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*Division Director*

**Southern Division Website** - The Southern Division website located at [www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org) has been the focus of much attention by the Webmaster, **Kelly Drewnowski**, with assistance in formulation by **Teresa T. Stewart**. The officers of the division have worked very hard to keep the calendar and the staff directory current. Those two documents are updated twice a month during the fall and winter season and it is the hope of all of us at the division level that you, the patroller, have not only noted the difference in this site but are using it on a frequent basis.

**New Risk Management Form** - A new form has been posted on the Website under the Forms Section. The new risk management form should be in current use by *instructors and program administrators at each and every ski patrol course or event*. This form was first drafted by the National Ski Patrol staff and then was modified by our Southern Division Legal Committee, **Charles "Chuck" Lollar**, esquire, as the chairperson. We have one form and only one form, so regardless of the state in which you happen to be holding the event, the choice of the proper legal form is very easy. Being on our website it is also very easy to access or print. Please be sure to use it.

**Personal Injury Survey** - The International Federation of Ski Patrollers (FIPS) is asking any patroller injured in a patrol related situation to fill out the injury form (posted on our division website at [www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org)) and forward that form to our 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Division Director, **Richard Boyer**. Visit the site and read about the information needed and please help us make patrolling safer by filing the form if you are injured. The NSP has also launched an injury study for patrollers and will be in addition to but complement the FIPS study.

**NSP Mid-winter Meeting** – The Board of Directors and Division Directors met in Lakewood, CO from January 10 – 12, 2008 with a

variety of topics and issues being discussed. Mr. **Terry LaLiberte** was voted Chairman of the Board for a full term after having served about 1 year on the last term, which was vacant.

Our Executive Director, **Tim White**, reported that while he had been in office for only a short time and has been busy hiring new staff for several positions, a lot has been accomplished. He warned us the old computer system requires a great amount of loading of information by hand so for the short term the membership might see some delay in the registration system. He notes this is a primary concern of his and this issue is also one recognized by the NSP Board. An IT study will be started as will a focus on changing and improving the NSP Website.

He also mentioned the following matters to the Board. The National Ski Patrol and the American Snowsports Education Association are working together and the relations are stable. All the new staff positions, which were divided between ASEA and NSP, are now 100% dedicated to working for the NSP and ASEA has its own staff. We still share a few old staff positions, which is to the benefit of both organizations. Having critical staff positions dedicated solely to being NSP staff will make for a better work environment since the staff will not have to make time divisions between the two organizations. While it may take some additional time for the staff to become fully trained, NSP will be better able to serve the membership once the training is complete. The National Ski Area Association and the NSP are jointly working on several projects. One in particular deals with paid patroller issues and looks like a great match-up of expertise and resources. NSP is forming a new Safety Committee to help with various safety issues with snow sports and patrolling as the focal points. The NSP is going to launch a program to construct a training program and certification for Mountain Hosts to place trained and certified hosts with resorts in the same way it places patrollers with them. This program is expected to increase the rolls of the NSP. We have about 26,000 patroller members at this time and the Mountain Host Program may add as many as 5,000 members. The Mountain Host Program will align NSP with NSAA for better service by us to the resort industry.

**Patroller Insurance** - The NSP has acquired insurance for patrollers with Adventure Advocates at a price of \$35 per year per family. If you need insurance please contact the National Ski Patrol Office on the website and inquire about this very valuable service. Ask about the limits and benefits offered at this great price.

**Southern Division Board Members, Mark Rees and Larry Bost**, were joined by our newest Board Member, **Lisa Adams**, at the conference and all were hard at work during the three meeting days. **Norris Woody** also attended the conference and made several presentations to the Board.

**Recruitment & Retention Committee** - **Norris Woody** is also the Southern Division Chair with his wife, **Patricia Woody**, as Assistant Chair of the new Recruitment and Retention Committee of the Southern Division. This Committee will be working with the NSP Recruitment and Retention Committee. Members of this Committee include the following: **Roger and Janie Bollinger** (Alumni), **Gil Davis** (Patrol Director/Representative), **Patricia Woody** (Auxiliary & Assistant Chair) and **Megan Monaghan** (Young Adult Patroller).

**Ski Sentinels, the Story of the National Ski Patrol** is a new film produced and directed by **Richard W. Moulton** and features **Rick Hamlin**, Easter Division Director and **George**

**Wesson** as well as many other famous patrollers including **Charles Minot “Minnie” Dole**. The NSP will have copies of this film available shortly through the Catalogue. The film was given a premier showing at the NSP Mid-winter Meeting and got a standing ovation from everyone in attendance. This will be a must show for each and every patrol and will be a great history lesson for all new candidate classes being taught from this point forward.

**The Canadian Ski Patrol** has signed a Joint Statement of Understanding with the NSP and their Board Chairman, **Brian Low**, attended our Mid-winter Board Meeting. We will be sharing more information and have a much closer working relationship with CSP. Mr. Low also complimented the NSP for returning to the International Federation of Ski Patrollers (FIPS). One interesting thing he told us about was how CSP markets items with a CSP logo on sale items and has a separate CSP logo for their uniform that may only be used on the uniform and may not be worn or sold to anyone not on active duty.

**Fundraising Experts Needed** by the NSP. Anyone with experience in fund raising for schools, churches, charities, hospitals or any similar organization is asked to send your name to **Morgan Armstrong**, Southern Division Director, for forwarding to the NSP Board. A special committee of experts in this field is being assembled to help the NSP tap into additional funding sources. This will help keep our dues down and provide better and more programs for the NSP membership.

**Let’s talk** - The Southern Division is very interested in what each patroller wants and needs to be able to be a better patroller. Talk to your patrol representative, region director, assistant division director or the division director at every opportunity. Let us know what you think and what you need. Every line officer is tasked to ask patrollers what they want and need and pass the word up the chain to the division director. The National Board is listening and wants to hear from us, so let’s talk.

