southern Division
Policy on visiting ski areas other than
your own. You must contact PL at
least 24 hours in advance and obtain
permission to sign on.*

1987 DIVISION DIRECTOR ELECTION

As per article III, section 13.2 of the bylaws of the National Ski Patrol Systems, the Southern Division must hold election of the Division Director in the month of March 1987. The eligible voters are all the line officers, as prescribed by the Southern Division bylaws.

Those qualified people wishing to run for Division Director must declare in writing on an 8½x11 sheet of paper no later than February 1st, 1987.

Send the letter to:

David P. Dillard, Election Coordinator
3227 Stillwell Rd.
Summerfield, NC 27358

CALENDAR

- Jan. 31 Basic First Aid Test—Wintergreen, VA
Skyline Training Clinic—Massanutten
Basic Nordic Test—Great Smoky Mountain Nordic
- Feb. 1 Southern Cross Deadline
Basic On-The-Hill—Wintergreen
Skyline Training Clinic—Massanutten
Deep South Section & Basic Patroller Ski Training Clinic
Basic Nordic Test—Great Smoky Mountain Nordic
- 6-8 Mount Rogers—Advanced Mountaineering Course
- 7 Basic First Aid Practical Test—Wintergreen
- 7-8 Skyline Senior Testing Clinic—Wintergreen
- 8 Basic Ski Test—Wintergreen
- 14 Wold Laurel Basic Patroller's Ski Test
Senior Adm. and First Aid Test—Wolf Laurel
- 14-15 Division Junior Seminar—Hawk's Nest
- 15 Senior Ski Test—Wolf Laurel
Deep South Section Patroller Ski Test—Sky Valley
Certified Clinic and Pretest—Wintergreen
- 21 Blue Ridge Senior First Aid—Beech Mountain
Massanutten Basic First Aid Test
Elk River Nordic Basic Test
- 21-28 Advanced Avalanche (Patch) Course—Colorado
- 22 Blue Ridge Senior—On-The-Hill—Beech Mountain
Massanutten Basic S&T Test
Elk River Nordic Basic Test
- 28 Massanutten Winter Carnival
Senior First Aid Test—Snowshoe
Senior First Aid Practical—Snowshoe
- Mar. 1 Basic Test—Appalachian
Senior Test—Snowshoe
Basic Test—Gatlinburg
- 8 Basic Test—Sugar
Basic Ski Test—Wintergreen
- 14 Basic First Aid Test—Snowshoe
- 15 Basic Ski Test—Snowshoe
- 20-22 Certified Test—Snowshoe
- 28-Apr. 3 National Junior Seminar—Bogas Basin, Boise, Idaho
- April 3 Southern Cross Deadline
- 25 Spring Convention—Wintergreen

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Insulated Food Containers	10
Foam Pads	70
Boots, Extreme Cold	50 pair
Wet Weather Gear: Pants, Parkas, Ponchos	lots
Mess Kit, Canteen, Entranching Tool	lots
Reel Cable - Self Supporting	
4 Conductor, ¼ Mile Long	3
Sleeping Bags	4
Shelter Half	16
Duffel Bags	30
2" wide x 1/8" Thick Nylon Strapping,	
Various Lengths	lots

Harry Stowe
Fed. Adv.

APPALACHIAN HAS BIRTHDAY

It's difficult to believe we've been around so long, but Appalachian Ski Mountain joined the quarter-century mark this past year: twenty-five years of operating in the South. And we still are considered the "baby" division? Grady Moretz called together a bunch of friends — Mrs. Eric de Groat, Jon Reynolds, Claude Anders, Gunther Jochl, Sepp Gmuender, to drop a few names — to Appal Valley to celebrate the occasion back when the snow was beginning to fall. The Division joins those friends in saying to Grady and his mountain, Happy Birthday!

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

JUNIORS

The 1986-1987 Southern Division Junior Training Seminar will be hosted by Hawksnest Ski Patrol on February 14th & 15th. All Juniors and Junior Candidates are urged to attend; adult patrollers are also welcome. Trophies will be awarded to the top three Juniors. The 1st & 2nd place Juniors will have their air fare and registration fee paid to attend the 1987 National Junior Training Seminar. This will be hosted by the Pacific Northwest Division, March 28th-April 3rd at Bogas Basin in Boise, Idaho.

The Southern Division Junior Seminar will consist of written and practical first aid as well as skiing and toboggan competition. All Juniors and Junior Candidates should plan to attend; this is also a great training experience!

The Hawksnest ski patrol will be having its infamous Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday night (February 14th) in conjunction with the seminar. All ski patrollers and friends are invited to attend (even if you're not involved with the seminar). Dinner will be served from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Come enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with other ski patrollers. Hawksnest will be open for night skiing 6:00 to 10:00 and a special Night Hawk Session for late night skiers from 11:00 pm to 4:00 am, for anyone wishing to night ski.

Join us in February!

Steve Benbow
Junior Adv.

ADVANCED AVALANCHE COURSE

An advanced avalanche course is planned for the week beginning February 22, 1987 in Colorado. It will include classwork and field sessions along with considerable avalanche terrain reconnaissance — (that means we will ski a number of different ski areas). The course will be conducted by world renown instructors from various NSPS divisions. A minimum of 15 is required to hold the course. A decision must be made by January 20, 1987 regarding the course so *please* contact me *AS SOON AS POSSIBLE* regarding your intentions to attend or if you need further information.

