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Annual Snow Report

Neil Booth, Division Director

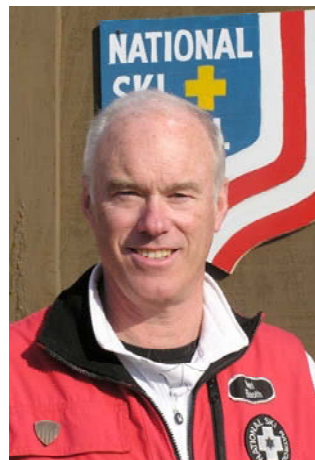
Now think about this! Is he really going to talk about snowfall? Well, probably not! But, we all know the importance of this measurement factor. It can be measured through naturally occurring snowfall, through the wonders of snowmaking capacity, and unfortunately it is diminished by warm weather, fog and rain! We

can measure things in many different ways! So, let's look at how we measure our success factors in our "Snow Report".

Perhaps the best place to begin my measurement is with the people patrolling at resorts in the south. This past year, our numbers grew by 4.6%, going from 1180 people last season, to 1235 this year. People are what make up our entire system. You are the dedicated members of your respective patrol. You are the people interested in becoming instructors and mentors to the people within your patrol and the system. You might be a leader within the patrol, or a leader within the geographic boundaries comprising the division. We can measure ourselves with the great patrollers in our system and the function that we provide to our resorts. I had the wonderful opportunity to meet and ski with a lot of people this past season. Your interest and dedication to the passion of snow sports is to be commended!

Another measurement is the educational training that is provided or made available to you. Each year, as OEC Technicians, we undergo extremely important educational updates, affecting snow sports emergency care. We participate in the annual resort lift evacuation and on the hill requirements to ensure we provide the best service to the public and resorts we represent. Education is provided in many facets of patrolling, all designed to make each of us more proficient and valuable to the resort. Education keeps people vibrant! We learn each and every day in our lives. Patrolling is simply another learning opportunity for you. If we stop learning, we stop growing!

There were three main educational focuses this past year. One was focused towards the endeavor to strengthen the Instructor Development educational opportunities for the system. These are the people responsible for teaching courses to you. This is how you are introduced to becoming a discipline instructor—the first step and an extremely important one. Once this teaching course is completed, you are assigned a mentor who is



ultimately responsible for ensuring that you have the knowledge to actually run an educational discipline course. No more simply throwing you into the snowmaking pond to see if you can swim! Perhaps more important is the fact that you do not have to swim 1,000 laps to be approved, nor hold your breath under water for four minutes before you are anointed as an instructor. The main and only objective here is to make sure the instructional staff is effective.

The second focus was more definition towards the Senior educational program. This program enriches your abilities and helps make you a more valuable patroller. Like everything in life, exposure to new learning is true growth. The Senior program is all about the process of learning and growth, as a patroller. It is personal growth. Do not stop here, progress into Certified! Like the Army says, “Be all that you can be”.

The last education focus was to look at our Student Program. It was decided by the Board of Directors, that this program will be disbanded, effective immediately. While it saddens many people, do not despair. The educational opportunities still exist as they always have. The system no longer defines members beyond patrollers. Age is merely a period in time that we all pass through. Actually, the main thinking was, it will be great to have youthful participation within each and every educational program. Patrollers are one—they are not defined by age, pay status or classification.

Now that we have identified our great people, educational programs and opportunities, we begin to see how this all fits into the resorts we service. We are successful because of the support we receive from management. We are successful because of the attitudes we have and the desire to be the best we can be. Resort management and the snow sports public require this of us. We rise to the challenge in all instances because of people like you, because of the resorts we represent, because of the passion we have towards helping others, because of the camaraderie we share with one another.

Now, reflect back to the beginning of the “Annual Snow Report”. How deep is our snow? Very, very deep because of the wonderful coverage provided by our people, education and resorts. But, take this one step further and ask yourself, who makes up the patrol, region, division or the national organization? People! People like you! It takes your willingness to step out and become part of a larger cause. This larger cause however is not the region nor division, nor should it ever be. The larger cause is the circle of influence YOU have on others within the entire system. If others had not stepped forward, who would have trained you? Is it time for you to step out and become involved? We all have talents in many areas. What are your areas of talent? Help others by sharing your talents by becoming a specific discipline instructor or trainer. This is truly how we measure our “Annual Snow Report”, through successes that each and every member has!

