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FROM YOUR DD . . .

Many thanks to all those who made the Spring Convention in Atlanta an overwhelming success. Also a very special thanks to Rick Roberts who did a terrific job as Chairman of the Convention Committee. To those of you that did not make the trip to Atlanta "you Goofed."

To the Southern Division Officers and Patrollers who supported me for Division Director: my sincere appreciation and thanks. To those of you who did not support me: I hope in time to come that I may accomplish those things that you need and want done for the Division.

The Division needs all of our support and many talents to keep it as great as it is today. In my own mind, I know that we have talented and capable people who should be using their talents to help their Division. I hope with the help of our Officers that we can use these people in the programs we have going now, and any new ideas that will come in the future.

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SKI PATROL SYSTEM? We know, but there are many people that do not. This may be one of our biggest short comings — not letting other people know about our organization.

I had the opportunity to send an article to the "Greensboro News" recently. In talking to the young lady at the paper about our Spring Convention in Atlanta and the local people that received Awards, it was "What is the National Ski Patrol? I have never heard of it." Two hours later she seemed to think that information about us would make a great article in the fall — before the snow falls. We will remind her.

With the expertise we have with Benning Garrison, it needs to be used a great deal more. Benning can only do the job of Public Relations with our input and help. The same holds true with our own Southern Cross. Bobbie Rupp does an exceptional job with our newspaper, but does not receive the help that is necessary. ANY news needs to be sent to Bobbie to continue the Great Southern Cross that we need to keep everyone informed.

The first function I attended as your Division Director was the Southeastern Ski Area Managers Association Meeting held at Sugar Mountain, on May 1st and 2nd. Doris Benbow and Farris Jackson were also there to help represent the Ski Patrol. I enjoyed renewing old acquaintances and meeting many of the Area Managers who were new to me. Sherry Perry gave a short information session on the Professional Patrollers of the National Ski Patrol and said that if needed, she would help an area find professional Patrollers. A special thanks to Gunther Jochl and Sugar Mountain for allowing us to attend.

I am looking forward to the next two years to be able to get to know more of you as patrollers and the challenge of helping the Southern Division keep on moving forward with a great deal of help from you.

Charles T. Benbow
Division Director

CALENDAR

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| August | 15 | Self-evacuation Workshop Look Rock, TN |
| | 29 | Executive Committee Meeting 10 A.M. at Jacksons |
| September | 12 | Fall Officers Meeting, Sugar Mtn. |
| | 13 | Deadline for Southern Cross |
| January | 9 | T & T Clinic, Sugar Mtn. |
| | 10 | Senior First Aid Test, Sugar Mtn. |
| | 16 | T & T Clinic, Cataloochee |
| | 17 | Senior First Aid Test, Cataloochee |
| | 23 | T & T Clinic, Wintergreen |
| | 24 | Senior First Aid Test, Wintergreen |
| | 31 | Senior On-The-Hill Test, Beech Mtn. |
| February | 6-7 | Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers, VA |
| | 14 | Senior On-The-Hill Test, Cataloochee |
| | 28 | Senior On-The-Hill Test, Wintergreen |

NATIONAL SKI PATROL CHARTER

The National Charter was approved by Congress and signed into law by President Carter. This, of course, is nothing new to you alert patrollers who make up our great Southern Division. Yet events surrounding this issue are not over. As you know, the Charter helps our National organization minimize much paper work in its dealings with state and national agencies. What it apparently will not do yet, is give our many patrols the chance to obtain supplies and materials from "surplus" centers at considerable cost savings.

Past Director Harwell Dabbs and our Legal Advisor Robert Riddle filed necessary forms (for the purchase of surplus equipment etc.). They sadly learned that because N.S.P.S. is not "publicly" funded, that we do not qualify for such surplus purchases. Apparently other areas are experiencing similar problems. Nevertheless, the National Office with a strong committee put together by National Director Don Williams is thoroughly exploring these situations at the federal government level. Hopefully this situation will be ironed out before next season. Stay tuned.

Roger Bollinger
So. Div. Nat'l Charter Chmn.

ATTENTION PATROL LEADERS

Janie Bollinger, Dixie RD, informed me that forms from the national office for annual registration will be delayed because of the new computer. They expect them to be sent out by mid-July, so don't worry about the usual July 1 deadline.

Editor

We have a new Southern Division Director, Charles T. Benbow. For those who don't know Charles, he has served the division for 15 years. He was Patrol Leader for Seven Devils for 4 years, another 4 years as Section Chief and Regional Director for 1 year.

The Division Junior Program has benefited from his help and support, partly from money raised in the Greensboro Ski Swapshop. As a Circle "A" and "M" holder, he moved on to become a mountaineering instructor and for 5 years he has held one of the early (#84) National Mountaineering Instructor certifications. He is a graduate and patch holder from the tough Bridger Bowl Avalanche school. Charles has been active in testing and training and has been a Senior test examiner for 4 years.

