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FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

A total of 283 patrollers in the Southern Division completed their combined Fall First Aid Refresher and phase II of Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care retraining this November. Unofficial tallies indicate 41 attended Virginia-West Virginia, 106 at the Carolina Highlands, 52 at the Kentucky-Tennessee and 84 at the combined Western Carolina and Georgia-Alabama refresher. If we add 10% new candidates this season, we will have a division membership of about 310 - down slightly from 324 last season.

The number of ski areas opening this season will also be down. Mill Ridge, Renegade and Hound Ears have all closed, and the opening of Seven Devils is in doubt. The property owners association at Beech Mountain will operate that popular area this season. We are happy to welcome two new areas: Cascade and Wintergreen (both in Virginia) and wish them a good season. Patrol Leaders are Jerry Liles and French Moore III.

The annual national meeting was held in June in Seattle this year. The winter parka issue was resolved with the addition of two models to our supply catalogue. The problem of strict interpretation of workmens compensation laws and resulting impacts on volunteer patrollers was discussed at length. North Carolina is the third state to recognize the contribution of volunteer patrollers by exempting them from the law.

The National Medical Committee also met and is working on updating the Winter First Aid Manual, along with the First Aid Committee. Ass't DD and Medical Advisor Harwell Dabbs, M.D. attended and represented Southern. Look for the new Journal of Winter First Aid this season which will be providing current information.

Dick Thalacker, our energetic Dixie Region Director and Division Awards Advisor has been transferred to Detroit. He has made a big mark in the Southern Division and we'll long remember the "Wizard of Detrex", Brenda and the kids. Good luck to y'all in the cold, snowy and flat Great Lakes country!

NUMERO UNO



The Cataloochee Patrol was presented the Outstanding Patrol award for the Southern Division last year. They are truly an enthusiastic and dedicated patrol!

This picture was taken during the on-the-hill refresher November 22nd. Tom Worley, FL, is in center front holding the award. Note the snow they had for the occasion!

BINDINGS & BANDAGES AVAILABLE

The following are available through Charles Benbow, Seven Devils FL: Tyrolia Rocket 190 toe, Superclix 190 heel \$34.75; Tyrolia 350 toe, Clix Diagonal heel \$53.90; Salomon 555 set, with safety leash \$59.60; Salomon 444 set, with safety leash \$42.75; Safety leash for Tyrolia bindings \$4.75; Lipe Slider, low friction sole pads \$4.75.

Bandages - First Aid Field Dressings
1-10 50¢, 11-50 40¢, 51-100 30¢ each

Any item is plus 4% sales tax + postage.

Greensboro Ski Rentals & Sales, Inc.
c/o Benbow Reproductions, Inc.
3918 West Friendly Avenue,
Greensboro, N.C. 27410

SOUTHERN DIVISION JUNIOR TRAINING SEMINAR

It will be held January 24-25 at Beech Mtn. All Juniors and Candidates (under 18 years) are invited. The two-day event will include advanced aspects of ski patrolling, a ski patrol contest, a fun ski contest and free skiing. A social/dinner will be held Saturday night.

Costs will be held to a minimum with lodging provided for all who register sufficiently early. If interested, send registration to Dr. Cloyd Beasley, Jr. 110 South Purdue, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830. Include name, age, sex, address, phone number, patrol status and how and when you will arrive with a check for \$2.50 (Junior Training Seminar, So.Div.NSPS).

HAVE YOU WRITTEN TO YOUR CONGRESSMEN?

Walter A. Gregg, National Legal Counsel, prepared a Brief, some six pages long, in support of our Congressional Charter application pending in both Houses and mailed it to all 100 Senators and 435 members of the House of Representatives. Additionally, Senator McIntyre sent a "Dear Colleagues" letter to the members of the Senate requesting that they act as cosponsors on his Bill.

Many patrollers have written and the continuance of your letters in this regard now is vital. The Senate Bill (SB-1736) and House Bill (HR7229) have been assigned to their respective Judiciary committees. Walter Flower, 401 Cannon Bldg., Washington D.C. 20510 is the chairman of the House Judiciary "Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations". The members of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee are: James Eastland (chairman), John L. McClellan, Philip A. Hart, Edward M. Kennedy, Birch Bayh, Quentin N. Burdick, Robert C. Byrd, John V. Tunney, James Abourezk, Roman L. Hruska, Hiram L. Fong, Hugh Scott, Strom Thurmond, Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and William L. Scott. All members can be reached by writing to them c/o U.S. Senate, Washington D.C. 20510.