I wish each and every one of you the most enjoyable summer. I also want to thank everyone for all that you do for the sport and our system. Southern patrollers are the best!

From the Assistants...



Instructor Development Program

Morgan Armstrong

First Assistant Division Director and Instructor Development Supervisor

TEACHERS TO TEACH THE TEACHERS NEEDED:

The Instructor Development Program begins the process from patroller to becoming a teacher. This is the entry program for all instructors. No matter the program (Mountain Travel & Rescue, Outdoor Emergency Care, Avalanche or any other program taught by the National Ski Patrol), the Instructor Development Course starts the process to change a patroller into an instructor. Therefore, we need the best teachers to help us create a foundation upon which to build all the other teaching programs in our division.

Patrol Representatives have been challenged to send in the names of those patrollers they would like to see become instructors in our program to an Instructor Development Region Administrator or to me, the Division Supervisor. I am offering a personal invitation and a challenge to each patroller. If you would like to receive some of the best information available on how to teach effectively, then this is the program for you. If you are already an instructor, we also would like you to join our ranks. The good news is that once you have become an instructor, there is a quick and easy way to either add another discipline or change from one program to another. You do not have to take any courses on how to teach over. You are assigned a mentor and the process is quick and easy. We

would like to increase the ranks of the Instructor Development Staff, so please send in your name to join or for more information. More classes are being planned for this program and we will need you.

If you are interested please contact one of the following for an application or for more information:

- Morgan Armstrong Division Supervisor
- Gregory S. Rash..... West Virginia Region Administrator
- Kenn Buckner Virginia Region Administrator
- Ann T. Wood Blue Ridge Region Administrator
- Bob Landin..... Smoky Mountain and Deep South Region Administrator



Be All You Can Be...

Dennis Slagle
Assistant Division Director—South Area

After more than 10 years of writing articles for the SC, it is getting harder and harder for me to think of subjects to write about that are not repetitious. I can think of a lot of unique topics to write about if it were about assembly of an M 4, CZ 52, or K98. Or I could write about rare models of Triumph bikes, like the little known 725cc model of '73.

I am sure there are some who would be interested in knowing about some unusual features of early '80s models of Harley Davidson motorcycles. I would never make a good journalist, so I am glad I don't have to make a living that way.

Everyone likes a bargain don't they? Do you like to save money on ski equipment? There are some real bargains on the National Website if you haven't found them already. You have to log in to member services, and then go to "promotional offers". There are discounts and closeout prices on equipment from several manufacturers. These include Rossignol, Dolomite, Elan, Lange, Dynastar and Patagonia.

There are many more, so take a peek at what is there. You just may find something you need at a great price.

While you are there at member services, make sure that all your information is correct, and if not please correct it. All the email addresses for the Southern Cross come from the national office information, so if nothing else, ensure that your email address there is current. The Southern Division thanks you for getting an electronic copy of the Southern Cross, and all the patrollers in Southern Division thank you for ensuring that dues have not gone up. We will even save a tree or two in the process. If you have an email address, and it is not listed, please do so. We still have more to save by emailing the Southern Cross. You don't even have to save an electronic copy anywhere, as it is stored on the website for easy retrieval.

This issue includes calendars for the Southern Area regions. Although subject to change, these calendars are already fairly complete for the upcoming season. Check them out for all the events that are planned in your vicinity, especially if there is one that you have been waiting for. Find out when it is scheduled, and plan ahead so you don't miss it.

Have a great summer and stay in shape for next season.



Notes From The North

Jan Starr
Assistant Division Director—North Area

Hope everyone had enough snow and cold and got good skiing in. Sounds like all the areas in the Northern part of the division had good seasons. I tried to get to most everyone at some point during the season and enjoyed skiing with and meeting new folks. If I missed your area I will get there for sure next season. I know there were some losses and my heart goes out to those involved. Been there, done that.

Our programs were strong this past season. Good turnouts for Avalanche, ID, MTR and Nordic events. Good to hear of the involvement. We need that to stay strong in our areas. New knowledge is good. Let's see even better results for next season. Check your calendar for a course near you and start planning now. Ski season will be here before you know it.

Congratulations to all the award winners. Good to see so many this year, and they were all well deserved. Enjoy your summer, and spend time with your friends and family.

