



# THE SOUTHERN CROSS

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## FROM THE D.D.

Those of you who were not at the Spring Convention in Waynesboro, VA really missed a great event. Pres. Funkhouser and his troops put on a wonderful weekend for all of us. On behalf of the Southern Division I extend a big thank you to Pres, Charlene, Ray Hanger, and all the others who worked so hard to make the 1987 Spring Convention a very special occasion.

On Friday evening we had our Spring Executive Committee meeting. The evening's work was mainly centered around the awards program. Most of you know that Mary K. Twomey, our Auxiliary Advisor, died on April 7, 1987. What a loss to the Ski Patrol both in the Southern Division and nationally, as she was also the National Auxiliary Advisor. Mary was always conscientious and worked hard in her job, but more than that she was our good friend. Because of these things the Executive Committee voted to name the Outstanding Auxiliary Award in her honor. Henceforth the award will be known as the Mary K. Twomey Outstanding Auxiliary Award. For those of you that didn't know of these developments earlier, I need to tell you that Mary's family has asked that anyone wishing to send a memorial for Mary should send it to the Cataloochee Ski Patrol in her name. Other items that were discussed were: (1) French Moore showed a draft of the proposed first aid training manual. (2) We now have an excellent supply of cardboard splints on hand. Please make your needs known to Charles Benbow and he will ship them to you. Your cost will be \$18.50 per hundred plus freight. You need to send the check to our Treasurer, Jim Underwood. (3) You all will be hearing more in the near future about the National Ski Patrol's 50th Anniversary which will be coming up in March 1988. It will be a year long celebration. I'll keep you informed of the plans as I find out about them. (4) The following dates were set for meetings that will be held in the 1987-88 season. Please make a note of them and make your plans to attend.

Summer Executive Committee	Kingsport, TN	August 9, 1987
Fall Officer's Meeting	Kingsport, TN	September 12, 1987
Winter Executive Committee	Beech Mtn.	January 9, 1988
Spring Convention	Gatlinburg, TN	April 30, 1988

Other dates will be passed on to you as they are firmed up. There will be several training classes this Summer to upgrade Red Cross Advanced First Aid Instructors to Winter Emergency Care Instructors. John Chandler will keep you informed on this. I inform you with regret that our good friend, Harwell Dabbs has submitted his resignation as WECC Supervisor due to pressures of his job and some medical problems. We all wish him well and hope that things work out well for him and that he is able to be back with us very soon.

At the Convention, which began on Saturday morning, a lot was covered that will have a big impact on us in the future. John Chandler covered very thoroughly the status of the WECC. We learned that the Red Cross has been back in touch with the National Committee about the course. This is good news I feel. Of course, we don't know where the discussions will lead at this time, but I like the idea that we are back together in the discussion stage. By this Fall we will have upgraded our First Aid Instructors to the WECC Level and they will be teaching the WEC Course at the Fall Refreshers. This will all be laid out in the Patroller Magazine this Summer. We have a super new course and it is being recognized as such by many prestigious organizations. You can be proud of the work the WEC PAC committee has done. A special vote of thanks to John Chandler, who has done such a fine job as a member of this committee.

The Region Directors gave reports with help from their Section Chiefs and Patrol Leaders who were present. By and large everything went well except for the lack of snow in the areas south of the Boone area. Some Ski Areas were only open "parts" of three weekends. Others ran out of skiers before they ran out of snow. And then we had the tremendous snow the first weekend in April. Snowshoe said they had more than 37" in two days and had several super skiing days. Sugar reopened for several days and Flynn Harris says the skiing was great. Susan and I were able to get to all but two ski areas this Winter and had a great time visiting with each and every patrol. I apologize to Wolf Laurel and Gatlinburg for not getting to their area. It was my loss. We'll see you next time for sure.

Rick Roberts led the presentation of the Advisor's reports and presented the reports for those who were unable to be there. Some excerpts are as follows: Alumni/Dillard, now have 17 alumni registered. Please help him get in touch with those that you may know that might like to be registered as alumni. He has brochures available that explain the program. Awards/Benbow, got a better response on awards this year. Keep up the good work. Awards program is in the process of being revamped and upgraded. New manual and procedures should be approved at the National Board Meeting in June. Changes will be in effect for the 1987-88 season. Telecomm/Woodlee, Remember that Rick has the Tempo CS-15 programmable



## CALENDAR

### JUNE

- 21, 1987 WEC Instructors' Clinic  
Lake Monican, VA
- 25-27, 1987 NSPS Spring Meeting  
Colorado Springs, CO

### JULY

- 11, 1987 WEC Instructors' Clinic  
Oak Ridge, TN

### AUGUST

- 1, 1987 WEC Instructors' Clinic  
Winterplace, WVA
- 9, 1987 Summer Executive Meeting  
Kingsport, TN

### SEPTEMBER

- 5, 1987 WEC Instructors' Clinic  
Boone, NC
- 12, 1987 Fall Officers' Meeting  
Kingsport, TN
- 14, 1987 Southern Cross Deadline

### OCTOBER

- 3, 1987 Grandfather Section  
Refresher at Sugar Mtn.

