



*Keep up the good work!
After I talked with you I realized
who Margaret Brown is - "Maggie"*



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FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

We in the division would like to congratulate Don Williams who has been elected National Director. Don is a very hard working, dedicated person and has shown his worth as past Division Director for Central.

We all can be proud of our people in the division. They made a super effort in handling the Annual Meeting held in Knoxville. Chairman Tom Worley and Co-Chairman Tom Moss did an outstanding job. If you haven't seen the super spread in the National Patroller, get one quick. All of the pictures were by our own Susan Jackson, Division Executive Secretary, and the great article was by Benning Garrison, who is both Division Public Relations Advisor and Sky Valley PL. By the way, if you need a copy, they have a few hundred copies autographed.

Refresher time is here again. Everyone must have a current CPR card. We are requested to spend one hour of the weekend on binding familiarization.

We all agree that any skier assumes the risk of skiing down a hill; however, not so in the Vermont courts. They feel that the ski area should exercise reasonable care. The jury has been defining this care to include everything but wrapping each skier in cotton wool. With this general atmosphere and increasing insurance, we need to help keep cost down on ski areas. We can do this with increased efforts to inform and educate the skiing public. Phil Birdsong is heading up the division committee to study and take action on this renewed Hill Safety Program. Any ideas? Contact Phil. Let's work with area management to keep down cost, theirs and ours.

We were most happy to have Gary Bunce, National First Aid Advisor, attend our Fall Officers Meeting. Gary made an outstanding and informative presentation about first aid and the Fall Refresher. He also added much other information during the meeting. We gave Gary a standing invitation to come back again soon.

You PLs and Section Chiefs who were not present at the Fall Officers Meeting missed a good work session on registration and general information. The Fall Officers Meeting is for YOU! If you can't come, you owe it to your patrollers to send someone to pick up the information.

David P. Dillard

D.D. RECEIVES LETTER

Dave Dillard received the following letter from the National Nordic Advisor this summer.

Dear Dave,

My patroller wife Patricia, my daughter Maggie, and I wish to thank you and your National Convention Committee, for hosting a fine meeting.

We all appreciated the efficient registration and communication services set up in the lobby of the Hyatt-Regency, and the interesting special activities arranged for those not attending meeting sessions. The superb facilities and the courteous staff of the Regency do not need comment, other than to say they were outstanding! (I do regret that, due to the press of NSPS Business, the closest I got to the swimming pool was attending a committee meeting adjacent to it on Friday Morning.)

We also appreciated that some of the ladies on the registration desk noted that our 14 year old daughter, Maggie, might enjoy the company of other young ladies, and took the trouble to introduce her to Cindy, Christy, Maggie and Jennie. That courtesy made our Knoxville stay additionally enjoyable.

To sum it up, our visit to Tennessee proved that "Southern Hospitality" is not a cliché, it's real.

Thanks again,

Marty Huebner

TODAY IS MARCH 1, 1979!

Your Award Nominations are due today! No, this is not March 1st yet, but it is just around the corner.

Outstanding: Patrol of the Year
Patroller of the Year
Junior Patroller of the Year
Professional Patroller of the Year

There are patrollers on your patrol that should have some type of special recognition for their work. The Division Certificate of Appreciation for those patrollers that may need some recognition other than the Division Outstanding Awards. All new Seniors in the Division will be awarded the Senior Patroller Certificate.

If you need any Awards on the patrol level that I can be of any help with, please let me know. The Awards Program is only as good as you make it, by getting nominations to the Awards Committee.

Charles Benbow, Awards Adv.

PRO PATROLLERS NEEDED

If you are interested in being a pro patroller at Wolf Laurel this coming season, contact Colonel Tom Barr, Wolf Laurel Ski Area, Mars Hill, N.C. The phone number is: 704-689-4111.

The division can help place you in a job, not just in the South, but in various places throughout the country. If you are interested in being a pro patroller this season, let me know.

Phil Birdsong, Professional Dir.