## Awards Presented at the National Board Mid-winter Meeting



Rocky Mountain Division Director, Ed Gassman, presents a plaque identifying NSP National Executive Director Tim White as an Honorary Patroller for his timely care of a Board member who required emergency hospitalization. →

← Brian Low, National Chair of the Canadian Ski Patrol (CSP), presents a plaque to NSP National Chair Terry LaLiberte to commemorate a renewed cooperative relationship between the CSP and the NSP.





National Chair Terry LaLiberte presents Rocky Mountain Division Director Ed Gassman a crystal plaque recognizing his dedication and service above and beyond for the Membership of the National Ski Patrol.

### *From the Assistants...*

Richard Boyer,  
*1<sup>st</sup>. Assistant Division Director*

#### **FIPS (International Federation of Ski Patrollers)**

Some of you may be aware of this, but for those who are not, there is another international organization of ski patrollers. Its name is Federation Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski. We who don't speak French refer to it as the International Federation of Ski Patrollers (FIPS) and the Southern Division has become a member. It was felt that the broader our exposure to what is transpiring in the world of snow sports, the better we can make informed decisions about topics which may be vital to our passion and interests. Pursuant to that goal, this international organization is conducting a survey on injuries that befall ski patrollers. In doing this they hope to obtain a body of information that is not available anywhere in the world, but should be, for our own good and the good of future patrollers. The purpose of the survey is to gather information on these incidents and to compile them into meaningful statistics for efforts toward prevention of or reduction of patroller injuries in the future.



To this end, if you have incurred any injury, no matter how slight, in the past or do so in the future, please consider participating in this survey by filling out the form available on our [www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org) website (to the best of your knowledge if said injury was distant in the past). Please send the completed form by clicking the submit button (or if that doesn't work because of your computer's configuration, click the "file" drop down, select "send", then "page by email", address to me as indicated below and fire it away). Any questions or comments may be sent to: [richardboyer@bellsouth.net](mailto:richardboyer@bellsouth.net) Further information about the organization may be obtained at [www.FIPS2007.org](http://www.FIPS2007.org).

## Southern Division Web Site

The Southern Division of the National Ski Patrol has a brand new web site which is all our own. This means we are not piggy-backing on National's web site anymore. **Kelly Drownowski**, our Southern Division Secretary, who is a professional in web design and does so much for our division that most of us can't imagine, is the brain behind this useful tool. Thank you, Kelly, for all your hard work and continued dedication to the NSP.

Please visit your site at [www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org), for programs, forms and other library references, staff lists and contact info, calendars, the Southern Cross library, photos of ski patrollers in action, other pertinent links and more.

We will continue to develop this web site to meet the needs of our patrollers in the Southern Division. Suggestions will be welcome by submitting them to Kelly, Morgan or me. Have a great year, ski well and hope for more snow!

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Brent Bowman,  
*2<sup>nd</sup> ADD, Southern Division*

**The** season has started slowly for many of us this year. I personally find it hard to get motivated to ski in N.C. when it is 70 degrees in Atlanta. As I mentioned in my last newsletter article we were trying to find someone to head the NSP Snowsports School. Well we actually found two great people to run it. We have **Ric Lavallee** from Cataloochee who is a PSIA Level-3 Ski Instructor, PSIA Ski Area Trainer, NSP Senior, OEC Instructor and Toboggan Instructor. Ric grew up in Canada and has lived and skied all over the world. He is a great skier and an even better trainer of ski instructors. He does a great job of coaching instructors on the chair for the next step in the progression for the training session. Progressions are the toughest thing for a new instructor to learn. In the examination phase of the PSIA testing progressions are what the testers and judges want to see. (ie.) if we start with a maneuver what should you do (or practice) for a 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th step in getting the student to complete or better understand the movements required to make the maneuver. Ric will be running the Skills portion of the program. The administrative side of the program (I think the harder one!) is being handled by **Briggs Allen** from Beech Mountain. Briggs is a PSIA Level 1 Ski Instructor and NSP OEC instructor. He is also active with the Beech Ski School. Although we got a late start on the beginning of the program this season Briggs has scheduled an instructors clinic at Appalachian for the current instructors. This clinic is to try to get more of the current Level 1 instructors back on track to become Level 2 instructors. We look forward to more clinics if possible later this season (one in the North?). Keep watching the calendar on the web site for additional information. Next year we promise to come out with more great classes and programs to get the SnowSports School geared up.



See you on the hill.....BRENT

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## Notes From The North...

Jan Starr

Assistant Division Director – North Area

**I hope** everyone got through the holidays and spent time with family and friends, and maybe even got some skiing/riding time in. I know most areas had limited terrain open, but some is better than none.

All paperwork from refreshers, registrations, and upcoming events should be at the national office by now. They have all new staff there so please bear with them if you are not getting response back quickly on questions or you haven't gotten new registration cards yet.

**Ted Forbes, Mary Underwood** and **Bill Smith** did a great job with the new Patrol Leadership Program that was hosted at the Homestead in December. There was a lot of fun group participation breakouts and great input from the folks attending from Wintergreen and Winterplace. Thanks to them for being the “guinea pigs”.

Training should have started for your “newbie’s”. It will be tough to get in with limited terrain but we owe them as much time as possible so they become proficient in their skills. Warm quiet days are great for outside OEC scenarios. Check out the [southernmsp.org](http://southernmsp.org) web page for a calendar with dates for Senior events near you.

Plan on participating and learning to better yourself and your patrol.

Cold and snow should be here any time now and conditions will get better! See you then.



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Mike Harris,

Assistant Division Director – South Area

After a very dry and warm start, winter is finally arriving with moisture and cold. Only a few events have had to be postponed and with the frequent updating of the current calendar on our great new [www.southernmsp.org](http://www.southernmsp.org) web site and supervisors e-mailing participants, everything is working smoothly.