### NOVEMBER

- 14, 1987 First Aid Refresher, VA Sec  
Charlottesville, VA
- 20, 1987 Circle A  
Lake Monican Lodge, VA
- 21-22, 1987 Circle M  
Lake Monican, VA

### FEBRUARY

- 27, 1988 Basic First Aid Test  
Wintergreen, VA
- 28, 1988 Basic Skiing Test  
Wintergreen, VA

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radio available at super prices for those of you that are interested in adding units or upgrading. Lynn Pace also has a good source for the Maxon radios that have performed well also. The FCC still has some of our requested licenses under advisement. However, they have given us a temporary National License under which we can work until things have been resolved. FED Manager/Stowe, still has some supplies that he picked up last season. Call him if you need any of the items that were in the last *Southern Cross*. He still can get aircraft seatbelts and the Wintergreen Patrol showed how useful they can be on a backboard. Contact Harry if you would like any seatbelts (at \$.50 ea.). Let him know what your needs are. Fund Raising/Godwin, working on a system of brochures and donation envelopes in display racks for use in each patrol room. Certified/Deane, gave a fine explanation of how the certified program works and how it can help in all areas of the Ski Patrol. Archivist/Slagle, needs pictures of all officers who have not already had them taken. Junior/Benbow, Division Jr. Seminar held at Hawksnest with top 4 finishers going to Idaho. The National Seminar was excellent. A National Junior review committee has been established and will report to the Board meeting in June. The 1987-88 National Junior Seminar will be at Whiteface, Lake Placid, NY. Nordic/Triplett, Nordic Senior Program started and now has two Nordic Senior Patrollers. Two Southern Division Nordic Patrollers are in the running to patrol on the Olympic Patrol. Lynn says one hangup might be that the Canadians might insist on having interpreters come with them. Any volunteers? Training/Booth, goal of training program is to learn while having fun. Learn just one more new skill each time. Rick Miller attained associate level with the PSIA. Congratulations!

## Editor's Note

**The next deadline is important  
for all patrollers. Be sure *your*  
information is on time!**

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Jim Underwood presented a follow-up on the Reckless Skier Program that we worked on at our last meeting. He sent out a questionnaire about the existing programs at different areas. He got a pretty good response and compiled the answers for us. A super job and very informative. Snowshoe presented a VCR film of their SOS (Safe On Skis) program and told of how well it worked this past season - a really outstanding job. Other areas have very good programs also. I believe Snowshoe and Beech Mountain programs are in the finals in the NSAA contest. I was instructed by the Executive Committee to present Jim Underwood's package to the SSAA at their meeting on May 10th and 11th. Their President, Uel Gardner, has agreed to give me time on their program to do this. I'll let you know how it is received.

The NSP is working on getting the Postal Service to approve the issuance of a commemorative stamp for the 50th anniversary of the Patrol and I showed everyone a picture of the proposed stamp. All agreed it was outstanding. In order to get this approved we will need the help of all patrollers in getting people to write letters in support of this to their Congressmen and Senators and to the Postal Committee in charge of this type of stamp production. I'll let you know when you're needed.

As you saw in the last copy of the Patroller Magazine, the NSP has bought a new office building in Denver. It was very much needed and overdue. We got a super deal on the building and you should be proud of it. It will be formally dedicated during the June Board meeting which will be held at Colorado Springs, CO. The following is the address of the new building:

National Ski Patrol  
Ski Patrol Building  
133 South Van Gordon Street  
Lakewood, CO 80228-1706

This address will be effective as of May 15th, 1987. There will be a new telephone number but we do not have it at this time. I'll pass it on to you as soon as I get it.

Congratulations are in order for Lee and Elaine Whittman and Norris Woody who have been appointed National Mountaineering Instructors.

At the banquet, which was wonderful, a good time was had by all and a great many deserving people got awards. Charles worked long and hard with Charlene Funkhouser to get all of the awards framed for presentation. There were more than forty counting the service awards presented. At least a dozen outstanding people got their Senior Award, but the highlight as usual was the presentation of this year's Outstanding Awards. They were as follows:

Outstanding Junior Patroller ..... Scott Ghormley  
Mary K. Twomey Outstanding  
Auxiliary ..... Harry Stowe  
Outstanding Nordic Patroller ..... Milton Triplett  
Outstanding Pro Patroller ..... David Oakley  
Outstanding Patroller ..... Howard Tilley  
Outstanding Nordic Patrol ..... Smoky Mtn. Patrol  
Outstanding Patrol ..... Snowshoe Patrol

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for electing me to serve as your Division Director for the next two years. The past two have been exciting and rewarding for me. I believe we have accomplished a lot and I look forward to working with you to make our Division even better. Let me hear from you if I can be of help to you, your Patrol or your Ski Area.