SOUTHERN DIVISION SCHEDULE 1978-1979

September	30-1	Lift Evacuation Seminar, Seven Devils
October	7	Carolina Highlands Refresher, Boone, N.C.
	15	Deep South Refresher, Atlanta, Ga.
	28	Virginia-West Virginia Refresher, Charlottesville, Va.
November	4-5	Ski Mountaineering Instructor Clinic, Gatlinburg
	11	Smoky Mountain Refresher, Gatlinburg, Tenn.
	18-19	Lift Evacuation Seminar, Seven Devils
	24-26	Circle A & Circle M, Wolf Laurel
	24-26	Circle A & Circle M, Wintergreen
December	15-17	Circle A & Circle M, Seven Devils
	15-17	Circle A & Circle M, Snowshoe
January	6	Test Examiner Clinic, Wintergreen
	6	Senior First Aid Test, Wintergreen
	7	Senior Candidate Clinic, Wintergreen
	7	Senior First Aid Test, Cataloochee
	8	Last date Certified Patroller applications accepted
	13	Test Examiner Clinic, Sugar Mtn.
	13	Senior First Aid Test, Sugar Mtn.
	14	Senior Candidate Clinic, Sugar Mtn.
	15	Deadline for Southern Cross
	19-21	Circle A & Circle M, Gatlinburg
	20-21	Certified Patroller Clinic, Sugar Mtn.
	21	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Snowshoe
	27-28	Certified Patroller Clinic, Snowshoe
	28	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Sugar Mtn.
February	2-4	Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers, Va.
	4	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Cataloochee
	10-11	Certified Ski, Toboggan and Oral Exams, Snowshoe
	17-18	Junior Jamboree, Seven Devils
	24-25	Certified Written and Practical First Aid Exams, Wintergreen
March	1	Deadline for Awards nominations
	15	Deadline for Southern Cross
	24-31	Avalanche Patch Course, Bozeman, Mont.
April	21	Spring Convention, Abingdon, Va.
May	1	Deadline for Southern Cross

AREA SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE REQUIRED

Model SAR Plans and the Annual SAR Refresher Exercise will be in all patrol leaders' hands by October 1st. The SAR Exercise is a required part of your on-the-hill refresher. Draft your area SAR plan from the model. Send me a copy of your area SAR plan by December 15th.

Norm Bishop, Mountaineering Adv.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOOOO!

Unlike Jack Benny, the NSPS did reach its 40th birthday, and what a celebration it was!

All who attended the National meeting back in June will verify that Southern Division, the host, found the perfect way to give a party: hire the Tom Times Two Catering Service. Success is guaranteed.

Sparkle Worley probably wished her Tom hadn't been chairman of this duo (the other half being Tom Moss), since it was in the Worleys' room everyone seemed to congregate at any and all hours. Sparkle came to Knoxville to do some quiet studying away from everyone. Oh, well....

Unfortunately, only a handful of Southern Division came to this gathering. If you were one who didn't, you goofed. Here's a glimpse at what you missed.

You didn't get to witness the election of our new National Director -- Don Williams from Birmingham, Mich. Don -- or "Wide Track", as he's known in some circles -- is a former Board Representative and delightful person from Central Division. You didn't get to know a lot of other people from throughout our system, people who've been only names on a national roster; some "untouchable" because of their positions in the organization, but now real people to whom you can talk, make suggestions and ask questions. I think that fact, small though it may seem, was one of the most impressive...to me, anyway.

Our outgoing director, Charles Haskins, said, "Anyone who has reached the age of 40 knows there are scars, but we are still growing. The organization is alive and healthy.

We dittoed that, after attending some of the work sessions. Interest is strong in patrolling and these are no namby-pamby national office holders who run our organization. Take for instance, Dave Hodgdon, the retiring Nordic Advisor, who woke up everybody with his advisory report. "National is running a Mickey Mouse Nordic Program", he said; if allowed to continue on the same lines, "you're wearing blinders!" Incidentally, Dave was easy to spot throughout the conference. He arrived Wednesday afternoon in shorts and back pack (though they said he came by plane) and wore the shorts the whole time. Advertising Nordic Physical Fitness, no doubt.