Congratulations to **Lisa Adams** for becoming another Southern Division Member of NSP National Board of Directors. After **E. B. Fox** needed to move on for business reasons, **Jonathan Hale** has stepped up into the Region Director position for Blue Ridge and is doing a great job. Congratulations and thanks to Jonathan. After talking with **Dennis Slagle** he says “Dixie is still praying for snow”.

I would like to convey just how proud we should be of the owners and managers of all our ski areas. Considering the double whammy of the drought and unseasonably warm weather, they have provided better conditions than was expected.

## Virginia Region

Bill Smith,  
*Virginia Region Director*

### Virginia News

Once again this year, Mother Nature has tried to get the best of us here in Virginia by sending warm weather and rain our way. As I write this article, our areas have mostly survived the thaws and are definitely looking forward to the arrival of some cold weather.



This season, a great deal of emphasis is being placed on training throughout the region. There are many great opportunities for patroller's to gain new knowledge and skills in order to better serve their patrol and area.

Four refresher programs were held in Virginia this year giving everyone an opportunity to complete that requirement in a convenient manner. I managed to get to several of them and I must say the folks involved in putting those programs together and those assisting in conducting them, did a really GREAT JOB!!! My personal thanks go out to each of the IOR's and Instructor's that were involved in all of the Virginia programs.

Candidate classes are progressing nicely with final evaluations scheduled a little later in the season. Out of these classes, a whole new crop of patrollers will have been grown.

Speaking of growing new patroller's, under the capable leadership of **Meggan Monaghan**, and with active support from a number of fellow patroller's, Wintergreen will once again offer its Youth Patroller Program for the 2007-2008 season. Open to strong skiers and riders ages 10 - 14, the program is designed to give interested kids a real flavor for all the different aspects of patrolling. The Youth Patrollers are recognized by arm-bands, and are accompanied on the hill by members of the Patrol. They'll spend eight weekends learning about the history of the NSP, some first aid skills and CPR, as well as spending time with the lifts department, snow-making and groomers. And when conditions are appropriate, they'll come out early and learn about opening the mountain and about snow safety. Folks at Wintergreen are excited about this program as a way to get our local kids interested early in patrolling! And what a way to grow future patroller's!!!

The Virginia Senior program appears to be very strong this year with at least 6-8 candidates scheduled for the various clinics and evaluations that will be held in late January and February. This year, Bryce Mountain hosted the Senior Emergency Management Clinic and Massanutten handled the S&T Clinic. Thanks **Bartek** for stepping up on such short notice. Then in late February, evaluations will be held at Bryce and Massanutten respectively. **"T" Harris** is the "Shepard" and contact person for the Virginia Region program this year. Please see the Regional Calendar for contact information.

After working on the development of a new leadership program for over a year, on December 8, 2007, the first pilot offering of the Division's new "***Basic Leadership Development for the Ski Patroller***" program was presented at The Homestead. There were students from Snowshoe/Silver Creek, Wintergreen and Winterplace. Those in attendance gave a thumb's up to the new program. (See related article)

Additionally, several other educational programs will be offered in the coming weeks. They include: a Toboggan Enhancement Seminar on January 26<sup>th</sup>; a Skier Enhancement Seminar on January 27<sup>th</sup>; a second Skier Enhancement Seminar on February 10<sup>th</sup> at Wintergreen; an Instructor Development Program at Massanutten and finally an Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue course, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Check the calendar for further information on these and the programs mentioned above and be sure to sign up early. Also, don't just show up at a Clinic or Exam if you have not signed up ahead of time. This is very important, as we need to have the appropriate resources and staff on hand to handle the number of personnel we are expecting. Your cooperation with this request is greatly appreciated.



## Division Launches New Leadership Program

By Bill Smith – Virginia Region

After working on the development of a new leadership program for over a year, on December 8, 2007, the first pilot offering of the Division's new "**Basic Leadership Development for the Ski Patroller**" program was presented in the Northern Region at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia. There were students from Snowshoe/Silvercreek, Wintergreen and Winterplace. Those in attendance gave a thumb's up to the new program.



L to R Front: (Bob Leavenworth, Kate Atha, Jan Starr Back: Paul Gagon, Brittney Mueller, Shad Knupp, Alex Overmiller)

An integral part of patrolling and taking on patrol leadership opportunities are basic managerial/leadership skills that cover a multitude of topics. To be an effective patroller and serve in a patrol leadership capacity a patroller must be proficient in basic leadership skills.

With those thoughts in mind, over the past year, **Mary and Jim Underwood** and **Bill Smith** have worked to create the new program. The program is designed to help better prepare patroller's to function in their many leadership roles within their respective patrols such as instructor's, PR's, PD's, etc.

This course is designed to help individuals become more proficient at the everyday leadership activities and experiences encountered.

The overall goals of the course are:

1. To help students sharpen their leadership skills to a level of proficiency commensurate with their duties as patroller's and leaders.

2. To show students how to apply leadership skills to real, on-the-job situations.
3. To promote effective job performance by training students to use leadership skills in creative problem solving.

## Course Overview

Unit 1. **Leadership 101:** This unit covers basic leadership/managerial functions. Students will learn how the concepts apply to everyday patrolling.

Unit 2. **Coaching and Motivating:** This segment is designed for the student to learn the characteristics of effective coaches, identify the similarities between effective coaches and effective leaders, identify four critical coaching techniques, and match coaching techniques with subordinate performance.

Unit 3. **Communications:** In this unit the student will identify types and purposes of communications, discuss major concepts of communications, talk about verbal and nonverbal barriers to communications, explain perception and its effect on communication, explore the process of listening, discuss the five types of listening, talk about the major barriers to effective listening, and identify techniques for improving general listening effectiveness.

Unit 4. **Risk Management:** Here the student will examine why the patroller should be concerned with preventing snow sports accidents, what the primary causes of skiing/snowboarding accidents are, examine basic types of unsafe acts, discuss resort liabilities, and look at what can be done to satisfy all parties.