Farris Jackson, Division Director



## IN MEMORIAM

All of us in the NSPS have given our services of our own free will and would easily come under the technical definition of a volunteer. Our volunteerism appends to an organization in which we have some special interest and we are organizational volunteers. For those of us who love the sport of skiing many hours of our time has been gratuitously given to the service of others who share our interest.

Rare indeed is the individual who does not limit his services to a special interest organization but rather leads his life aiding, performing a service or answering a need voluntarily. Rare indeed was Mary Kay Twomey.

Mary Kay was affiliated with NSPS and Cataloochee Ski Patrol for 19 years. She was an Auxiliary the entire time and was serving the system as National Auxiliary Advisor. For her, patrolling did not include skiing or that exhilarating rush as you speed into the wind and seem to merge with the outdoors. To her the descent from a snow covered hill under a bright sun and blue sky was just a part of the past, the memory too removed to savor. She caught her gusto in smaller puffs as she provided a sympathetic ear, an assessment of injuries, a careful treatment or a reassuring smile. She gave the warmest gift, the gift of presence.

Mary was trained as a nurse and was regularly called upon to assist in first aid training and annual refreshers, and was the acknowledged authority on matters relating to first aid. Her willingness to be counted gained her responsibilities from the patrol to the National level.

Mary provided the example and inspiration to two sons who shared her love of skiing and became infected with her enthusiasm for service to others. John Twomey served the Cataloochee Ski Patrol from 1969 until his death in 1973. Bob Twomey is in his 14th year of service to the same Patrol.

She gave a special gift to her family and friends in her last illness. It was the gift of sparing them the grief of her suffering and the hurt in knowing her terminable prognosis. As "The Prophet" spoke to us as receivers: "...assume no weight of gratitude, lest you lay a yoke upon yourself and upon him who gives."

There was another layer to this profile and it didn't go unnoticed. She was a person who carried miniature candy bars in her purse and waited for children to appear hungry for a burst of energy. She was a person who carried an extra pair of socks because she knew yours might get wet and a dry pair would be warmly appreciated. She was the signator on the box of cheese or nuts that came in the mail at Christmas time. She was the person who showed up at your daughter's hospital room on a Christmas day and sent you home to spend the day with the rest of your family.

This sensitive, caring person dealt with everyone as a giver. The list of services to others would be legion. Thanks for being a part of our organization. Mary Kay didn't ski but she could sure handle the double black diamonds of life. She left us on April 7, 1987. She earned the rating of an Expert.

Bob Riddle

Dear Friends,

*It is with much regret I tell you Mary K. Twomey died on Tuesday, April 7, 1987 at approximately 8:30 a.m. Since the Fall of 1986, Mary had knowingly been diagnosed as having a form of cancer which affects the function of the liver. Her health began to drastically decline after the Christmas Season. During the first three months of this year, Mary underwent chemotherapy in an effort to deter the rapid growth of the disease. She became incapable of remaining at home during March and was confined for the remainder of time in St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville. The week prior to her death, it became evident she was ready to stop her battle against the cancer. Her last hours were very quiet and calm - she passed away as she slept.*

*Mary K. is very special to all of us - as her family and friends. Bob, myself and many of her friends checked on her daily. We shared our feelings and concerns with her frankly and honestly as she maintained her mental faculties. Mary acknowledged each letter we read her with a smile, occasionally a chuckle and often a tear.*

*As you share in our "loss" please remember Mary, the "Dignified Lady" and her undying faith and strength. Also, we ask you to pass this information on to anyone who shares in our love for Mary.*

Very Sincerely yours,  
Regina S. Twomey

## JUNIOR SEMINAR

Five Juniors and eight adults from Southern Division attended the 1987 National Junior Training Seminar at Bogas Basin in Boise, Idaho. The five Juniors all participated in the seminar learning new ski and toboggan skills and fine tuning their first aid skills. Scott Marland aced his written first aid test for a first place tie and finished tenth overall for the seminar. All of our Juniors did well; most placing in the top twenty five overall. All the Juniors said they learned new skills and had a great time!

Scot Ghormley—Snowshoe  
Scott Marland—Gatlinburg  
Tommy Clabough—Appalachian  
Hellen Calhoun—Appalachian  
Cleve May—Mill Ridge

Harry Stowe—Hawksnest  
Carolyn Stowe—Hawksnest  
E. B. Fox—Appalachian  
Wes Benbow—Winterplace  
Steve Benbow—Hawksnest  
Preston Funkhouser—Wintergreen  
Charlene Funkhouser—Wintergreen  
Mike May—Mill Ridge

Thanks to E. B. Fox, Preston and Charlene Funkhouser for their support and help with examining at the NTJS. Also thanks to the Juniors for their fine representation.