Virginia Region

Bill Smith, Virginia Region Director



Well here we are at the end of another ski season, about to enjoy patrol picnics, family vacations and can you believe it, even doing some early planning for the '04 - '05 ski season. Here in Virginia, we had a great ski season with more than the usual number of ski days for most of our areas. This was in great part due to a lot of new equipment, water supplies, etc. that were installed in the areas this past year.

On a much sadder note, Bryce has recently been hit especially hard with the passing of two of their patroller's. First, Michael B. Monaghan, a proud member of NSP since 1986, and a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel lost his long battle with leukemia on March 19th. He had been receiving treatment at Lackland Air Force Base, TX when he succumbed to the disease. Mike joined NSP in Heidelberg, Germany while on active duty in the Army. He started with the Heidelberg Ski Patrol where he completed basic training in 1986. He immediately continued his training and became an OEC instructor and a Senior Patroller in 1987. After his tour in Germany, Mike was reassigned to the Washington, DC area where he joined the Wintergreen Ski Patrol before transferring to Bryce Patrol. Mike is survived by his 20-year-old daughter, Meggan a Senior patroller, his 16-year-old son, Corey, who also recently became a Basic Ski Patroller before his Dad's untimely death, and former wife Judi Kay-Monaghan, Southern Division OEC Program Supervisor. Funeral services were held at Arlington National Cemetery on May 20th with full military honors.

On Thursday, April 15, 2004, Marsha D. Farris, beloved wife of Joel K. Farris and mother of Jackson Marshall Farris of Alexandria died unexpectedly at Johns Hopkins University Hospital. A former Labor and Delivery Nurse at Washington Hospital Center, and Ski Patroller at Bryce Resort, she fought a battle with cancer the past three years. During a reception at the funeral home those in attendance were reminded by a friend of Marsha's that it is not so much how short the time between when you were born and when you die, but how you spend the dash in between those two dates. Marsha lived her dash to the fullest each and every day and touched many, many people along her journey. Marsha's incredible spirit and optimistic attitude will be sorely missed by all.

Now, some sunnier news from the Commonwealth. Massanutten has just gotten a new PR. His name is **Ronald**

E. Dull. Recently, Ron has been out hiking the remaining portion of the A/T he and his dad had not completed earlier. Congratulations Ron on both your new duties and the completion of a life long dream!

In late February, Virginia's Senior Candidate class went through the usual rigors of Emergency Management and S&T evaluations. Overall, the group proved to be very successful in their efforts toward completing their goal of becoming Senior patroller's. From the crop of candidates (see photo of class), we now have six new Seniors. They include: **Nancy DiBenedetto**, Bryce; **George Vandenbosche**, Massanutten; **Peggy Harris**, **Bob Leavenworth**, **Ted Forbes**, and **Greg Pence**, all of Wintergreen. Congratulations to all!!!

From a very reliable source, we hear that over the summer, Wintergreen will be

installing a new "Six Pack" lift in the Highlands area of that resort. Way to go Wintergreen!!!

Recently the Executive Officers of the Division along with the Board of Directors met at the Spring Officers Meeting in Boone, NC to begin planning for the coming ski season. During those sessions, the draft regional training calendars were put together. As you will see from the attached calendar, there are many great training programs



The Virginia Region Senior S&T Evaluation was held at Wintergreen on February 21

available to all patroller's throughout the Southern Division. If there isn't one convenient in your immediate area, look around and I'm sure you will find what you need somewhere in the Division. Everyone is welcome to attend any of these programs. In the very near future, fliers for the Virginia programs will be sent to all of the Patrol Rep's so they can assist their membership in finding just the right program for each of you. Please take advantage of these training programs.

During that same meeting, many awards were presented to both individuals and patrols for their accomplishments last year. Here in Virginia we are all very proud of the folks at **Bryce** for being named the Outstanding Southern Division Alpine Ski Patrol in small patrol category, and to **Wintergreen** for helping to make it a clean sweep by being awarded the Outstanding Southern Division Alpine Ski Patrol in the large patrol category. Way to go guys and gals!!!



West Virginia Region

Jon Dragan, West Virginia Region Director



It was another great season here in the hills of West Virginia with cold temperatures and lots of natural snow.