He received his national appointment #4993 in 1976. As awards advisor for 6 years, he has developed some new awards and personally framed in walnut all the Division certificates that have been presented.

Charles is an A.R.C. Water Safety, CPR, A.F.A. instructor. The new director somehow has had time to run Boy Scout Troop 141 for the past 25 years. He received his Silver Beaver Award which is Scouting's highest.

Charles is currently serving on A.R.C. Safety committee, Scout training committee, First Christian Church Board of Trustees and is Post Advisor for Ski Patrol Explorer Post #713.

We wish Charles Benbow luck in his new job and I hope you all will join me in giving him our support.

David P. Dillard
Past Division Director

AWARDS PRESENTED IN ATLANTA

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| National Appointments | John E. S. Lawrence Steven M. Benbow |
| Outstanding Ski Patrol | Snowshoe |
| Outstanding Ski Patroller | J. Stephen Waldrep |
| Outstanding Junior Ski Patroller | Cynthia D. Benbow |
| Outstanding Professional Ski Patroller | Sherry A. Perry |
| Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller | James W. Haas |
| Outstanding Administrative Award | C. Harwell Dabbs, M.D. |
| Division Certificate of Appreciation | Doris Benbow Roger Bollinger Patsy Harris Mike Harris Rick Roberts Jim Monteith Marge Clinkscales Adele Ghiazza Donald C. Williams, ND |
| Yellow Merit Star | Alan Romine David Williams Tom Dalton Carol Dalton Daniel Talbott |
| Purple Merit Star | Neal W. Rehberg Jim W. Haas Peter Brigham Howard V. Tilley Steven M. Benbow |



WE SUPPORT
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Charles T. Benbow
Awards Advisor

WHAT A WEEKEND!

Southern Division's Spring Convention was a smashing success, thanks to the special efforts of Chairman Rick Roberts. Those of you who didn't attend missed a golden opportunity. To stay at the Omni Hotel is an experience in itself — spacious rooms and telephones in the bathrooms!

Rick had a hospitality room for everyone's use, which overlooked the skating rink, wa-a-a-y down below. This central greeting place was particularly nice in order to locate fellow patrollers in that huge hotel. Meeting rooms were also easy to find, with "NSPS Meeting" signs throughout the hotel.

The morning business session went well, and ran close to schedule. The afternoon "unstructured" session seemed weakened and foundering. Many people chose, instead, to walk over to Rich's or drive out to Phipps Plaza or Lenox Square for shopping; some took a ride on the new Marta train; some took naps, needed after the meals we ate. What a choice: Like breakfast at Bugatti's, or McMuffins at you-know-where, or the revolving restaurant atop the 70-odd story Peachtree Plaza Hotel; lunch at Herrin's or Bert's (Reynolds) Place — he wasn't there; dinner at the Rue de Paris; and the banquet at Aunt Fanny's Cabin. Busses took us out to this former slave quarters on the outskirts of Atlanta, where everything was strictly Old South — greens and corn bread, country ham and fried chicken, and great black entertainment.

We may have had Rhett and Scarlett with us only in spirit that weekend, but our ND Don Williams was there in person — a special treat, since this was the second year he's come to our Division meeting. Must be we're converting that Yankee to our Southern way of life! Let's hope so.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

Mr. Levitt sent a copy of the following letter to Snowshoe Ski Resort:

February 17, 1981

Mr. George Olsen, Director
State Health Planning & Development Agency
Office of Health Planning & Evaluation
Department of Health
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Mr. Olsen:

I have just returned from a skiing trip in Snowshoe, West Virginia and was given the opportunity to witness an extremely efficient health service.

Early Sunday morning an older gentleman suffered a heart attack while riding up a lift. Upon reaching the top he was laid on the snow where C. P. R. was administered. This was followed by hooking this gentleman up to a portable cardiac machine and starting the necessary I. V.'s. While this process was evolving, a helicopter was dispatched to transport the patient to Elkins, West Virginia. This incident ran approximately 45 to 60 minutes.

I am a hospital planning consultant and deal with twenty to thirty hospitals every year, and I must state that the Ski Patrol at Snowshoe ran smoother than many of these hospitals. This man's life was saved because of the efficiency of these people.

Perhaps in the future if the Resort solicits for grant money to further increase their productivity and training, your HSA will give them serious consideration. If your State ever needs a model in emergency medical treatment, feel confident that you can use the Snowshoe Ski Patrol as an example. The Snowshoe staff should be commended.

Mitchel R. Levitt
Hospital Planning Consultant

CHILE SEEKS PATROLLER EXCHANGE

The Patrullas de Ski de Chile — in other words, the Chilean Ski Patrol — is looking for qualified NSPS patrollers who would be interested in spending a summer (their winter) patrolling in the Andes. In return, they would like to send representatives of their patrol to one or another of our ski areas for the winter season.