The 1988 National Junior Training Seminar will be hosted by Eastern Division. The seminar will be March 6-11 at Whiteface Mountain, Lake Placid, NY. Junior registration will be \$225.00 and adult registration is \$225.00 also. The price is for four persons in a room. If an adult wishes a two person room the cost will be \$260.00 per person.

Steve Benbow, Junior Adv.

## CURRENT ARC INSTRUCTORS

Current ARC instructors of the Southern Division who desire to continue to actively teach in the fall refreshers and teach the new Winter Emergency Care Course of the NSPS will need to attend an instructors update this summer. The session is a one day update, offered in four locations this summer. This course is only for current ARC or EMT instructors registered with the Southern Division at this time. Please contact the course supervisor for the update listed below to register.

- 1) Virginia area: June 21, 1987, Lake Monican, VA  
Coordinator: Preston Funkhouser  
5735 Danville Dr.  
Fayetteville, NC 28301
- 2) Tennessee area: July 11, 1987, Oak Ridge, TN  
Coordinator: Cloyd Beasley  
110 S. Purdue, Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
Coordinator: Janie Bollinger  
P.O. Box 428, Norris, TN 37828
- 3) North Carolina area: September 5, 1987, Boone, NC  
Coordinator: Dottie Spencer  
P.O. Box 589, Boone, NC 28607  
Coordinator: Bernie Smith  
1317 Dayton St., Greensboro, NC 27407
- 4) West Virginia area: August 1, 1987, Winterplace  
Coordinator: Robert W. Bodamer  
114 Columbus St.  
South Point, OH 45680

Contact coordinator for time and place and to register.

John M. Chandler, MD, Acting WEC Supervisor



## ADDRESS CHANGE

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### Appalachian

Appalachian's 25th Anniversary Season has been a good one. After beginning the season with 8 candidates, we now have 7 new patrollers. New basic patrollers are Mike Fletcher, Gordon Sox, and Oscar Knight; New juniors are Helen Calhoun, Luke Turner, Jeff Harding, and Joseph Donadio. Speaking of juniors, we are extremely proud that 2 of our juniors, Tommy Clabough and Helen Calhoun, won trips to the National Junior Training Seminar at Bogus Basin, Idaho. Out of approximately 150 of the top juniors nationwide, both Tommy and Helen finished in the top 25. A super effort.

Our patrollers were busy both on and off the snow this year, as five of our group walked down the aisles of marriage. Congratulations are in order for Alan Lakin, Ben Fox, Richard Sanders, Ricky Laws, and Mike Fortner. Condolences to the new Ski Patrol Widows...

Special thanks are due to several of our group, Blake Brown, Division Testing Advisor, was so busy we didn't get to see him as much as we would have liked. Blake is the proud owner of a new anterior cruciate ligament, and we all wish him a speedy recovery. Tony Ray, Region Testing Advisor, was also gone testing and clinicing at other areas most of the season. From the comments I have heard from other patrol directors, I know that everyone appreciates Tony's efforts in this rather thankless position. Last but certainly not least, this year Dottie Spencer served as Assistant Patrol Leader, Division Historian, Region First Aid Advisor, and Region P.R. Advisor, all while attending nursing school full-time and working professional at the mountain. My hat's off to you, Dottie, and I promise, no more Mercedes jokes.

E.B. Fox, Patrol Dir.

### Beech Mountain

Beech Mountain skied 10,000 more skiers over previous year with 40 less accidents. I hope the trend continues.

The expansion and new lift on the backside of the mountain has begun. The old orange lift is being replaced by a high-speed, detachable quad.

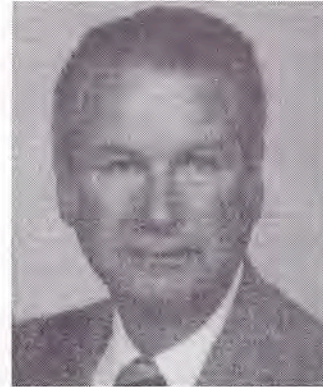
Look for our new patrol room next year.

Pete Chamberlin

### Hawksnest

Our patrollers continue outstanding tradition! Hawksnest brought back two Outstanding Individual Awards from the 1987 Southern Division Spring Convention, continuing a recent tradition of "outstanding" recognition. Assistant Patrol Director Howard Tilley received the "Outstanding Patroller" Award, making this the third consecutive season that a Hawksnest Patroller has earned that honor. Howard earned the award by patrolling every weekend this season, participating in numerous training clinics, tests, and fund-raising events, and doing an exemplary job as the Blue Ridge Region Training Advisor. Harry Stowe was awarded the first "Mary K. Twomey Outstanding Auxiliary Award". Harry garnered the honor by volunteering countless hours both at Hawksnest and as the Division FED Manager, and by procuring truckloads of surplus military supplies for the Division. We are indeed proud and fortunate to have such hard-working individuals on our patrol.