Business sessions started early each morning, and except for lunch and two coffee breaks, went on through the afternoon. Charles Haskins had hoped for a little rest following the first day's meetings, but the "Attitude Adjustment" was already underway in his suite when he got there. A beautiful cocktail party, hosted by Southern Division, with delicious food and drinks superbly poured by two bartenders: the Jackson brothers -- Farris Jr. and Rick.

Friday morning the big board was divided into four smaller groups -- administrative, finance, operations and training and testing. Observers sitting in on these meetings, saw and heard the inner working of the system and learned plans for the coming year.

We all know what "all work and no play" does, so that afternoon was fun time. We went to Gatlinburg for some skiing (you should have seen the Alaska threesome when they found out they were to ski on plastic!); rides on the Alpine Slide; some people

even went shopping.

Our own Dave Dillard won the division directors race -- no surprise to anyone who's skied with him. His coaching staff was quite pleased. Our division swept the "Sack It Up" race too -- this, not as much from skill as lack of other entries. Cocktails, dinner and dancing sent us back to the Knoxville Hyatt Regency weary but happy.

Legal Advisor, Bob Riddle's "On Trial" -- a simulated law suit involving a patroller who didn't do too good a job filling in an accident report -- was the scene stealer of the Saturday sessions. Bob first presented this at our division meeting last April. From overheard comments, the program will be a portion of many division meetings this season.

And there were awards and honors, most of them presented at the banquet that night. Again, Southern Division shone: Janie Bollinger, Smoky Mtn. Section Chief and leader of the "Catt" Patrol, is now wearing a National badge, number 5334. Keith Argow, past D.D., did the presentation. Dale Johnson, avalanche advisor, was given a Yellow Merit Star by Bill Hotchkiss, national avalanche advisor, "for excellent service to the national program and for creating avalanche interest in an area where they rarely occur." A certificate of appreciation was given by Haskins to Tom Worley and his convention committee for a job well done. Tom's official committee included co-chairman Tom Moss, in charge of facilities; Jim Underwood, registration and clerical; Lynn Pace, Gatlinburg skiing; Jack Case, entertainment; Margaret Green, signs and posters; Farris Jackson, transportation and communications; French Moore, Jr., luncheon and banquet; Roger Bollinger, tours and recreational activities; Keith Argow, cocktail party; and, at large, Keith Gray, Janie Bollinger, Mary Ann Moore and Susan Jackson. "Flash" Gordon of Wintergreen (known formally as Frank) was first runner-up for outstanding professional patroller. One of the nicest souvenirs the directors took home were gavels of "Southern Walnut" made specially for the occasion by Benbow Reproductions of Greensboro, N.C. Dave Dillard presented these to the incoming and outgoing National Directors and all other Division Directors.

The party ended, but memories will linger, because it was a good 'un.

Benning Garrison, P.R. Adv.



(photos by Susan Jackson)

Fantastic is one adjective to describe the efforts put forth by all the Division Advisors and Line Officers in establishing responsible people who are able to generate the interests of patrollers to partake in the various electives available to NSPS patrollers. There are few organizations offering such a multitude of special training courses that enable us to perform our primary functions.

How long has it been since you thought about the primary function? Has it become lost, an intangible quagmire of idealistic rules and ideas? It should not be - but rather our primary objective should be one: easily understood, two: basic knowledge, three: in the forefront of each patroller's mind as they placate options and decisions.

Simply stated, our primary objective as a representative of the NSPS is to render first aid to the injured skier. This concept has not changed since 1937 when Minnie Dole recognized the need for our existence. We as patrollers must remember this primary objective in all our dealings in ski related situations.

The NSPS can not help injured skiers if they are not patrolling the slopes.

We must constantly be aware of our image if we are to continue to exist as a viable organization, when we deal with

1. Area management - we do not run the ski area, we work for management.
2. Skiing public - be courteous not aloof.
3. Ski clubs and organizations - promote first aid, not free skiing.
4. News media - we are the safety arm of ski industry -- it's a safe sport.

In the past few years our growth has been rapid, and we have expanded to the point where we need to freshen up on the basics. Let's keep these points in mind when we're patrolling.