Although patrollers would be expected to pay their own air passage, the Chilean Ski Patrol would provide food, lodging, and some pocket money. In exchange, the Chilean patrollers would hope to receive similar privileges at whatever ski area welcomed them. (All patrolling in Chile is on a volunteer basis.)

The NSPS has had a long history of cooperation with the Chilean Ski Patrol, which was modeled after our System. During World War II Minnie Dole and other NSPS officers hosted a group of Chilean and Bolivian ski officials who visited the U.S. to learn how the National Ski Patrol System functioned.

The trophy awarded annually to the Outstanding Ski Patroller in the U.S., inscribed "Al Mejor Companero de Montana," was originally given to us by Chile's Asociacion Sky y Andinismo.

Any patroller who is interested in the possibility of spending a summer at one of the dozen ski areas in Chile, and any patrol leader who would like to welcome a Chilean patroller to his or her home area, is asked to contact the writer:

Gretchen R. Besser
National Historian/International Liaison
227 Tillou Road
South Orange, NJ 07079

LOOK OUT CECIL B.

The movie moguls of Hollywood better be on their toes if they expect to remain in such lofty heights, because Southern Division has a patroller who's ready to step into their shoes. When Jim Reed, of the Great Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol, learned we had films available just for the asking, he decided fellow Tennesseans should see them. He showed "By Nature's Rules" five times, "Castles in the Snow" three times, "In Winter's Domain" twice, and "Skier's Choice" once, to a total of 155 people: Anyone want to top that?

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

NORDIC PATROLLERS

The new Nordic Rocker is now available. Make checks or money orders payable to: Lynn A. Pace, Rt. 2, Box 179 Marcaro Lane, Maryville, Tenn. 37801.

\$1.50 each — If you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope

\$2.00 each — If you do not send a self-addressed, stamped envelope

\$1.50 each — If you come to my house and get them/or in person



WHEN BOZEMAN BECKONED

Nice things really do come in small packages. When the Avalanche Patch course began out in Montana this past March, only five students took advantage of one of patrolling's best deals. It may turn out to be the most successful course so far, since instruction was on an almost one-on-one basis with students. Everyone got to participate in all aspects: ram penetrometer tests; the snow pit, which the girls got to dig; the simulator "hot seat;" a hike to the ridge line, where they keep the major avalanche cache; and recovering the "victim" alive and well and ready for a party.

The folks at Bridger Bowl were, as always, warmly hospitable, and though they didn't come up with Cold Smoke, there was ample snow and sunshine, which made for super spring skiing for the new patch wearers: E. B. Fox, Sherry Perry, Skip Stott, Bob Twomey (whose Twomeyisms kept us alert), and our former ADD, now with Central, Tom Worley.

Extracurricular activities this year included a teenage riot in the motel parking lot. Other than that, the course was sedately run by National Avalanche Advisor Bill Hotchkiss, National Avalanche Instructors Velma McMeekin and Ron Geist, several members of the Bridger Bowl patrol, and one "go-fer."

Benning "Go-fer" Garrison



PATROL NEWS

Cataloochee

The Cataloochee Ski Patrol sponsored a dinner party for the ski school instructors and area management near the end of the season. This was done as part of a continuing effort on the part of the Ski Patrol to foster a good working relationship between Patrollers, instructors and management.

Ed Saleem's fine training program produced three new Patrollers: Lynn Agoos, Ruth Barnhardt and Ashton Walton.

The Patrol's annual meeting was held at the Cataloochee Ranch on Saturday, May 16, at which time Bob Newton was elected as Patrol Director for the 1981-1982 season.

Rick Roberts

Service Awards At Cataloochee

There were 13 service awards presented at the Cataloochee Patrol meeting in May. This is recognition that should be done by each Patrol, but so far Cataloochee is the only Patrol that has requested the Service Awards.

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| Janie Bollinger | 15 Years (National) |
| Roger Bollinger | 15 Years (National) |
| Jack Brit | 15 Years |
| Jack Hall | 15 Years |
| Mary Twomey | 10 Years |
| Roy Davis | 10 Years |
| Stephanie Cartel Smith | 10 Years |
| Ed Saleem | 10 Years |
| Doug Colwell | 10 Years |
| Bill Dunaway | 10 Years |
| Rick Roberts | 10 Years |
| Tim Liberty | 10 Years |
| Tommy Godwin | 10 Years |

This group of patrollers represents over 150 years of service to the National Ski Patrol. Very special congratulations and may we have 150 years more.

Charles T. Benbow
Awards Advisor

Gatlinburg

The 1980-81 season was a successful year for nine determined ski patrollers at Ober Gatlinburg. Our patrol is very proud of Glen Brown, Dennis Slagle, and Jim Williams. All three passed their Senior Test February 8 at Cataloochee. We also have three new Junior Patrollers: Marty Calloway, Scott Knoll, and Micah Scott. Our new Basic Patrollers include Ben Long, Randy Stratton, and Ron Tallent. Congratulations Gentlemen!!