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NEXT SOUTHERN CROSS DEADLINE - JANUARY 25th!

TRAINING & TESTING

January 4	Basic Test	Sugar Mtn.
January 10	Examiners Cl.	Sugar Mtn.
January 11	Basic Test	Cataloochee
February 1	Senior Test	Sugar Mtn.
February 8	Senior Test	Cataloochee
February 15	Senior Test	Snowshoe
February 15	Basic Test	Seven Devils
February 22	Basic Test	Cataloochee
February 29	Basic Test	Sugar Mtn.
February 29	Basic Test	Wintergreen

Tommy Fisher, a 7-year veteran of Sugar Mtn. patrol, will head T & T duties for the Carolina Highlands Section.

Ron Smith, past Virginia-West Virginia Section Chief, has agreed to accept the duties of T & T advisor in this section.

CHANGES IN LINE OFFICERS

It is with deep regret that we announce the transfer to "The Northlands" of one of our most conscientious patrollers. Dick Thalacker has been not only a fine Region Director for Dixie, but has been Awards Advisor for the division. His personally designed and crafted awards are known and highly regarded throughout the NSPS. We wish Dick well on his move to Detroit, but will miss him as well as his "gobs of paper".

It is with great pleasure we announce that Bob Riddle has accepted the task of Dixie Region Director. Bob has been Legal Advisor since the inception of the Southern Division and more recently the Western Carolina Section Chief as well.

We are delighted that Tom Worley, the Cataloochee FL has consented to be the new Section Chief for Western Carolina.

DONATIONS FOR SOUTHERN DIVISION

During the monthly board of directors meeting for November, The Catawba Valley Ski Club unanimously voted to give \$50.00 to the Dixie Region NSPS.

Larry Dietz, Sugar Mtn. Asst. FL and Vice President of USSA Southern Division, donated \$25.00 to THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

Thank you!

SOUTHERN DIVISION FALL OFFICERS MEETING



(photo by Bill Tighe)

Members of the National Board NSPS met at Beech Mtn. the same time as the Southern Division Fall Officers Meeting. Shown accepting "Southern Division Paper Weights" crafted by Dick Thalacker are: (left to right) Ed Ericson, Exec. Admin.; Charles Haskins, Natl. Treas.; Harry Pollard, Natl. Director; Hartman Axley, Asst. Natl. Dir.; Walter Gregg, Natl. Legal Counsel and Mark Behan, Asst. Natl. Dir.

Southern Division awards presented were:
Outstanding Patrol - Cataloochee
Outstanding Patroller - Dale Johnson
National Appointment - Randy Avery
Special Service Award - Archie Smith

Eric deGroat received a Yellow Merit Star at the Boone First Aid Refresher.

N. C. York received his National Appointment at the Ashville First Aid Refresher.

WANT A JOB? LINE IT OUT!

Vacancies often occur throughout the division. Your officers want to give each patroller full consideration for these openings, but they need to know your interest. If you would like to be considered, let Roger Bollinger, ADD-Staff know (P.O.Box 428 Norris, Tenn. 37828). An interest listing will be made.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Patrol _____
Functions interested in _____



Mary Ann Moore watches her husband French start the fire in front of their A-frame.



Doris Benbow proves that carrying her "fair share" is not a chore.

(Photos taken by Dale Johnson during the M Course March 1975 at Snowshoe, W. Va.).

A (M) Course is scheduled for January 17-18 at Snowshoe, W. Va., on Cross Country Skis.
A (A) Course is scheduled for January 31 at Seven Devils Ski Lodge, N.C. Advanced registration is required. Contact Dale Johnson Division Avalanche Advisor, 2326 Hiawatha Drive, P.O. Box 9613, Greensboro, N.C. 27408 (phone 919-288-9790).
A Ski Mountaineering Rocker Course will be held February 7-8 at Seven Devils Ski Lodge for class work and February 21-22 at Mount Rogers, Va. for field work. The requirements are Basic Patroller or above, (M) Course and (A) Course. Advanced registration is required. This year two patrollers can share the equipment list for the mountaineering courses. For more information, contact N.C. York Division Mountaineering Advisor, or Dale Johnson Division Mountaineering Instructor.

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