Pete Chamberlin, A.D.D. (line)

The 1978 SMI Clinic will be held at Gatlinburg November 4th and 5th. All current and prospective ski mountaineering instructors are urged to attend (one qualification for national recertification is attendance at a SMI clinic).

Objectives were discussed last year and published in the March 1978 Southern Cross. Teaching methods and strategies were also available, but only four instructors participated in the clinic.

We will meet at the basement training room of Great Smoky Mountains headquarters building, two miles from Gatlinburg on US Highway 441 at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 4th and adjourn at 12 noon Sunday, November 5th.

Mail Norm Bishop a card or memo with your agenda suggestions by October 1st, and you will get a copy of the final agenda by October 20th.

Norm Bishop, Mountaineering Adv.

SWAP SHOPS

There will be another Swap Shop held at the Four Seasons Mall in Greensboro, N.C. this fall. The dates are October 20-22. Contact Charles Benbow if you have any equipment you want sold.

There will also be a Swap Shop at the Atlanta Ski Show November 10-11. Contact Wes Wesley of the Atlanta Ski Club for information.

Proceeds from both these events will benefit NSPS Southern Division. Do yourself a favor! Bring equipment you will no longer use to either place.

DUES

Because of necessity, dues have been increased this year. Division dues are now: new candidate, \$20.00; continuing candidate, \$16.00; Alumni, \$11.00; and all others, \$16.00.

SOUTHERN DIVISION N.S.P.S. 1977-78 CLASSIFICATION DISTRIBUTION

Patrol	National	Senior	Basic	Pro	Nordic & Comb.	Junior	Aux.	Old K	New K	Inactive	Total
Administrative	12	4	2								18
Appalachian		1	13	4		2		1	9		30
Beech Mtn.	2	2	12	16		3	2		4		41
Cataloochee		9	15			1	2	1	3	3	34
Cloudmont		1	2					1			4
Gatlinburg		2	10						7	7	26
Great Smoky Mtn. / Nordic					3			2	1		6
High Meadows/Cascade			4					5	10		19
Homestead		2	6					3	4		15
Hounds Ear			3						1		4
Mill Ridge		1	2					1			4
Sapphire Valley		1	2				1		3		7
Seven Devils	1	5	5		1			5	10	1	28
Sky Valley	2	2	9						2	2	17
Snowshoe		1	10	2			2		4	1	20
Sugar Mtn.		7	32	2		1		1	10		53
Wintergreen	1		25	5		2	1	4	14		52
Wolf Laurel		3	7			1	3		14		28
Total	18	41	159	29	4	10	11	24	96	14	406
	4.4%	10.1%	39.2%	7.1%	1.0%	2.5%	2.7%	5.9%	23.6%	3.4%	

FUND RAISING IDEAS FOR SOUTHERN DIVISION

Highway Emergency Kit Convenience for you and money for the NSPS. Patrollers of the Southern Division have the opportunity to obtain a compact, ready to use highway emergency kit. The Southern Division will receive \$5.00 for each one sold. You can even use Mastercharge or VISA. Fill out the order blank on the other side of this page, attach your check or sign for the charge cards and send it off. Prepare yourself for winter and get some cash for the NSPS!

Movie Magic Do you want to be a star? I hope so. If you have pictures, slides or movie film of your patrol in action or some of just good skiing, send them to me and they may become part of the Southern Division NSPS Film. Be sure your name is on the back and they'll be returned. If you don't send anything, I can't make you a star!

NSPS Certificates Now available is an NSPS Certificate from the Southern Division. This beautiful certificate is designed for you to frame and proudly display in your office or den. A nominal fee of \$3.00 is charged to cover printing, calligraphy and postage; with the proceeds going to the division treasury. You should receive your certificate in about three weeks.

NSPS Business Cards Now available to patrollers; 1,000 cards with your name, address, phone, classification and NSPS logo. It is great for public relations and to give to people you help. The cards have raised letter printing, all blue ink, and will be delivered to your door for only \$16.45. Send the information you want on the card with your check made out to National Press.