Joy Slagle, P.L.

Sapphire Valley

The Sapphire Valley Ski Patrol has been moving ahead with Administration, Safety Equipment, Training and Testing.

Sapphire has acquired a snow groomer which has eliminated snow conditions which could have led to unfavorable skiing conditions.

Our new candidates have been training extensively and have shown a great deal of improvement in first aid and skiing. The Basic Test was given on February 14, 1981. The test went very well and all candidates and patrollers alike learned a great deal from the experience. We congratulate Dean Klien, Norman Craikshank, and Davie Mallot on achieving Basic and Ken and Ned Majors for achieving Auxiliary rating.

Three patrollers went to Mt. Rogers for training in winter rescue and survival and nordic cross country skiing. Carl Mimms and Tom Thomas passed their Nordic Basic Test. Carl

is now in the process of expanding the Sapphire patrol to contain nordic skiers and to form the Shinning Rock Nordic Patrol for our area. Tom fulfilled his requirements in Mountaineering instructors certification for the So. Division.

The Sapphire Patrol has set a goal to whole heartedly support the Scaley Mt. Patrol. We had the Scaley Patrol over for Lift Evacuation practice. We also helped by supplying Scaley's Patrol with patrollers to free up candidates to train, by supplying First Aid Equipment, toboggan, and lift evacuation equipment to Scaley's Patrol. We wish Scaley all the best for a fantastic season.

We would like to thank the executive committee and the division advisors for the helping hand which was extended in friendship to help the Sapphire Patrol have its strongest year.

Sky Valley

On April 11, 1981, the Sky Valley Patrol held its annual Spring Meeting at our home. The business portion of the meeting consisted of a review of last ski season, a look at next season, Patrol By-Laws, Southern Division convention, Election of officers, and awards. We lost several patrollers last season and Doug Dromey is going to look into an ad in the Atlanta Ski Club Magazine in an effort to recruit some good candidates for next year. We also need to look into some sort of public relations and donations at the patrol level. It was unanimously agreed upon that at this time the patrol does not need a separate set of By-Laws since we are covered under the Division By-Laws as well as the National By-Laws. Everyone was encouraged to attend the Southern Division Convention at The Omni on Saturday April 25, 1981. Mike Chandler was elected patrol leader for 1981-82 and given the authority to appoint the necessary assistants and other officers in accordance with NSPS policy. Doug Dromey, Bruce McLean, and Bill Farrell have completed ten years service with the NSPS. Bruce McLean receives the *Iron Man* award this year for most days patrolled.

Mike Chandler, PL

Wolf Laurel

The late February basic test at Wolf Laurel had the candidates sweating in the most literal sense of the word. The end of training which began in October was at hand, and the weather had turned springtime. The hill was still open from the top and conditions varied from mush to ice as well as a 20 mph wind. Test judges for the event were Tommy Godwin — Section Chief, Tom Thomas — Sapphire PL, and Steve Waldrep Wolf Laurel PL. The patrol hosted a party at the end of the day to welcome 4 new basics and 4 auxiliaries. The new basics are Rudy Martinez, Bob McWilliams, Jackson Land, and Vince Rutherford. The new auxiliaries are Rudy Austin, Steve Gatson, Evelyn Mudge, and John Mudge. The new patrollers honored Stuart Ray, the patrol training officer, with a backpack and a "six-pack." The entire patrol congratulated our three new seniors, Melinda Waldrep, Mike Silver, and Stuart Ray.

Wolf Laurel Elections

The Wolf Laurel Patrol elected officers for the 1981-82 season. The officers for the next season are as follows:

Steve Waldrep — Patrol Leader
Mike Silver — Assistant Patrol Leader
Stuart Ray — Training Officer
Patsy Maynard — Secretary/Treasurer

The patrol is appreciative of the work performed during 80-81 season by Margie Carroll and Barney Pendleton.

Steve Waldrep, PL

This will be my last Division Director's report to the Southern Division and to the National Director of the NSPS. It has been an honor, a challenge, and an exhilarating experience to serve you. I want to thank every Patroller in the Southern Division, every Junior, every Candidate on up through the Line Officers and Advisors for the tremendous effort which has been put forth to make our Division what it is today. You have been magnificent. I would also like to thank Don Williams, our National Director and his entire staff for their great help.

Administrative Matters

The Southern Division has continued to grow. Our twenty-four registered Patrols for the past season numbered 594 registered Patrollers, and increased from 513 the previous season. The administrative decision to break down the Division into three regions instead of two (Skyline, Blueridge, and Dixie) proved to be a wise one. With the smaller regions and smaller sections, the Region Directors and Section Chiefs were able to visit the Patrols to get acquainted with the Area Managers, Patrol Leaders and Patrollers first hand, resulting in better communication and better resolution of problems at the local level, which is the way it should be. I am extremely pleased with how we are "making the system work."