Unit 5. **Leadership Opportunities:** This unit will help the student to understand the leadership and educational structure of the Division, gain knowledge of NSP publications and websites, and identify appropriate paths to pursue an educational or leadership role within a patrol, region or division.

In teaching this course, the following instructional methods were employed.

- A. A homework assignment prior to the course
- B. In-class assignments
- C. In-class discussion of assignments
- D. Brainstorming to generate details
- E. In-class evaluation
- F. Exercises/Activities

The new program is eight hours in length and has been approved by National as a Senior elective.

Several NSP Board members have expressed an interest in the possibility of turning this program into one that would be offered by National for all members.

At the December offering instructor/evaluator's included: **Ted Forbes, Mary Underwood, Jim Underwood, Bill Smith, Morgan Armstrong and Jan Starr.**

A second pilot offering is planned for the Southern Region of the Division sometime before summer begins. If you are interested in taking this course this spring or for further information contact Mary Underwood, [maryu@bellsouth.net](mailto:maryu@bellsouth.net) (865) 483-3675 or Bill Smith, [skibill@widomaker.com](mailto:skibill@widomaker.com) (757) 810-1690.

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## **Blue Ridge Region**

Jonathan F. Hale

*Blue Ridge Region Director*

Hi there,

I've replaced E.B. before he got started well due to a promotion and other items beyond his control. I will depend on **E.B., Mike Harris, Richard Boyer and Morgan Armstrong** for guidance in the coming years.

Hey Guys, how 'bout figuring out how to send us some cold weather.



The Blue Ridge Region has been busy this summer and fall with three OEC classes. **Cathy LeMarre** and our new **National Board Member, Lisa Adams** have been busy with two class in the Boone area. **Hugh Jernigan** also had one in the Winston-Salem last summer that graduated 5 Patrollers. I think that we have bragging rights now with THREE National Board members, but who's counting... We make up for lack of snow with lots of training and administrative work!

**New Risk Management Form** - A new form has been posted on the Website under the Forms Section. The new risk management form should be in current use by instructors and program administrators at each and every ski patrol course or event. We have one form and only one form, so regardless of the state in which you happen to be holding the event, the choice of the proper legal form is very easy. Being on our website, it is also very easy to access or print. Please be sure to use it.

I would like to take this chance to introduce the new Regional Senior Program Coordinator, **Ms. Toni Cheek**. I remember several years ago when she was the best Senior EMM OEC performer that I had ever seen at an exam. She will get a lot of help from many others as she works her program.

We have four new Basic Patrollers after the exam on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January. From Sugar Mountain we have **Brad Eddens**, “**Big**” **John Donaldson**, and **David Phillips** (heir to the vast *Self* fortune) with Division Student Patroller of the Year **Brandon Landreth** passing from Hawksnest.

In the first week of January, Appalachian Ski Mountain had a full-fledged MI event at their facility. For those of you that have not heard details, a 44-year old female suffered a full cardiac arrest on the porch outside the main office. **Joe Lacroix** and **Tony Ray** were first on the scene and started CPR. **John Whitener**, **Joe Donadio**, and **Chris Martin** brought the AED and after 3 shocks a regular heart rhythm was restored. Family members give full credit to our folks for saving their mother's life and they have no doubt that their Mom would not be with us if the *App* patrollers had not been there to take quick action.

Approximately 2 hours later the patient was sitting up talking to her cardiologist in the ER. According to the family her prognosis is excellent. **Mark Latendresse** and **Rich King** also assisted.

I would like to echo what **Cindy Hinshaw** said, “It makes me proud to be associated with a group such as this.” To everyone who was involved (and the **Moretz family** for buying the AED), this is what it's all about.

Finally, I must impart a brief story:

I was at Sugar Mountain last Sunday and stopped at an accident to interview a young teenage witness to an accident. She said that her Dad was on Patrol and that her name was **McKenna Loges** (SnowPig's daughter). When I told her that I hadn't noted the family resemblance, she remarked with immediate fervor (and I quote) “I get MY looks from Mom's side of the family.”

Pray for snow!

Sugar Mountain now has a →  
state-of-the-art skating rink with  
accompanying food/meeting center.  
It is quite a place-visit it.  
(Photo submitted by Jonathan Hale)



## Notes from the Southern Division Snowsports School

Briggs Allen,  
*Ski and Snowboard School Supervisor*

Hello to all. As I write this update about our Snowsports School activities there are winter weather warnings posted for all of our mountainous regions. Hopefully a good omen for things to come from both the weather and this program.

In late November I was appointed to this position along with **Ric Lavallee** (technical director) of the Snowsports School. I am a 20-year patroller from Beech Mountain who is currently working on my PSIA Level II certification. Rick patrols at Cataloochee and is a veteran PSIA Level III. Together we hope to provide assistance, as well as new and abundant training opportunities for our divisional Snowsports School members.

Recently a data survey was sent to all known Snowsports School members requesting updated contact, certification and continuing education information. Additionally, priorities for our program were sought. *Many* of the e-mail addresses I had were incorrect so forms were then sent via snail mail. Thanks to all of you that have returned the needed information and to those that have not... please do so. If you are assisting your patrol with instruction in skiing or boarding and did not receive the data survey contact me. To make this program work well we need to have effective communication.

I have also talked with PSIA Eastern representatives regarding the needs of our Snowsports School members in the Southern Division. Additionally, I would like to foster a greater, cooperative spirit between our two organizations and as an initial step I will write an article in an upcoming PSIA-E newsletter regarding our program.

My ultimate (next year) goals are to have workshops in each region so that we can better prepare our Snowsports School members for the PSIA/AASI Level I and II certifications. I would also like to have an annual "signature" skiing/boarding event for our Division that would be taught by National and or Eastern PSIA/AASI Demo Team members.