Timberline started their season with the replacement of an existing lift and a good natural base augmented by the snowmakers. Everyone on the patrol was eager to try the four-stroke snowmobile and it seems the way to go for a quieter running machine. The summer will bring many patrol activities on the slopes as well as the beginning of the summer OEC class. Many hours of planning will go into the activities for the summer and the upcoming ski swaps.

Snowshoe had a great season with seven new candidates passing their basic, one new senior and two new certified. They have started a Student Program with five persons enrolled. New condos being built, a new restaurant opened, and the first 24 hour ski race, which premiered at Silvercreek this year, was a big hit. It was a bit more challenging than most thought it would be!! Snowshoe is planning an exciting summer—they are opening up their revamped mountain bike program with the inclusion of a free ride park. This is essentially a terrain park for downhill mountain bikes. The mountain bike patrol has a record 25 patrollers signed up, which is a good thing as they expect to see a lot of action. The NORBA race is at Snowshoe on June 10-13 with a new 24 mile marathon cross country course, which will be ridden by the contestants (anyone interested?). The 24 hour race is back again on June 26 -27. If anyone would like to keep their skill finely tuned they are welcome to join us for any of these events. We have a full summer schedule, only two weekends that don't have a major activity, check out our web site for full details.

Once December's cold temperatures arrived, the snow makers at the New and Improved Winterplace went all out to make sure the slopes stayed covered all winter long. Winterplace opened with 19 slopes ready for the skiing public and within a few short weeks the entire mountain was open and stayed open until closing in late March.



While vacationing in Key West, Dan and Steve Vincent of the Snowshoe Patrol found this unique hotel. It is rumored that the hotel manager might let Southern Division patrollers stay for free IF they bring a letter from their Patrol Rep. Try it. The only slope they have is on the far side of the island. It's a small hill created by capping their landfill. Unfortunately, the coldest it has ever been there is 44 degrees—just not cold enough for the white stuff. How can it be "Paradise" without skiing? You'll just have to think of something else to do when in Margaritaville.

Not only did Winterplace have plenty of snow, but they also had one of the best bump runs in the state. Thanks to some dedicated efforts and a lot of work from several patrollers and ski instructors, "Turkey Shoot" became one of the best bump runs in the region. Using bamboo to help direct the skiing public, patterns were developed that promoted mogul development that had rhythm and consistency. Thanks goes to our mountain management for supporting these efforts. Winterplace patrollers participated in over ten NSP clinics and/or workshops during the 03 - 04 season. From Patroller enrichment seminars, PSIA Telemark clinics, to Emergency Management workshops and Senior S & T clinics, patrollers were making the commitment to improve their skills. Many thanks go to all those who volunteered their time to make these programs happen as well as kudos to all those who participated and took advantage of these many programs. We have to see these high participation levels continue for the upcoming season. After 94 days of continuous skiing, Winterplace closed in late March with 100 percent of the mountain still skiable!!

It's has been a great season, have a fun filled summer and start thinking SNOW.



Blue Ridge Region

Mike Harris, Blue Ridge Region Director

Another great Powderfall has come and gone with terrific renewals of friendships. Approximately 100 patrollers participated from every NSP division. Southern Division provided 21 participants of which eight came from the Blue Ridge Region.

All of our areas in the Blue Ridge Region had a banner year. It seems as though all the high country ski areas have more snowmaking firepower every year and the grooming seems to improve too. Our Senior Program has the most participation it has had in years. Sugar Mountain is getting two lifts replaced, and the summit house is being refurbished. Hawksnest is expanding their lodge and paving the parking area. Don't forget to sign up to play in the Hawksnest golf tournament. This is a fun golf outing and is Hawksnet's major fund raiser.

The Blue Ridge Region hosted this year's Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet at Broyill Inn and Convention Center in Boone. How proud I am of the job Susanne Wise, Rob Raff and Teresa Stewart did with the task they undertook and the great job they did. Those of you who were unable to attend missed an awesome presentation for the years of service and recognition of accomplishments.

On Sunday May 16th I attended the Division OEC planning session for all regions in the Southern Division. Our region OEC supervisor and observing IT for our refreshers are doing a lot of work to make sure Blue Ridge has a quality refresher experience. With all the work these people and your instructors do to prepare for this, please extend them the courtesy of having your pre-test filled out upon arrival at your OEC refresher next fall. In the near future you will be receiving your new Ski Patrol Magazine with your OEC Study Guide and Pre-test inserted.