NSPS Zipper Pulls These pulls have a thermometer with both centigrade and fahrenheit on one side and a chart for computing wind/chill factor on the other. "Support Ski Patrol" is printed right beside the thermometer. Be sure you have one before the season starts. Send \$2.00 with a self addressed stamped envelope for your zipper pull.

To order any of the above items, send the necessary money and information to Sam Bruce.

Ski Safety pins and Southern Division NSPS T-shirts are available. If you want either of these items, contact Tom Worley.

Sam Bruce, Fund Raising Adv.

SPRING CONVENTION

For the past two years we have been having the Division Spring Convention in Abingdon, Va. We enjoyed everything so very much. The Martha Washington Inn and the surroundings are lovely, but most of all we enjoyed the gracious hospitality of those who did so much to make our stay such a pleasant one. We want to thank Mary Ann and French Moore especially for opening their home to all who came to the convention.

We have had the Spring Convention in Asheville and Gatlinburg. Now some of the patrollers are asking to have the meeting in a different location. The Greensboro/Winston-Salem area has been mentioned as a possible location. If you live in an area you think would be suitable for the convention, please contact Tom Worley.

THE BIRTH OF A DONATION

Thumper was born in May and because he waited till that month, Ernie donated \$50.00 in his name to the NSPS Southern Division; and that is where our story begins.

Ginny Bruce, a registered patroller who skied thru her 6th month of pregnancy, was due on the 1st of May. In early April Robin and Ernie were at the local bar with Sam, Ginny's hubby who is the PL at Appalachian. With the doctor saying Gin was due anytime, a bet was made for \$50.00 - Robin taking a May birth and Ernie April. And spirits aside a serious wager was made, and with Sam specifying his favorite organization, the NSPS as the recipient of the wager.

Scott Samuel Woodruff Bruce, called Thumper, future ski patroller arrived on May 6th at 8 lb 5½ oz sending his first contribution to the Southern Division National Ski Patrol - his winnings \$50.00.

Sam Bruce, Fund Raising Adv.

WOLF LAUREL SKI PATROL UPDATE

The new officers at Wolf Laurel are:

Greg Walczynski	- patrol leader
Jim "Killer" Turlington	- 1st Asst. FL, training
Mike Silver	- 2nd Asst. FL, equipment/purchasing
Stuart Ray	- Secretary/Treasurer
Steve Waldrep	- Training Officer, cand.

The patrol will have a meeting and picnic on October 7, 1978 to kick off pre-season training, repairs and development of equipment and facilities. I'm sure a good time will be had by all after the meeting.

The candidate training will begin Sunday, October 8, 1978. Steve is hoping to have as successful a program this season as we experienced last year.

Wolf Laurel has gained two honorary toddler members this past summer:

Orion Remington, born to Ken & Marsha
Ryan Turlington, born to Jim & Linda
Congratulations!

We are all looking for an enjoyable and successful 1978-79 season.

Greg Walczynski, FL

JUNIOR JAMBOREE IS PLANNED

The Division Junior Jamboree will be held at Seven Devils February 17-18, 1979. There will be competition in toboggan handling, first aid and skiing skills. The Junior who wins this competition will be sent to Bozeman Montana for the National Junior Jamboree with similar competition. It is highly suggested that Circle A and Circle M be obtained for this competition. Any Junior who is not from the Boone area may contact Steve Benbow for information on where to stay. Please get reservations for that weekend now because it will be too late if you wait much longer.

Steve Benbow, Junior Adv.



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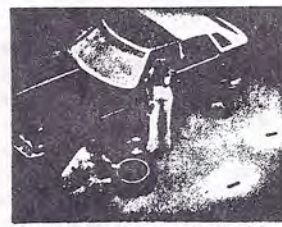
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NEW SKI MOUNTAINEERING INSTRUCTORS APPOINTED

Based on their mountaineering expertise and their demonstrated ability to conduct training, three Divisional SMIs have been appointed. They are: Lynn A. Pace, Gatlinburg; Julian S. "Steve" Waldrep, Wolf Laurel; and Lance L. Webb, Sky Valley.