Presently, a workshop in preparation for PSIA/AASI Level II certification is in the final stages and may have been announced by the time that you read this. It will be held in the Blue Ridge Region. Stay tuned.

Finally, remember skiing is basically simple....turn right, turn left...repeat as necessary.

Tony Tingle,  
*Transportation Supervisor*

## **FUN-DUH-MENTALS**

This writing is intended for the newer folks to the Ski Patrol gig. Some of you have already been evaluated for Basic Alpine Patroller Status, and for those of you who have passed.....Congrats! For those of you still in training, have you ever thought.....This Ski Patrol Stuff was supposed to be FUN! That trainer want's me to do what? – DUH. I think that trainer guy is MENTAL!



I'll offer a bit of advice. **CONCENTRATE ON THE FUN-DUH-MENTALS.** As the candidates at Hawksnest can attest, I repeat the phrase....*Run the Course, Run the Course, Run the Course*, several times during their training. A snowplow, sideslip, transition course is a great way to hone those edge control skills necessary to successfully transport patients in a toboggan. This goes for those one-board and two board patrollers alike. Once you develop the edge control skills, actually running a toboggan and being successful at your Basic Patroller Evaluation becomes much easier.

Effective use of your edges and being able to change edges are necessary skills you need to run a toboggan. Pages 77 through 86 of the Outdoor Emergency Transportation Manual offer some great exercises for developing and improving your edge control skills. There are good transportation instructors in each Region, make use of them! These folks really like to see new candidates succeed. Go out and have FUN. Run the Course – DUH. And make your evaluators go MENTAL because you are so good!

Train Hard! Good Luck!

If you have questions regarding the transportation program, don't hesitate to drop me a line at [geofolks@att.net](mailto:geofolks@att.net).

Thanks.....Tony

*Certified ...Certified Program...Certified Program...Certified Program...Certified*

Stephen Kuller,  
*Certified Program Supervisor*

**Hello,**

I want to take this opportunity to reflect on our current season. Most of the resorts have encountered the unseasonable weather pattern that presented itself to us last year? We have had to alter our schedules, cancel tests, clinics, and training. Yet we still get the training done, we reschedule tests, clinics and make things work. That is what must continue to happen in our division to thrive.

Certified members are actively looking for new solutions, locations, and personnel to advance the program. We have three returning candidates from last year. If at this writing, things do not change we will have a total of five new starts. This is the maximum we can handle with our current membership. This is what is needed to grow the program. Interest from the Blue Ridge region and Virginia region is strong this year. We will continue to explore new members from other regions.

We Held our First ever Clinic at Sugar Mountain on Saturday January 12, 2008.

We had two new candidates from Sugar interested in participating in our program, and one returning candidate from Hawksnest. This clinic was possible with the help from **Flynn Harris, Dean Lyons** and General Manager **Gunther Jochl**. A very special thank you goes out to them for this opportunity. We would love to hear from those of you in the division that has not traditionally participated in the program. We wish to expand this opportunity to all that have an interest.

Yes, the program takes a dedicated person with the eagerness to learn, a willingness to grow, and the time for development. This is your opportunity to let someone know that you want this program at your mountain. We have patrollers that are willing to talk to you, answer your questions, and share the process with you. Please step out of your comfort zone.

We currently have several candidates that have made the commitment to the program; they will be giving it their all. This is a three-year commitment and it will take most the entire three years. During this process these candidates will be sharing the strengths of the program at their home resorts. Some of you will want to know what they have learned, accomplished, and shared. Ask them and they will respond with eagerness and a willingness that only comes from hard work.

Thanks again for letting me stir your interest in this program.



Ian Archibald,  
*Division Medical Advisor*

### **Summary of 2005 ISSS Meeting; Report to Southern Division NSP**

Earlier this year, the final report from the 2005 INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SKIING SAFETY (ISSS) meeting held in Japan was published. These meetings occur every 2 years but the report is not published until just prior to the next meeting. This is a review of several papers presented that I feel are relevant to ski patrollers.

“Injuries in Norwegian Ski Resorts 2002-2004” is an epidemiological study involving 12 major ski resorts that account for approximately 60% of the uphill lift transports that occur in all of Norway. They defined an injury as any event that led to a visit to the ski patrol as a result of a skiing accident. They report an injury rate of 1.5 injuries per 1,000 skiers/boarders (compared to 3 per 1,000 in Nth America ; 1999-2000 data). The cause of injury in 85% of the skiing accidents was a fall by the skier/boarder. Collisions were twice as likely to occur for skiers as for boarders. Most head and spine injuries occurred in snowboard parks. Overall 19% of all injuries occurred in snowboard parks, usually with a higher level of severity. Snowboarders suffer the most wrist fractures; 96% of snowboard fractures occur in the absence of wrist protection. Skiing children under the age of 12 and ski boarders had the most lower leg/ankle fractures. Skiers have the most knee injuries and they are twice as likely to be in females. Head injury rates were similar in helmet verses non-helmet users. Injured helmeted skiers had a significantly higher level of ability. This study was not designed to look at the protectiveness of helmets. I feel this data is similar to Nth America other than overall injury rate. Snowboard Park safety is obviously an area that requires increased safety. Careful design, snowboarder education and responders who are well trained to deal rapidly with head and spine injuries are clearly important in this special environment. More emphasis is needed to educate beginner snowboarders about the protective benefits of wrist guards.

Vermont Ski Safety reported on skiing fatalities that occurred “on piste” in US ski resorts from 1991/92 through 2004/05. There is less than 1 death per 1,000,000 visits. The characteristics of fatal injuries include male, skier, mid to late twenties, skilled, usually impacting a fixed object at high speed. They concluded that there had been no change in frequency in last 14 years. In the last 3 years helmet usage has gone from 25% to 33%, but there is no evidence this has changed the occurrence of fatalities. Skiers are still likely to have died from impact with a fixed object and boarders are more likely to have died from impact with the snow surface. Helmets were worn by 38% of fatally injured skier/boarders. Only 33% of helmeted fatally injured skiers/boarders had some sort of head injury as the primary cause of death compared to 63% who did not wear helmets. This study



again provides evidence that while the wearing of a helmet will not prevent fatal head injuries it will reduce the severity of injury.