Have a great summer and let's hope for another outstanding ski season.



Deep South Region

Sylvia Talley, Deep South Region Director

The Deep South Region is unique in that we have fewer than fifty members yet our region—four patrols in four states—is packed with talent.

Sky Valley has three new jackets—Gail Guentner, Mike Madalena and Michael Steinberg. Their new status is richly deserved, especially after they tested in rain, sleet and snow!

Ken Collins will bring his considerable OEC talent and many years of professional administrative experience as our new OEC Region Administrator. Smoky Mountain and Deep South regions will share Brent Bowman (Deep South Assistant RD) as their Chief Examiner, and Bob Landin will head the Instructor Development program for the two regions.

Three patrollers from our region attended our first Powderfall—Gail Guentner, Brent Bowman and Sylvia Talley. We felt right at home on the hard-packed snow, until we finally got some fresh powder the last two days.

Deep South Region will hold two Mountain Travel and Rescue (MTR) courses during the Fall of 2004. Ben Tholkes will instruct MTR I during October, and Don Jones will hold an MTR II course in the Smokies. If you are interested, sign up early, as space in these courses will be limited.

Atlanta area patrollers are already busy this summer volunteering for Special Olympics and a bicycle race. Ken Collins will be IOR for the Atlanta area OEC course, which will span the months from June until October. We ask that OEC instructors who live in the Atlanta area contact Ken about teaching during this course.



Sky Valley patrollers Celeste Bernstein and Michael Steinberg present a donation to representatives of the Special Olympics Committee headed by Dawn Wright. The Sky Valley patrol raised the funds through T-shirt sales and a bake sale.



Smoky Mountain Region

Richard Boyer, Smoky Mountain Region Director



First, a hardy welcome to Tom Raudorf the new Patrol Representative for Cataloochee Ski Area. Tom is a veteran in the ski patrol and many of you probably already know him from his many activities in the OEC side of our patrol lives. He's a beautiful skier as well—one of our best. Tom replaces Steve McCarragher who did a fine job for the Cataloochee patrol. Our sincere thanks to Steve for all the time he put in as patrol rep.

For the ski year 2004-2005 our region, made up of Ober Gatlinburg, Cataloochee and Wolf Laurel Ski areas will focus on three major fronts:

1. Recruitment of new members into our ski patrols
2. Education
3. Improving the relationships between both patrol and area management and the paid and volunteer patrols.

Let's see if everyone can bring at least one new person we find interested into our patrol lives. Tell people what you do, seek out and foster those who might be interested. We need to bring new people into our respective patrols, train them, and motivate them, thereby insuring the future of our organization.

We must do a better job in getting the people who need courses to make them better patrollers aware of our courses and attending them. PR's, decide who needs each of the courses, then approach the individuals and let them know what you expect in the way of making them better prepared to handle their patrol responsibilities. I'd like to challenge everyone not at Senior level to take steps to get there. You will be better prepared to handle your hill responsibilities.

If you don't know the members of the paid patrol in your area please make a point to meet them. Include them in communications with the volunteer side. Make them feel welcome in our organization and give them a happy "Hello, glad you're with us." This can be contagious and will surprise you with good results down the road.

Lastly, this year I want us to do a better job with our reporting. Look at the various reports required either at season's end or mid-way through the season and start compiling the necessary data as we go through the season. Finally, let's get them in on time—no exceptions, please. See you in your ski area this year!! Have a safe one!





What's New With OEC

Judi Kay-Monaghan, Assistant Division Director—OEC Supervisor

The NSP Board of Directors has approved the OEC Enhancement Seminar (OECES). This will provide patrollers a continuing education tool designed to enhance and polish OEC skills in a relaxed, non-threatening, non-evaluated environment. The seminar consists of six modules that can be presented individually or together. This seminar provides current OEC technicians the opportunity to learn, review, practice, question, and challenge themselves with OEC skills. It is not meant to replace or supersede existing OEC refresher requirements and is not designed to be used as a candidate training. The NSP Board of Directors has approved the OECES as a senior elective. A patroller must complete two modules to receive one elective for their senior requirement.