Hawksnest Ski Patrol had a long, busy, and productive season this year, running 93 days long. Volunteers worked 14 weekends and 5 midweek holiday days, as well as several weekdays and "Nighthawk" sessions (11 pm to 5 am). Hawksnest patrollers (volunteer and professional) worked 329 accidents this season with great proficiency and successful results.



**HARRY STOWE**  
Outstanding Auxiliary

### Hawksnest Continued

The ski area expanded this season with a new 1,200-foot intermediate slope and an expanded and relocated lift. As a result, skier traffic increased to a record level this season with roughly 56,000 skiers patronizing Ski Hawksnest. Management responded with many operational improvements including a new first aid room for the patrol and implementation of a reckless skier policy. The patrol took on seven new candidates this season, including three Junior candidates. Three candidates passed written NSPS first-aid and administrative tests as well as a practical first aid test to upgrade their status to Auxiliary. Three returning candidates passed their Basic test this season (candidates must serve one full season as candidates before becoming eligible for Patroller status at Hawksnest).

The patrol's growth this season, both in numbers and in level of effort, has met the challenge of the growing size of the area, increased skier traffic, and of the increased demands placed on the ski patrol (safety, risk management, etc.). We averaged 17 volunteer patrollers per weekend day and 11 volunteers per weekend night this season, a record participation level. Eighteen patrollers put in more than the required number of days and nights this season and nine had 100% compliance with a duty schedule put together at our Fall On-the-Hill Refresher.

A sizeable contingent of volunteers came to Hawksnest in November to participate in our annual Work Day, enabling Hawksnest to open the season fully prepared and at reduced (labor) cost. Our rapport with management is excellent.

Hawksnest patrollers provided 90% of the effort involved in the 1986 Triad Ski Swap in Greensboro, which raised \$2,200.00 for the Division Junior program, a 50% increase over last year's total.

Hawksnest had a 74% success rate with the On-the-Hill Ski and Toboggan Refresher this season, with an additional 22% being passed on a portion of the refresher, for an overall 96% participation rate.

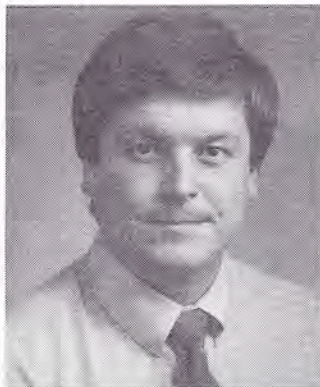
The patrol made a substantial contribution to ski safety at Hawksnest this season by devising a Reckless Skier policy and Ski Safety Program for the area. Management accepted the policy and program without change and began implementation immediately. Hawksnest patrollers accepted their new responsibility without resistance and began implementing the policy very effectively. The entire patrol participated in "Excuse Me, Please" role playing.

Hawksnest patrollers participated extensively in Section, Region, and Division meetings and training events this season. In addition, Hawksnest supplied the BR Region Training Advisor, Howard Tilley, and the Grandfather Section Training Advisor, Mike Simmons. We also hosted the 1987 Division Junior Training Seminar and the BR Region Test Examiners Clinic and Senior Candidates Clinic. This season, Hawksnest test examiners participated in three Basic tests, one Senior test, and one Certified test, totaling 14 examiner-days of effort.

All in all, it was a great season! We are already looking forward to next season with more expansion plans brewing. Hawksnest welcomes visiting patrollers, so don't be a stranger!

Mark Taylor, Patrol Dir.





**HOWARD TILLEY**  
Outstanding Patroller

#### *Renegade*

The season was very short for us this year, but we did have four candidates advance to auxiliary and nine people took basic avalanche.

Peggy Johnson (Cert. Respiratory Therapy Tech.), is the manager of National Medical Home Care, Knoxville branch office. She donated two aluminum 'E' oxygen cylinders and a regulator to our patrol through Tim Henion (director of the Respiratory Therapy program at Roane State Community College). Our thanks to these people for their support.

Renegade Resort is no longer, it is now known as Cumberland Gardens. The skiing operation may be called Cumberland Mountain, more on that later.

Our annual party will be May 30th at the Riser Estate on beautiful Watts Bar Lake. For more information, contact Susan Hastings at 615-432-4942 (H) or 615-668-6448 (W).

I would like to say thank you to all the people in the patrol, section, region, and division that have helped our patrol and myself. Everyone have a safe summer.

Brad Smallen

#### *Snowshoe*

Lift evacs., Med evacs., and strained backs, Safe on Skis, Movie Stars and ten hour days...How does over 1,000 accidents in 130 days with 260,000 plus skiers sound to you? Maybe you guessed a resort out west- Well you were almost right. Greeting from Snowshoe Mtn. Resort, West Virginia.