Again this season, I traveled over 10,000 miles (at no expense to the Division) visiting Patrols. I was able to visit every Patrol in the Division with the exception of Lakewood Village which closed for the season the weekend I had earmarked for them. I apologize to Lakewood for not getting to you this year.

Advisorships

In general the Advisors and Advisorship Programs functioned well. Timely reports, particularly information given to the Southern Cross, remains a problem, and I would urge all Advisors to be alert constantly to utilize the Southern Cross for dissemination of information to our members. I would also urge all Patrollers to communicate directly with Advisors when you have problems. The entire structure of the system above the Patrol level is to serve you, the Patroller on the hill. Take advantage of it.

The Division is indebted to all the Advisors, but I would particularly like to thank the following: Auxiliary: Mary Twomey for continuing to "plug away" for this important part of our membership; Avalanche Ron Giest for persisting until he finally got a group to go West for the Patch A Course; Awards: Charles T. Benbow, Jr. for his excellent job of running this program; Certified & Junior: Steve Benbow for getting the Certified Program off the ground while keeping the Junior Program at its former standard of excellence; Communications: Farris Jackson for continuing to run this in the highly professional manner he does; Explorer Scout: Norris Woody for making National look up and take notice for the excellent way he got this program off the ground; Fund Raising: Mike Harris for putting together a sound base for fund-raising efforts by direct mailing; Historian/Archivist: Patsy Harris for doing a superb job with this new program; Lift Evacuation: John Lawrence & Keith Gray for the fine training they have given us throughout the years; Nordic: Lynn Pace for doing his usual excellent job in his new assignment; Public Relations: Benning Garrison for her highly professional efforts; Southern Cross: Bobbie Rupp for her consistently high standards in editing the best newsletter in the whole NSPS, the Southern Cross.

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I would also like to express deep appreciation to: All the Patrollers and Section Chiefs and Region Directors for the outstanding job they are doing. To Dave Dillard for helping me immeasurably during the transition two years ago; to my Assistant Division Directors, Farris Jackson, Tom Moss, and Randy Avery; Professional Director, Sherry Perry who has done an outstanding job in communicating with the other Professionals in the Division and to prevent the schism between professionals and volunteers which can so easily develop; to Jim Underwood, the "money man" for bringing a high degree of professionalism to the registration and fiscal program and to Susan Jackson for keeping an excellent record of all the meetings. Last but not least, I want to express my heart felt thanks to my talented wife, Beth, not only for her expert assistance in much of the typing and filing but also for patience during the frequent and long winded phone calls at home and the long hours on the road visiting Patrols during the season. Her loyalty knows no bounds.

Area Management

Our relationship with the Area Management within the Division appears to be at an all time high. The wisdom of our founding father, Keith Argow, is amply demonstrated by this, the fruit of his creative thinking. I heartily recommend that the close liaison between the Administration of the Division and the Southeastern Ski Area Managers Association be continued by having the Division Director or his designee attend their Spring and Fall Meetings and continue the visitation during the seasons. There is, quite literally, no substitute for personal acquaintance and face to face discussion.

By-Laws and Policy and Procedure Book

Farris and Susan Jackson and Randy Avery have accomplished a monumental task in putting together the current set of by-laws and in beginning the policy and procedure book. I would urge that each Patrol keep its copy updated. The policy and procedure is conceived as a workbook in which decisions made at National and Division levels may be recorded and updated so that we will not have to rely on memory on "what the policy is." A copy for each Patrol is here at the meeting and will be distributed to the Patrol Leader or his surrogate as well as to all Line Officers.