A course fee of \$75 includes course materials and transportation in Colorado.

Ron Geist
Avalanche Advisor

REGISTRATION

ADVANCED AVALANCHE COURSE (PATCH)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: H (_____) _____ W (_____) _____

PATROL: _____ CLASSIFICATION: _____

Enclose Course Fee \$75

Send To: Ron Geist

PURPLE MERIT STARS

The Purple Merit Star — that's the one for saving a life, which is just what Beech Mountain patrollers Steve Tatum, Mark Adams and Rick Dixon did last March, and for which they were awarded Purple Merit Stars on October 11.

According to PL Gil Adams, the incident involved an advanced skier skiing at high speed who crashed into a tree. This resulted in a head injury and explosion of the 5th vertebra. The patrollers administered artificial respiration, then CPR, and were able to restore the pulse prior to arrival at the hospital. According to the doctor at the hospital, the injured skier, although paralyzed, is alive today in Virginia, thanks to the efforts of these three professional patrollers.

Steve started patrolling in 1971, is a furniture builder (Tatum Galleries on Rte. 105 between Foscoe and Invershiel) when he's not on skis; Mark, a 15-year veteran of NSPS, works on lift maintenance off-season; Rick, who is with Grounds Maintenance at Beech, joined the patrol in 1979.

The National Ski Patrol and Southern Division are very proud to have members such as these.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

YELLOW MERIT STAR

The Yellow Merit Star is awarded for an outstanding act or service for the National Ski Patrol, and as warranted for rescue. That's why Ed Covington, Massanutten Ski Patrol, proudly wears a Yellow Merit Star — for an outstanding rescue — which unfortunately went unrecognized for three years.

Although the incident took place December 31, 1983, the heroism is no less admired, and the award was made during the Charlottesville Refresher this past October. Facts have slipped from memories during the elapsed time, but not from that of the little girl who was rescued.

She'd run off the side of the slope, hit a tree and received a head injury. Ed's quick, courageous actions are what she will always remember.

Ed, who has built his own airplane and flies it, hails from Old Church, VA, according to Massanutten PL Jack Shields. We recently welcomed this patrol to Southern Division. Now we would like to welcome this outstanding individual — Ed Covington.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

NORDIC NOTES

The video made at the National Nordic Advisors meeting in Kallispel, Montana last December has arrived. An added segment to the tape is a basic patroller skiing demo in which Nordic skiers perform all the test requirements with the alpine skiers. My goal is to get this tape and a new one I have on Nordic skiing skills around to all the Nordic patrols during the season. I have also received a copy of the Rocky Mountain Div. Nordic Candidate training manual. It is being reproduced (along with the manual from Eastern) and distributed to all Nordic patrols for comment. These comments will be sent to the committee (on which So. Div. is represented) for combining the manuals into one that will be made available through the National office.

Milton Triplett
Nordic Advisor

PATROL NEWS

Renegade

We've had a busy fall getting ready for the ski season. There were 15 participants when we hosted a Basic Avalanche course taught by Dennis Slagle and Milton Triplett. Following that, the University of Tennessee Memorial Hospital (Knoxville) Aeromedical Services gave us a safety seminar, including a visit by their Lifestar helicopter. Later that afternoon we held our lift evacuation refresher with a practice evacuation that night.

On December 7, we gave administrative and first aid tests to our candidates. We now have four new auxiliary patrollers. One junior candidate has passed this milestone on his way to becoming a junior patroller. I proudly announce that our ski area manager, Whit Sterling, is one of our new auxiliary patrollers.

Tim Henion, the head of the Respiratory Therapy program at Roane State Community College (Harriman, TN) gave us a lesson on airways and oxygen use. He also left our patrol a couple of bag-mask resuscitators, oral airways, nasal canulas & masks. He was also instrumental in the donation of two aluminum 'E' oxygen cylinders and a regulator.

Our patrol room has a new look since it was rearranged. Thanks to Charlie Henley who donated and installed a counter top and shelves. In addition to the patrol room changes, we will have to get used to having some new radios. Our ski area just purchased nine new radios (three for patrol use).

It looks like a good season ahead for Renegade.

Brad Smallen, PL

'86 TRIAD SKI SWAP SMASHES RECORD!

The Ski Swap was a huge success! Our gross receipts were up more than 50% over last year. The net profit to the Junior Program for the division is right at \$2200! Round up your Juniors and send them to Hawksnest on February 14th & 15th for the Division Junior Training Seminar. The top two or more will have their way paid to Bogas Basin, Boise, Idaho, courtesy of this fund-raising effort!

Many thanks to all the patrollers who helped out. The division (especially the Blue Ridge Region) was well represented and everyone worked hard. A special thanks goes to Edelweiss Ski Haus in Greensboro for hosting the swap and advertising it extensively. They are largely responsible for our record-breaking sales volume (and profit!)

See you next year at Edelweiss on the weekend before Thanksgiving and a big "Thank You" for your support.

Mark Taylor
Swap Coordinator

RECRUIT YOUR FRIENDS

Twenty-five hundred new recruiting pamphlets have been mailed to the section chiefs — 100 pamphlets for each patrol in the section. (Doug Gilstrap's, for Carolina Highlands, were late arriving because the packaging broke. The pamphlets were temporarily misplaced; but the Postal Department found them, and delivery was completed.) Anyone wanting additional pamphlets, please let me know. We still have 2500 more!

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor



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