With 12 full-time and 2 part-time patrollers this season we just could not have done it without the help of the NSPS volunteers. Special thanks to folks like Cloyd and Scott who ventured up from Oak Ridge, TN every weekend. The Daltons, The Vincents and "The Weirton Crew" our hats off to you.

Between patrolling on skis and skiing on patrol we managed to test and train almost every weekend. Special thanks to Alan and Neal our training coordinators, to David Lilly of Vail/Beaver Creek for helping with the Certified exam and to our General Manager Danny Seme for running the Patrol while we were out becoming Certified. Congratulations to Dan Talbot, Patrol Director and newest Certified Patroller.

Thanks again go out to the fastest snowmakers in the Southeast who made our Spring skiing last into April...Well the sun's shining and the bumps are great, get in your Spring skiing here before it's too late.

Snowshoe Ski Patrol

### NATIONAL APPOINTMENT

Congratulations to Division Training Advisor, Neil Booth, on receiving a National Appointment at the Southern Division's Spring Convention on April 25th.

#### *Sugar Mountain*

The patrol had an excellent season! We had a super refresher on Saturday and a full lift evacuation on Sunday. The new On-the-Hill refresher program was well received with good attitudes and involvement by everyone. We hosted the Regional NSPS Ski Skill Training Session and a Circle A Course. Two unusual activities were a Safe Skier Reward Program conducted in conjunction with Hershey Inc. and a Ski Fashion Fund-raiser co-hosted with the Mountain Times.

About 15 brave (or dumb) Sugar Mountain Patrollers conducted a practice night lift evacuation on Saturday, February 7, starting about 11:00 p.m. Matters were complicated by cold, 70 ft. high chairs, rough terrain and drifts up to 2 ft. deep, but we learned several valuable lessons.

Our relations with management were excellent. Gunther hosted a Patrol Appreciation Party for all patrollers. As a bonus to a wonderful season, we re-opened on April 4, 5, and 6 for three days of great skiing.

Congratulations to Norris Woody who has been named National Sales Manager for Casa Bique.

The Grandfather Section Refresher will be held at Sugar Mountain on October 3 and 4 beginning at 8:00 a.m. SHARP.

Ernie Whitener

#### *Wolf Laurel*

The '86-'87 season at "The Wolf" started with a nice brisk hike up Mt. Hardy in the Pisgah Forest for our (M) course. Completing the course with me were Phil Critcher and Tim Asbury, led by our fearless PL, Steve Waldrep.

Our candidate training officers for the season were Ted Aslund and his trusty assistant John Roberts. They led our wide-eyed candidates through their paces in the five month quest for their rust and blue parkas. Their efforts resulted in two new patrollers for our patrol family. Congratulations to Chris Wilde and Alex Filiss. Thanks Ted and John for a job well done.

Thanks to Ron Geist for venturing here in January. Because of your efforts twelve of our patrollers now proudly wear the (A) on their parkas.

Congratulations are in order for Tony Creasman on becoming a Certified First Aid Tester. Take it easy on us Tony!

The weekend of February 14th and 15th was a big one for us. Saturday we gave our basic test and hosted the Senior Administrative First Aid Tests which were followed on Sunday by the Senior Ski Test. Senior candidates from Beech, Catalochee, Renegade and Wolf Laurel participated in the two-day affair. Congratulations to our new Senior Patrollers: Jamie Piercy, Tim Asbury, and Wayne Morgan.

On Saturday night after the basic test, as is the tradition, we had our annual patrol party and elections. The new patrollers were welcomed into the patrol family as were the honored guests. Serving the patrol will be Steve Waldrep (PL), Wayne Morgan (APL) and Sherry Smeuzey (Sect./Treas.). The covered dish supper was held at The Inn (thanks to management) and was enjoyed by all, and by some, a little too much, right Mike?

We skied until the first of March, leaving many looking forward to next season and a few waxing for a little R&R in Utah!

Wayne Morgan, Asst. PL



## THE CERTIFIED PROGRAM— IT IS FOR YOU!

The certified membership has expressed their concern that while the certified program is an excellent source for training within the division, it is a largely misunderstood and untapped resource. We must work to help patrollers, patrol leaders, and mountain managers understand the program not as a club for hot shot skiers, but rather an unparalleled chance to heighten the patroller's awareness of the diverse group of knowledge and techniques which make up ski patrolling.

The certified program is a unique opportunity. It works at a level where even a very seasoned patroller is able to gain new insights and information, while having full opportunity to share his own knowledge as well. Many of the most knowledgeable technicians in our division as well as the elite of other divisions are available to participate. Through this opportunity the patroller gains not only better skills, but a much broader awareness of patrolling and how it can best meet the diverse needs of the ski industry.

We feel that the true benefit which the program offers the division is the long range affect of this sharing between our best patrollers and those of other divisions. These improved skills and awareness will filter down into the ranks of our Basic and Senior membership through improved training. This affect has already been felt strongly within the Skyline Region where the Certified Program has been a strong influence for many years.