The National Scene

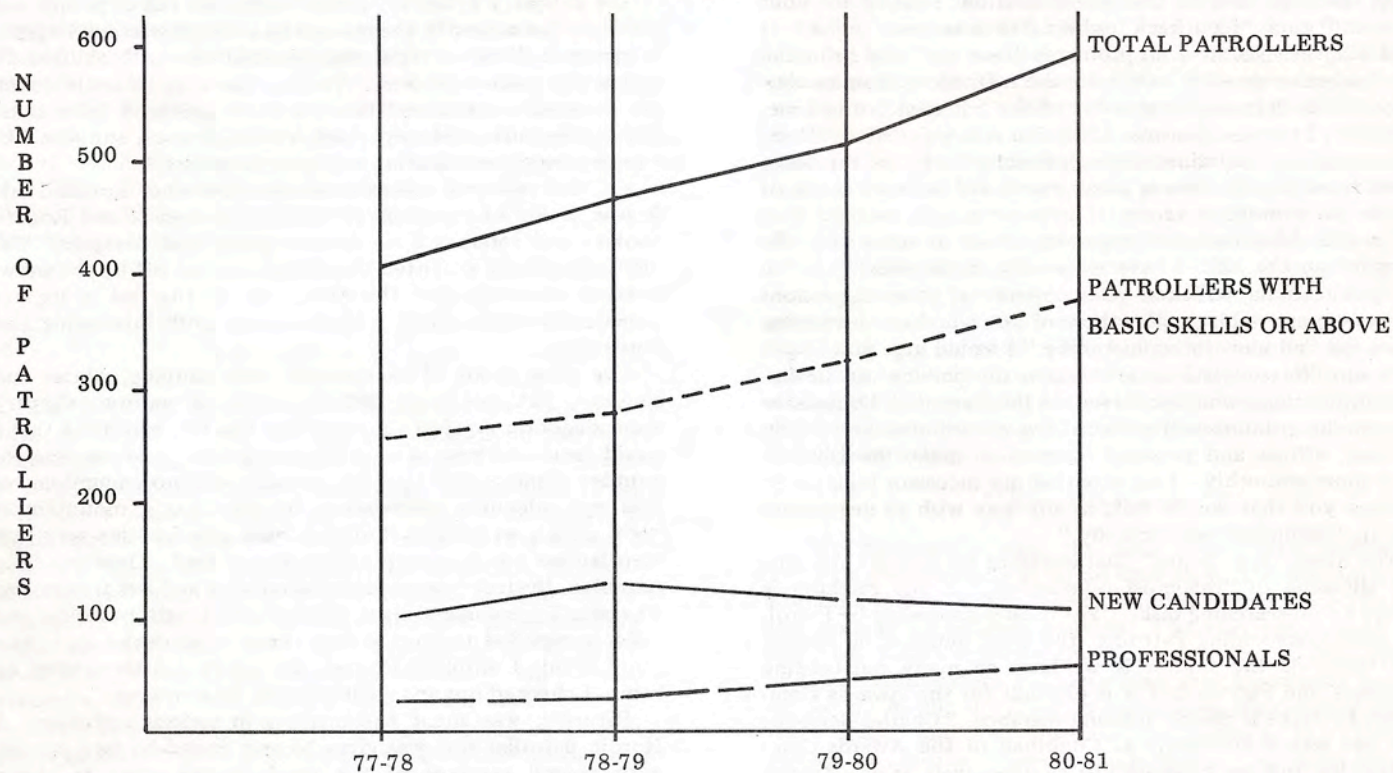
I reported to you at our Fall Officers Meeting, the major events shaping up as a result of decisions made at the National Meeting in June 1980 at Stratton Mtn. As you recall, a decision was made at that meeting to acquire an "in house computer" at the National Office. This has been done and has greatly improved many aspects of the service which we get from the National Office. Another big step forward on the National scene involves the decision to hire an executive administrator. While the exact title in responsibilities still remains to be ironed out, I believe that these things will be done at the next National Meeting in Helena, Montana in June. I certainly support this concept and urge my successor to do so likewise.

The Federal Charter, as you know, has passed and I want to express my appreciation for the outstanding work done by Roger Bollinger and the support given to this effort by everyone in the Division. The decision to decentralize registration proved to be a happy one and resulted in a decrease in the time lag between registration and obtaining new registration cards.

On the negative side we report the resignation of Adele Ghiazza to continue her academic studies. Adele is an outstanding and dedicated worker, having served as Office Manager and Controller at the National Office for several years. We wish her every success in her continuing career. We shall miss her.

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GROWTH TRENDS
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1980-81
SOUTHERN DIVISION, N.S.P.S.
PATROLLER DISTRIBUTION