For the aging patroller with a knee replacement a Japanese study “Sports Activities after Total Knee Replacement” is interesting. Only 12% returned to sports within 1 year of the total knee surgery. However of those participating in sports preoperatively 65% returned eventually to some sport. This included downhill skiing, jogging, hiking and mountaineering; usually at a lower impact level than preoperatively. They did not look at the effect of these activities on wear and loosening of total knee replacements.

A study from Mammoth California “Head injury in Snowboarding- Evaluating the protective role of Helmets” looked at the speed of fall at various skill levels and the mitigating effect that helmets may have on injury prevention. 2/3rds of snowboarder falls occur due to the “opposite edge phenomenon”, When the downhill edge of the board catches it causes an abrupt rotation of the board resulting in a backwards fall onto posterior aspect of pelvis torso and occiput of the head. They studied the average speed of beginner and intermediate boarders (18 kilometer/hour, 32 kilometers per hour). They then simulated “opposite edge phenomenon” head injuries and found that a helmet will reduce the likelihood of severe brain injury from 80% to 20% at falls of 30 kph. They noted that a typical skier travels at 55 kph usually on more difficult terrain. There was no evidence to suggest increases stress on the neck due to helmet use. They felt that helmet use “is prudent” because it reduces the chance of severe head injury without exacerbating other potential injuries.

Finally Vermont Ski Safety reviewed the “Functional and Release Characteristics of Alpine Ski Equipment” with particular attention to ski rental and retail shop testing standards. They concluded that:

1. Sprains and fractures of the lower leg were associated with the quality of the release system
  2. Serious ACL sprains were not related to the quality of the release system.
  3. 50% of the ski equipment used by the general population in the study could have benefited from proper inspection.
  4. New standards with tighter tolerances on release value selection or equipment inspection are not necessary.
  5. More effective implementation of existing standards is necessary.
- They recommended annual inspection of all equipment from a properly trained and supervised shop technician. All professional skiers, especially patrollers take note!

Again, this meeting brings together all facets of the ski industry; ski resorts, ski patrols and medical professionals interested in ski/snow board injuries along with the equipment industry to further the advancement and safety of these winter sports.

There are several other papers in the report which are interesting but not directly related to our activities on ski patrol. The 2007 meeting of ISSS was held in Scotland and the 2009 meeting is scheduled in Garmisch Partenkirchen, Germany.

Reference: Skiing Trauma and Safety 16<sup>th</sup> Volume  
Robert J. Johnson, J.E. Shealy, T. Yamagishi, editors  
ASTM: STP 1474

### *From Around the Division...*

#### **Update on the North Carolina NSP License Plate Project**

Most North Carolina patrollers have surely heard about this project by now, but I know there are more than a few who still haven't heard. For them, and for those of you outside of the state, let me bring you up to date.

I was driving around town one day this past spring when I began to wonder why it was that we had so many different specialty plates in North Carolina – celebrating or honoring NASCAR, retired police officers, Purple Heart recipients, the Great Smoky Mountains, Appalachian Trail, even watermelon (yes, watermelon). Why didn't we have a National Ski Patrol plate? I went home and started researching, found another organization who outlined how they had gone about it, and called the DMV in Raleigh. Among other requirements, they informed me I needed to get a representative who would support a bill since it needed to go through legislation. As it happened, one of our NC senators lives in my hometown, and in fact, his kids had been on the local high school ski team that I had coached some years back. **Senator Tom Apodaca** readily agreed to take on the project. All I needed were 300 signatures, and a design idea. I drew up a design, which **Adam Tucker**, a fellow patroller and graphic designer, digitalized.

At this point I want to stress that the design is not finished – first because the little pot bellied character with the sled will be replaced by a real silhouette as soon as I can get a good photo to Adam, but also because it won't be finalized until *after* the bill is passed, when we sit down with the state and work out the details.

The idea is to restrict purchase of the plate to licensed patrollers. However, if we don't collect enough signatures, it is possible to opt to open it up to the general public. I need to collect signatures from one more patrol, even so, it's going to be tight....I currently have 227 signatures of the 300 needed....that's 73 short, so here it is:

If you have not already signed up; if you are a NC resident or you are in a situation where you could purchase a NC license plate; if you are interested in purchasing

an NSP license plate in the future - please send me your name, address, phone #, and home patrol if you have one to [Rlowery1@aol.com](mailto:Rlowery1@aol.com) so that I can add you to the petition. There is no obligation at this point, it is simply a petition. Further updates to follow.

Randi Lowery,  
Assistant Patrol Representative, Wolf Ridge Ski Patrol



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## NEWS RELEASE - National Ski Patrol

### **The Magnificent Seven: Official NSP Safety Team Announced**

January 18, 2008—Lakewood, Colorado—In partnership with Patagonia, the National Ski Patrol (NSP) has revived the historic NSP Safety Team. Seven team members have been chosen from myriad qualified applicants and were announced today. All are active ski patrollers who have contributed significantly to slope safety during their NSP career and will serve as visible ambassadors for the NSP and for ski/snowboard safety over the next two years.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for NSP members to be recognized for their contributions to slope safety and make the slopes even safer,” said NSP Executive Director Tim White. “We received many applications from strong candidates, but the seven that were chosen have truly gone the extra mile to make the slopes a safer experience for the skiing and riding public.”

The NSP Safety Team is a diverse group that includes Paul Baugher (Crystal Mountain, Wash.), Dennis McMahan (Apple Mountain, Mich.), Jim Phillipe (Aspen, Colo.), Craig Simson (Keystone, Colo.), Ed Strapp (Sugarloaf, Maine), **Jean Webb (Sugar Mountain, N.C.)**, and Lonny Whitcomb (Liberty Mountain, Pa.). Bios of all team members are available at [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org).