What exactly is the program? It is designed as a performance driven clinic (to borrow a term from the new WFAC). Through the guidance of the candidate handbook and the help of certified patrollers, especially at the regional certified clinic, the candidate learns what skills and knowledge he needs to develop and how he might go about this process. At the end of the season he participates in a 10 station evaluation where he is given the chance to demonstrate his abilities and is exposed to other patrollers and their approaches. Most candidates take 2 or even 3 years to gain mastery of the entire program (the candidate is not reevaluated at those stations at which he has shown mastery within his current three year cycle). The stations are:

1. A 100 question objective First Aid test.
2. An essay First Aid test.
3. Practical First Aid problems where the candidate works as a member of a team of patrollers.
4. A by-stander First Aid problem where the candidate administers First Aid with the help of untrained people.
5. An unconscious skier First Aid problem where the candidate administers First Aid to an unconscious skier.
6. Lift Evacuation where the patroller demonstrates knowledge of lift evacuation including belaying a skier from a lift.
7. Hill Safety interview where the patroller discusses various issues pertaining to slope safety and maintenance including risk management, grooming, snow making, and lift operations.
8. Management interview where the patroller discusses the management of a patrol including personnel, budget, and overall resort relations.
9. Skiing evaluation where the patroller demonstrated his proficiency in skiing in mogels, on the steep and with equipment as well as his ability to snowplow, sideslip, and do transitions.
10. Sled handling evaluation where the patroller demonstrates his proficiency in handling an empty sled as well as loaded sled.

Perhaps a more appropriate question is who is the program? Currently the program includes 4 current patrol directors, 5 former patrol directors, 4 patrol trainers, 1 regional director, 1 regional training advisor, 1 regional testing advisor, 3 divisional advisors, and 2 persons in mountain management, not to mention the people who visit our program from other division programs.

I can not speak too highly of the program and what it has done for me as a patroller. Stop and consider if you or someone you know should be involved. Please give yourself or your friend some encouragement and contact one of the following people:

BRANDON DEANE, Chairman . 804-293-2694 RICK MILLER, Skyline 804-325-1042  
STEVE BENBOW, Blue Ridge . 919-282-0494 DOUG SLOAN, Dixie . 615-645-1308

## SOUTHERN DIVISION CERTIFIED TEST

The Southern Division Certified Test was held this year on March 20, 21, and 22. Thanks to Snowshoe Mountain Manager Danny Seme and Safety Services Director Jim Haas for sponsoring the exam. I also appreciate Neil Reiburg and Doug Sloan's efforts in organizing portions of the test. Other members participating in this year's test were Steve Benbow, Brandon Deane, David Lilly, Rick Miller, and Doug Molyneaux.

Congratulations to Dan Talbott and Lynn Pace who both completed their certifications. Brandon Deane, David "Dink" Lilly, Doug Sloan and Steve Benbow successfully completed their recertification (a three year requirement).

The certified program also held its first annual committee meeting that Saturday night. Among the topics discussed were:

- the need to get more people involved in the program,
- work toward developing by-laws,
- update the current candidate handbook which we adopted from the Eastern Division Certified Program 9 years ago,
- develop more formal guidelines as to the goals and objectives for each curriculum area,
- changes in the examination process for lift evacuation, sled handling, and an unconscious victim problem,
- upgrade the clinic opportunities in each region of the division.

Brandon Deane, Certified Adv.

## CANADIAN COMFORT



If you are as tired as I am of winter-long bruises across your thighs—the result of carrying toboggans uphill *in your lap*—here's welcome news from our Canadian neighbors. A carrier, easy to make, easier to use, and best of all, easy on you!

On a skiing trip in March to the Canadian Rockies, I spent part of the time Skiing Louise—twin peaks which are just-over-there-from and look down at the magnificent glacier-fed Lake Louise, only one of the truly awesome sights in Banff National Park.

Another sight there which caught my eye, and interest, was toboggans riding up the lift, held in place by metal holders. My legs jumped with joy—and circulation.

The Canadian patrollers were shocked to learn that, at a number of our ski areas, we still used a manual carry. Eager to help us out of our archaic ways, Skiing Louise PL Bruce McLean had his assistant PL Doug Yarwood take pictures for me, showing all aspects of their toboggan carrier:

With a slight assist from a lift operator, it hooks the sled in place on the seat next to a patroller, and up they go. Removed at the top of the lift, it is looped over the back of a chair for the return trip. At Louise, several of these carriers are stacked at the bottom of each lift, ready for use. The cost? Cheap. Made by the maintenance department from scrap metal. Interested? For more information, contact me.

Benning Garrison, Easily bruised PR Adv.