Lynn, a former Army Airborne rigger, is a rock climber with four years' experience, a Senior Patroller, has taught in both avalanche and ski mountaineering courses, and is PL at Gatlinburg.

Steve brings to us six years of experience teaching mountaineering at Clemson, and more as an Army Ranger. He has attended National Outdoor Leadership School and its Expedition Leader School, the latter a five-week rock and snow peak climbing outing, and has climbed, winter and summer, in Wyoming, Colorado, New York and Great Smoky Mountains, where he attended the Mountain Rescue Seminar in 1970.

Lance cites ten years as a Senior Patroller in California and Georgia, rock climbing in California, numerous ski mountaineering trips in New Hampshire on Mount Washington, ski climbs on Mt. Hood in Oregon, on California's Mt. Shasta, and to Brian Head's Summit in Utah. He holds Rocker A as well as Rocker M.

Welcome aboard! Who's next? A post card will get you a SMI application.

Norm Bishop, Mountaineering Adv.

SKI SAFETY PUBLICATIONS AND NSPS RADIO TAPES

I have the following publications that you can use at ski areas, ski club meetings, ski shows, etc.

1. "Don't Be Flaky in the Snow" includes skier rules of the slopes, equipment, care of equipment and ski clothes. Good skier information, 500 copies.
2. "The Challenge of Skiing" same information as above but in more detail plus information on the National Ski Patrol. excellent - 700 copies
3. "Wind Chill" chart Charts temperature ($^{\circ}\text{F}$) and equivalent, chill temperature from $+40^{\circ}$ to -60° . Wallet size - 500 copies
4. Radio NSPS 30-second spot tapes Take one to your favorite local radio station! They are good public information and the station will appreciate your courtesy and interest in making the tape available.

I will ship the number of pamphlets and radio tapes that you request.

Walt Eaton, Ski Safety Adv.

NEW ALUMNI CLASSIFICATION

The new alumni classification was established because of numerous requests from "retired" patrollers for liaison with NSPS.

To qualify as a member of the Alumni Division of NSPS, a former patroller must have been registered with NSPS for a total of four years, except those registered as Candidates, Juniors and Associates. Alumni members will receive the National Patroller and will be able to order unofficial items from the catalog.

SKIING SOUTHERN POWDER

We all read stories about skiing fresh powder and how great it is. The closest most of us come to it is tracking the edge of our southern slopes before the crowd either skies it off or the packer rolls it. We dream of someday taking off down some western slope and skiing fresh powder.

Well, this patroller got the nicest surprise of her life during Christmas vacation. My home area is Wintergreen, but my son and I were helping out at Snowshoe during the Christmas holidays.

We groaned during the bouncing early morning ride up Cheat mountain that day. We had left warm beds in Huntersville well before light - as we had done all week. We were literally making tracks for Snowshoe. It was super cold as we roared along in our drafty Blazer.

Upon arriving at the first aid room, we got our assignments from Neal (the flu-ridden PL) complete with a thermometer in his mouth refusing to give up. We still had no idea of the pleasures ahead for us. Maybe it was because we were moving so fast - or could it be because of the cold - or does it often snow in the basin at Snowshoe and nowhere else - or maybe I am just getting too old to see - who knows. In that 20 minute period of getting our boots on, the temperature rose 10 degrees and the sun blazed out on 6 to 8 inches of fresh, light, glistening powder.

As we moved ropes and did all the necessary things to get ready to open the "upsidedown" mountain, we all felt that feeling of warmth inside when a few are about to share a very special moment. I felt God had showered all the treasure of Heaven on this insignificant patroller that morning. The quiet of opening such a beautiful mountain on such a day was just unreal. As we skied down the quiet, untracked slope, each person seemed totally within themselves. What a time we had! The specialness of it all was too much. The early morning quiet was filled with shouts of glee from all over the mountain. Lift operators peeked from behind their huts, eyes twinkling with wide smiles as we truly began a new day.

You know - all the hurry up mornings, all the sign-on days in the rain, taking heavy toboggans up on the chair, skiing over rocks to check on someone, hurt backs and cold hands, saying triple up for 2 hours straight and all the hassle suddenly was worth it all for the joy of that one morning.

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