The seven were chosen because of their demonstrable successes in ski/snowboard safety, from avalanche education to terrain park safety to community outreach. Each will participate in a variety of NSP safety programs and initiatives, will apply

their experience to safety-related focus groups and industry discussions, and will be featured in NSP materials—starting with safety tips at [nsp.org](http://nsp.org) during National Safety Awareness Week, Jan. 19-25. Team members will also receive a team uniform from Patagonia.

NSP has utilized a Safety Team in the past, but the concept had not been used in recent years. The NSP, founded in 1938, is celebrating 70 years of service and safety in 2008, which provided the ideal backdrop for reviving the team. For more information contact **Tim White** or **April Darrow** at the National Ski Patrol: 303.988.1111.

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## Photos from around the Division



**A Day at the Beech**  
Photo by Lee Wittmann

Beech Mountain Patrollers (left to right) David Kaser, Linsey Strohschein, Ken Greene, Amanda Ohlson, Susie Strohschein, Toni Cheek, Brie Young, Chris Haley & Collin Waldron.

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## Southern Division Obituaries

### Lewis E. Dimler

Lew Dimler was a tireless, highly regarded and respected patroller who died on September 5, 2007 after a courageous 11-year battle with prostate cancer. He was 65.

Lew was a U.S. Air Force veteran of 20 years whose love of skiing began during a tour in Austria in the 1970's. Skiing became his avocation, where he found new friends and responsibilities in the NSP. Lew took a broader view of patrolling which had no boundaries. He was a member of multiple patrols in four Divisions during his 30 years with NSP including Bryce Mtn., Massanutten Mtn., and Shenandoah Nordic, VA, Blue Knob and Whitetail, PA, Blackwater Nordic (White Grass, WV), Bryan Mt. Nordic (Devils Thumb, CO), and Soldier Hollow, UT with the 2002 Olympic and Paralympic Nordic Patrols. Lew knew patrollers everywhere.

Lew had a self-proclaimed mission. His training in military intelligence gave him the ability to see the big picture as the continuous recruiting and training of patrollers and incorporation of best practices. He took the initiative to run a Ski Patrol booth for a few years at the Washington, DC Ski Show to provide public relations and recruitment for patrols in four local regions. As a Senior patroller and CPR/WEC/OEC Instructor, he was instrumental in organizing and supporting courses in northern Virginia with candidates and instructors from Eastern and Southern Division patrols. His energy was boundless acquiring equipment and recruiting instructors and patrollers as patients and helpers. He also conducted on-the-hill OEC and S & T training and testing and made sure the candidates got it right. Lew's dedication and enthusiasm easily transferred to candidates as their core motivation to join and succeed in NSP. With his positive attitude, he was always willing to help and do whatever was needed to get the job done.

Lew touched many lives over the years with his great laugh and his soft heart. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

Lew is survived by his wife, Penny, who is also a Patroller, his daughter Kelly Buttrey and grandson Evan Lewis Buttrey, and his step-children: Sarah Richards, Drew Richards and wife Denise, and grandson Colin Drew Richards.

Pictures are available @ <http://www.tiny.cc/Lew>

Donations to the American Cancer Society @ [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Michael Calabrese, Blue Knob Ski Patrol

William Cox, Timberline Ski Patrol

## Southern Division Calendar

Please refer to the Division Website for updated schedules!

[www.southernnsp.org](http://www.southernnsp.org)

The calendar is flexible dependant on the weather – please check the calendar and/or with your patrol representative / Region Director for the most up-to-date changes.

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*Instructor Development...Instructor Development...Instructor Development...Instructor Development*

Ann Wood,  
*Instructor Development Supervisor*

An Instructor Development course has been scheduled at Wolf Ridge Ski Lodge in Mars Hill, NC. This class will be split over two days with the first class on February 10, 2008 and the second half of the class on March 2, 2008. The course times are 8:30 am – 12:00 noon. Anyone interested in attending should contact Rhonda Smith at either 828-645-9171 OR [rskismith@aol.com](mailto:rskismith@aol.com).

Remember that this is also a Senior elective!

If anyone is interested in hosting a class, let me know at ([anntwood@aol.com](mailto:anntwood@aol.com)).

## 2008 SOUTHERN DIVISION CALENDAR

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2008 DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE DATES					
DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
04-01	DUE – Awards Nominations		Peggy Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
04-01	DUE – Patrol – Financial Reports DUE – Division Expense Reimbursements Requests (2007-2008)		Jim Underwood	865-483-3675	<a href="mailto:jnu@bellsouth.net">jnu@bellsouth.net</a>
04-01	DUE – Patrol – End of Year Reports DUE – Supervisor – End of Year Reports		Richard Boyer, Jr.	770-975-5875	<a href="mailto:richardboyer@bellsouth.net">richardboyer@bellsouth.net</a>
04-15	DUE – Budget Requests to Division for Ski Season 2008-2009		Jim Underwood	865-483-3675	<a href="mailto:jnu@bellsouth.net">jnu@bellsouth.net</a>
05-17	<b><u>Executive Committee Meeting</u></b>	Roanoke, VA	Morgan Armstrong, DD	276-629-1654	<a href="mailto:rmasp@comcast.net">rmasp@comcast.net</a>
05-21	DEADLINE – Southern Cross articles		Teresa Stewart, Editor SC	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>
08-15	<b><u>Executive Committee Meeting</u></b>	Kingsport, TN	Morgan Armstrong, DD	276-629-1654	<a href="mailto:rmasp@comcast.net">rmasp@comcast.net</a>
08-16	<b><u>SOUTHERN DIVISION CONFERENCE (1<sup>st</sup> Day)</u></b>	Kingsport, TN	Morgan Armstrong, DD	276-629-1654	<a href="mailto:rmasp@comcast.net">rmasp@comcast.net</a>
08-17	<b><u>SOUTHERN DIVISION CONFERENCE (2<sup>ND</sup> Day)</u></b>	Kingsport, TN	Morgan Armstrong, DD	276-629-1654	<a href="mailto:rmasp@comcast.net">rmasp@comcast.net</a>
09-08	DEADLINE – Southern Cross articles		Teresa Stewart, Editor SC	704-718-5675	<a href="mailto:sceditor@bellsouth.net">sceditor@bellsouth.net</a>