## SKI & TOBOGGAN TRAINING ANNUAL ON-THE-HILL REFRESHER

If you recall from my last article, I gave everyone a challenge. Remember what it was! In case you forgot, it was two-fold. One, to have fun training and two, to work on one area you need to correct or perfect. Well, did you accept my challenge? For those I have spoken to, it appears you did. There was some concern regarding the on-the-hill refreshers as the season began. Like any new program, there were several problems which had to be worked out and were worked out. If you feel differently, let me know so we can correct them.

Your Regional Training Advisors Rick Miller, Skyline; Ed Saleem, Dixie; Howard Tilley, Blue Ridge in my opinion did a super job and are to be commended. The focus for this years' Regional Clinics were to train patrol trainers who could take the programs back to each patrol. This will not be accomplished in one year or two. It takes time to develop sound training programs. If anyone has any suggestive input, please let me know. We always need to improve.

Did anyone have any success utilizing the Southern Division Training Manuals? There will be some minor changes made and distributed at the Fall Officers meeting. If you feel there are areas that need changes or editions, now is the time to let me know. Remember, this is *your* training manual and input should come from you.

The Southern Division made great progress in ski training this season. Next year, we will focus more on toboggan handling. Who knows, we may even have good snow and cold weather next season!

Rick, Ed, Howard and myself had fun working with the Division and look forward to continued work next season. In addition to having fun, all four of us learned several new skills. I guess you could say we accepted the challenge! Again, we hope you did too!

Have a good summer and look forward to seeing you next season.

Neil A. Booth, Training Adv.

## TIME TO RECRUIT

Does your ski club put on special summer trips for its members? Does it meet during the off season? If so, this is the time to act. Spring and summer are perfect times to start looking around for prospective ski patrollers. And since everybody likes handouts that they can take home and read later, you'll want some recruiting pamphlets to give out. We still have a few (1800) in stock, and I'll be happy to send you some. All you need is write me at 756 Lancaster Rd., Augusta, GA 30909, and I'll send some in the return mail.

Benning Garrison, Public Relations Adv.

## ALUMNI

Thanks to everyone for giving me leads. We have several new members of the Alumni Association, which is great! It is so important that we keep in touch with all our past patrollers. We want to let them know what their division is doing.

It's good to have people like Cliff Amundsen, one of our first Alumni; he is still on our list. Cliff was an active patroller when we were still a section of the Eastern Division in the early 1960s. Thanks, Cliff, and the many others who are still Alumni...we need you.

We had a 30% membership increase last year. Let's keep up the good work.

David P. Dillard

## WINTER EMERGENCY CARE COURSE - NSPS

During the midwinter meeting in February 1987 the NSPS Board of Directors voted unanimously to proceed with implementation of the Winter Emergency Care Course developed by the NSPS. This is a major step in the upgrading and consolidation of our first aid training. The curriculum of the WEC course will be the standard for ski patrol first aid training. This will help to reduce the confusion of the past where several sources were used and all too many times there were discrepancies in the various sources. While the course curriculum is the ultimate authority it continues to reference the AAOS Emergency Care and Transport, Winter Emergency Care, and American Red Cross First Aid manuals. The 6th edition of the WEC curriculum will be available to patrollers this spring. It is the result of two years work by the NSPS and has been field trialed by more than four thousand ski patrollers whose response has been very positive. The 6th edition has been revised to meet the needs and the criticisms following review of the field trials in 1986.

This spring and summer the current ARC instructors in the Southern Division will be upgraded to WEC instructors during a work session by WEC instructor trainers. We hope to have at least three or four of these sessions at various locations in the Division at various times. To continue to be an NSPS instructor in first aid current ARC advanced first aid instructors will need to update. All interested ARC advanced first aid instructors need to send their name and address to the WEC Supervisor or to John Chandler, M.D.

John Chandler, MC  
WEC Program Advisory Committee  
28 Midway St.  
Bristol, TN 37620

## THE RIGHT STUFF

The way to get more publicity for our organization is for everyone to pitch in. That's just what Mary Underwood did, following the Division Junior Jamboree. She saw to it that an article and a picture of the four top finishers appeared in the Oak Ridge, TN, newspaper. They included, in order of finish, three Oak Ridgers: Scott Ghorrmley, Snowshoe; Doug Underwood and Scot Marland, both Ober Gatlinburg; and Tommy Clabough from Boone, NC. All four were sent by the division to the National competition at Bogus Basin in Idaho.

Benning Garrison, Public Relations Adv.

## NEEDED: Pictures, Pictures, Pictures!

(Division Archivist News)

The 1986-87 Division Scrapbook contains 100 pages. I need everyone's assistance in filling them. If any patrollers, patrol directors, section chiefs, advisors, etc., etc., have newspaper clippings, pictures or noteworthy materials of any type to submit to this year's book or any of the past scrapbooks, please pass them on to me this spring or summer.

Be sure to include dates, names, and locations with your pictures.

Thank you very much for all the pictures that have already been sent to me at this time.

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