| PATROL | NAT.'L | SENIOR | BASIC | JUNIOR | AUX | OLD CAND | NEW CAND | IN-ACTIVE | CERTIFIED | TOTAL | % |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| ADMINISTRATIVE | 10 | 5 | 3 | | | | | | | 18 | 3.0 |
| APPALACHIAN | | 7 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 16 | | | 40 | 6.7 |
| BEECH MTN. | 2 | 11 | 30 | 2 | 8 | | 14 | | | 67 | 11.3 |
| CASCADE | | | 11 | | | | | | | 11 | 1.9 |
| CATALOOCHEE | 2 | 10 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | | | 41 | 6.9 |
| CEDAR CLIFF | | 1 | 3 | | | 11 | 2 | | | 17 | 2.9 |
| CLOUDMONT | 1 | | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 | 1.0 |
| GATLINBURG | 2 | 8 | 22 | | 7 | 3 | 4 | 4 | | 50 | 8.4 |
| SMOKY MTN. NORDIC | | | 4 | | | 1 | | | | 5 | 0.8 |
| HIGH MEADOWS | | | 1 | | 7 | | | | | 8 | 1.3 |
| HOMESTEAD | | 3 | 10 | | | 2 | | | | 15 | 2.5 |
| HOUND EARS | | | 1 | | | 2 | 1 | | | 4 | 0.7 |
| LAKEWOOD VILLAGE | | | | | | 6 | 4 | | | 10 | 1.7 |
| MILL RIDGE | | | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | | | 12 | 2.0 |
| RENEGADE | | | 5 | | 1 | | | 1 | | 7 | 1.2 |
| SAPPHIRE VAL. | | 1 | 9 | | 3 | 1 | 4 | | | 18 | 3.0 |
| SCALEY MTN. | | | 2 | | 13 | | | | | 15 | 2.5 |
| SEVEN DEVILS | 2 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | | | 33 | 5.5 |
| SKY VALLEY | | 3 | 7 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 17 | 2.9 |
| SNOWSHOE | | 3 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 | | | 35 | 5.9 |
| SUGAR MTN. | 1 | 16 | 26 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 2 | | 59 | 9.9 |
| WINTERGREEN | | 20 | 30 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 70 | 11.8 |
| WOLF LAUREL | | 3 | 18 | 1 | 5 | | 10 | | | 37 | 6.2 |
| TOTAL | 20 | 94 | 249 | 16 | 55 | 45 | 104 | 11 | 1 | 595 | TOTAL |
| % | 3.4 | 15.8 | 41.8 | 2.7 | 9.2 | 7.6 | 17.5 | 1.8 | 0.2 | % | 100 |

TESTING AND TRAINING



(left to right): Don Polk, John Newton, Mike Holt, Billy Roberts

The first ever basic test was given at Cedar Cliff Ski Resort on February 15, 1981. Three participated and passed. I'd like to welcome the services of Mike Holt, Billy Roberts, and Don Polk as patrollers in the Southern Division.

John Newton SC



The Senior Test held at Wintergreen, March 1st was judged by the following staff: (left to right) Nancy Shelhorse, Pat Barnes, Glenn White, Doug Carlberg, Tim Carwile, and Richard Chadick.

Doug F. Carlberg, RD

The Testing and Training programs experienced a very successful season due to the dedicated work of many patrollers and to the abundance of snow.

The *Nordic Program* had an especially productive year under the guidance of Lynn Pace. There has also been considerable work done at the national level on this program.

The *Junior Program* was again guided by the expert hands of Steve Benbow whose Junior Jamboree at Seven Devils was, as always, one of Southern Division's seasonal highlights.

A special thanks should be given to French Moore for his hard work in putting *The Mountaineering Patch Course* on every year. Ample snow and a well equipped, enthusiastic group of patrollers and Rescue Squadsmen made this year's mountaineering experience at Mt. Rogers as enjoyable and meaningful as in the past.

All scheduled activities of the *Testing and Training* programs were successfully held including three (3) clinics and three (3) Senior tests. The Senior test at Homestead had to be rescheduled at Wintergreen due to snow conditions.

The emphasis of the clinics continued to be placed on the proper attitudes and skills required to test patrolling skills. Twenty-two (22) patrollers participated in these three clinics.

A seventy percent passing rate was achieved during Senior testing. At the end of the 1981 ski season, the Southern Division had a total of 22 newly qualified Senior patrollers. A slight problem still remains with persons taking the Senior test without having completed the Circle A and Circle M requirements.

I would like to thank all the dedicated patrollers who have helped make Senior testing a successful ongoing program.

The following candidates passed the Senior Test during the 1981 season: Keith Gray, Administrative; J. W. Eades; Rodney Farris; John Lawrence; Gary C. White, Beech Mountain; Glenn Brown; Dennis Slagle; Jim Williams, Gatlinburg; Norris Woods, Mill Ridge; Wesley Benbow; Douglas Hall, Seven Devils; Robert Bodamer; John Eilers; David Lilly, Snowshoe; Maggie Dyer; Doug Mooxneaux; Robert Pugh, Wintergreen; Stuart Ray; Mike Silver; Melinda Waldrep, Wolf Laurel.

Tom Moss
ADD Testing and Training

SUMMER SELF-EVAC. SEMINAR

A self-evacuation workshop will be held this summer, tentatively on August 15th and 16th, at Look Rock, Tennessee. If interested, contact Joy Slagle (615-581-5818) for registration information and further details.

REPORTS FROM NATIONAL MEETING

To me and eventually for all Patrollers, one of the far reaching decisions of the National Board was to obtain the services of a professional Public Relations firm to enhance the image of the National Ski Patrol to the Skiing Public and also the General Public. With the hope that eventually with a better public image, we anticipate seeing a vast improvement in Fund Raising potential.

Another action of the National Board is to procure the services of an Executive Administrator for the National Ski Patrol System. The Administrator probably will not be selected until the late Fall or Early Winter. A target date of December 1, 1981 is being hoped for. This new position should allow the National Director more time to perform his normal and needed duties. The National Board had the very strong feeling that the position of Executive Administrator is now very badly needed, if not overdue.