2008 DIVISION PROGRAM DATES					
DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
02-02	Certified – Clinic	Wintergreen	Steve Kuller	540-234-9108	<a href="mailto:sdk@juno.com">sdk@juno.com</a>
02-09 & 02-10	Certified – Clinic (Mandatory for new candidates)	Snowshoe	Steve Kuller	540-234-9108	<a href="mailto:sdk@juno.com">sdk@juno.com</a>

**2008  
DIVISION PROGRAM DATES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
03-20 – 03-22	Certified – TEST	Snowshoe	Steve Kuller	540-234-9108	<a href="mailto:sdk@juno.com">sdk@juno.com</a>

**2008  
BLUE RIDGE REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
02-02	Senior S&T – Clinic	Hawksnest	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
02-03	Senior S&T – Clinic	Hawksnest	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
02-24	Basic Patrollers S&T TEST	Hawksnest	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
03-02	Basic Patrollers S&T TEST	Appalachian	David Hall	828-299-3324	<a href="mailto:dhall@buildingsmart.net">dhall@buildingsmart.net</a>
03-09	Senior EMM – TEST	Appalachian	Lisa Adams	828-387-2892	<a href="mailto:pleasingmona@skybest.com">pleasingmona@skybest.com</a>

**2008  
DIXIE REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
02-10	S&T TEST	Ober Gatlinburg	Brandon Olson	865-471-5197 865-603-3045	
02-24	Senior EMM TEST	Cataloochee	Bob Brewster	828-684-8100	



**2008  
VIRGINIA REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
02-10	Skier Enhancement Seminar	Wintergreen	John Shaffer	703-719-5945	<a href="mailto:john.shaffer@us.army.mil">john.shaffer@us.army.mil</a>
02-23	Senior EMM – TEST	Bryce	T. Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
02-24	Senior S&T – TEST	Massanutten	T. Harris	804-320-1901	<a href="mailto:tandpeg@netzero.net">tandpeg@netzero.net</a>
03-08	Instructor Development Course	Massanutten	Cathy Riley-Hall	703-830-9520	<a href="mailto:Catherine.Riley-Hall@fairfaxcounty.gov">Catherine.Riley-Hall@fairfaxcounty.gov</a>
03-09	Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher	434-296-8485	<a href="mailto:heardmtn05@earthlink.net">heardmtn05@earthlink.net</a>

**2008  
WEST VIRGINIA REGION EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
02-02	Senior EMM Clinic	WinterPlace	George McMurray		<a href="mailto:jorgemcmurray@gmail.com">jorgemcmurray@gmail.com</a>
02-03	Senior S&T Clinic	Snowshoe	Dan Philippi	304-572-0535	<a href="mailto:dphilippi@carolina.rr.com">dphilippi@carolina.rr.com</a>
03-01	Senior EMM TEST	Timberline	Bill Cox		<a href="mailto:Mountain.bc@verizon.net">Mountain.bc@verizon.net</a>
03-02	Senior S&T TEST	Snowshoe	Dan Philippi	304-572-0535	<a href="mailto:dphilippi@carolina.rr.com">dphilippi@carolina.rr.com</a>

**2008**  
**SOUTHERN DIVISION STAFF DIRECTORY**  
 [02-01-08]

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<p>Division Director – Morgan Armstrong (Chair) (X)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Division Director – Richard Boyer, Jr.                      2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Division Director – Brent E. Bowman                      Assistant Division Director – North – Jan Starr                      Assistant Division Director – South – Mike Harris</p> <p>Past Division Director – Neil Booth                      Professional Director – Bartek Drewnowski</p> <p>Secretary – Kelly Duke Drewnowski                      Treasurer – Jim Underwood</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL MEMBERS (X)</u></p> <p>OEC Supervisor – Leslie Carter (X)                      Legal Advisor – Chuck Lollar (X)</p> <p>[8]</p>	<p>Region Director – Blue Ridge – Jonathan Hale                      Assistant RD – Blue Ridge –</p> <p>Region Director – Dixie – Dennis F. Slagle                      Assistant RD – Dixie – Brandon Olson</p> <p>Region Director – Virginia – Bill Smith                      Assistant RD – Virginia – Ted Forbes</p> <p>Region Director – West Virginia – Byrd E. White, III                      Assistant RD – West Virginia – Thomas Wagner</p> <p>[8]</p>	<p>Appalachian Patrol – Joe Donadio                      Ski Beech Patrol – Tom Watson                      Ski Hawksnest Patrol – Brent S. Rockett                      Sugar Mountain Patrol – Flynn Harris</p> <p>Cataloochee Patrol – June L. Ray                      Cloudmont Patrol – Bob Palik                      Ober Gatlinburg Patrol – Brent Galloway                      Sapphire Patrol – Justus Baird                      Wolf Ridge Patrol – Phil Bentley                      Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol – Don Jones</p> <p>Bryce Patrol – William “Bill” Kost                      Homestead Patrol – David Woods                      Massanutten Patrol – Ron Dull                      Wintergreen Patrol – Ted Forbes</p> <p>Blackwater Nordic Patrol – Brad Moore                      Snowshoe Patrol – Becky E. Sharp                      The New Winterplace Patrol – Walter Watson                      Timberline Patrol – Janette Bennett</p> <p>[18] = [34] <span style="float: right;">[Quorum = 18]</span></p>
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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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<b>CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR PROGRAM SUPERVISORS</b>		
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