VERY SPECIAL INTEREST TO EVERY PATROLLER!!!

The National Ski Patrol System has it's own, in house, computer that should make our own record keeping correct and up-to-date.

ONLY AND IF!!!

You must put the correct information on your registration forms. All dates, numbers, address, courses completed, Patrol classification (Basic, etc.). Your Social Security Number must be on the Registration form and correct. If not, you will be given one. Now is the time to get everything correct. It will be very difficult to make changes on information that is given to the computer incorrectly.

GET IT RIGHT NOW!!!

This being my first Official National Board meeting, it seemed to go well and was very informative. The Northern Division is to be commended for the excellent arrangements they provided. My personal thanks to Jim Whitlock, Northern Division Director, and Gil Wolf and his fine crew that did an outstanding job for everyone.

Charles T. Benbow
Division Director

I attended the National Training and Testing Committee Meeting at the National NSPS meeting in Helena, MT June 24-27, 1981.

Bill Simonsen, National T & T Advisor, conducted the meeting. Its overall purpose was to review division training programs, exchange ideas, and discuss questions of common concerns.

Many interesting things are going on across the system. All divisions appear to be tracking National standards (with variations) to reflect specific Divisional concerns. Southern Division's effort and direction of training and testing in comparison, ranks well and is soundly based.

Every division is concerned about the apprehensions of test candidates. Each pointed out ways they are taking to develop a respectful testing atmosphere to help test candidates demonstrate their best on-hill capabilities.

Many testing variations exist. Like Southern, several conduct on-hill exams by lining candidates up at test stations. Others are moving away from this to a team test where several candidates are assigned to 3 examiners. The examiners guide and observe the candidates through a day to two days of general skiing, toboggan handling and on-slope skills. Discussions on ski patrol philosophy and techniques are held on lifts and in small groups. All mountain conditions are covered with most work conducted on the steepest parts.

Chairlift evacuation techniques are being included in more and more cases. These may be part of a written exam or on-hill or both.

In most cases overall testing and training is concentrating on practical skills and testing situations. Endurance testing seems to be one of skiing non-stop, to the bottom of the mountain and then handling a first aid problem. The test — carrying out the needed first aid.

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Many ideas were picked up during the meeting along with examples of division testing and training programs, exams and recording forms.

We had the opportunity to take a newly developed national first aid assessment exam (wow!) and provide comments to the National Board. While much will yet be done to improve the test, it may be made available to help the system and patrols evaluate first aid levels and training programs. Data banks of well-prepared test questions are being developed from which divisions may draw, to prepare local exams (Senior & Basic).

But even in the enlightened committee atmosphere, we found work sessions were interspersed with testing stations on the Missouri River and the Continental Divide. At these stops we had an opportunity to examine and sample pig roasting techniques, buffalo chip throwing (with Benbow out-distancing the pack of DD's), sampling western roast beef and buffalo (beefalo!), and swapping ideas.

Roger Bollinger

Nine of the ten Division First Aid Advisors met June 25, 26 and 27 to discuss the first aid procedures now in effect and to make recommendations to the National Board which was also meeting. The new National First Aid Advisor, Mike Wyne chaired the meeting.

The committee made the following recommendations to the Board:

- I. Adopt the first three findings of the F.A.S.T. (First Aid Standard and Training) Committee.
 1. The NSPS should remain with the American Red Cross.
 2. Retain the present candidate admission requirements.
 3. Spend less time on non-patrolling related topics in Annual First Aid Refreshers.
 4. Accept the remainder of the report as information, and note that some of the suggestions are already in effect and the remainder are being studied.
- II. That the Journal of Winter Emergency Care be continued as a separate publication, that consideration be given to reducing the issues from 3 to 2 per year, but increasing the number of pages in each issue to cut down on the cost of postage.
- III. To not have a National First Aid Evaluation Exam for all patrollers, but to establish a First Aid Question Bank, on a National level, from which questions can be taken to be used for refreshers, basic, and senior exams.
- IV. To ammend the Patroller Manual, to require a written and practical First Aid exam as a part of the Senior Test.

NOTE: This was passed by the Board and was already in effect in most Divisions.

- V. That the National First Aid Committee meet more often than every 3-4 years, to discuss issues and make recommendations to the Board.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE:

1. The Junior and Auxiliary Program as it pertains to First Aid. It was agreed that these two programs were working well.
2. To attempt a better exchange of information between the divisions pertaining to testing, teaching, training aids and equipment. One method suggested would be through The Journal of Winter Emergency Care.
3. A third addition of the Winter First Aid Manual will be available this fall.
4. To attempt to work out a better system with the American National Red Cross to recertify N.S.P.S. — A.R.C., Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care Instructors who only participate in Fall Refreshers.

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