David Johe, MD National Medical Director for the NSP reported to the OEC Program Supervisors Meeting in Denver in December 2003 some of the outcomes from a European meeting on skiing safety. Interestingly, the report did not include any discussion on helmets. One study presented indicated that there were trends with shaped skis indicating an increase in MCL and forearm/wrist injuries, but a decrease in high grade ACL/MCL and complete ACL tears. The report stated that if you use snow blades be sure to use bindings on the skis to avoid spiral tibia/fibula fractures. A study was presented that identified the ideal ski to use to avoid ACL injuries was a shaped, short-tailed ski with the best type of binding available. Another study reported that tubing park injuries have greatly increased in relationship to other reported injuries. It discussed several ways to make tubing parks safer. These are use of a long flat run-out, designated lanes and having very well trained staff located at the top and bottom of the tubing park.



The Student Seminar—Some Good Things Must Come to an End

T and Peg Harris, Division Student Advisors

The Executive Committee & Board of Directors have voted unanimously to discontinue the Division sponsored Student Seminar. As current division student advisors and region advisors for quite a few years, we had seen a dramatic falling off of interest in the seminar recently. The Board charged us in the spring of 2003 with compiling information on the level of interest among students and their advisors in either continuing the seminar or developing other student oriented programs. The response to our surveys has been disappointing. With little interest or support for the event, we felt compelled to recommend its elimination. The development of events at a regional level was discussed but, in the end, it seemed best to allocate our limited resources and ski season to developing more events in which all patrollers could participate.

Students, Student Advisors, Patrol Reps, do not take this action as an abandonment of the student patroller by the division. Rather, take it as an opportunity to keep track of students at your area, encourage them to participate in patrol activities/leadership, continuing education (Senior, S&T clinics, Instructor development). Putting together a regional student event is even feasible if there is sufficient interest (students, sponsors and trainer/evaluators) in a particular region. This option will be left up to the individual regions. This is a labor intensive process. Be sure the interest and support is there before going in this direction. We have offered to be informal advisors to any region wishing to move forward with such an event (tandpeg@netzero.net).

In the final analysis, the best use of our time and resources is in development and implementation of more events in which ALL patrollers can participate and benefit.





A Fitting Tribute

John Dobson, Southern Division Awards Coordinator

With the beautiful mountains of North Carolina serving as an inspiring backdrop, the Southern Division again “Recognized It’s Finest” at our annual end-of-the-season banquet. The 2004 Spring Officer’s Meeting was held at the Broyhill Conference Center in Boone, NC on Saturday 15 May, and was capped off by the evening awards ceremony.

The Meeting was filled with interesting presentations and timely patrolling information, but the day’s highlight occurred just after lunch. **Pete Chamberlin** of the Ski Beech Patrol was presented a **50 Year Service Award**. Imagine being in the National Ski Patrol system for 50 years—and still patrolling. What an impressive accomplishment!

The evening awards festivities began with a surprise presentation to yours truly—an **NSP Distinguished Service Award**. As presenter Larry Bost later commented, it was probably the only time he has ever seen **John Dobson** speechless!

A second Distinguished Service Award was then presented:

The individual we honored began his ski patrol experience in 1976 with the Cascade Ski Patrol in Fancy Gap, Virginia. During the next 15 years, he was awarded National Appointment #6876, and served as the first Blue Ridge Region OEC Administrator and the second Southern Division OEC Supervisor. His dedication to the Southern Division and to the National Ski Patrol escalated in 1993, when he was elected our Division Director. For six long, arduous years, this patroller guided our division steadfastly with diligence, and represented us with respect and admiration at the national level. He now stands in high regard among the past leaders of our division, and continues to work on behalf of the NSP and the skiing public as a volunteer patroller!

This award reads: “The National Ski Patrol hereby awards the **NSP Distinguished Service Award to Raymond “Bernie” Smith**, in recognition and acknowledgement of his extraordinary dedication and exceptional service to the Southern Division and the National Ski Patrol!”

The highest awards the National Ski Patrol presents were awarded next. **Yellow Merit Stars** for “attempting to save a human life” were presented to **Kenny Hess** for his valiant rescue attempt on 1/1/2004 at Massanutten, and to **Leslie Carter** for the emergency care rendered by her on 1/12/2004 attempting to save a life, also at Massanutten.

The presentation of our Southern Division Outstanding Awards as usual created great anticipation and excitement:

Although the first individual we honored has only been a patroller for three years, she has brought a wealth of EMS education experience to her patrol and to the National Ski Patrol as well. In the second year of her membership, she became the point person for the NSP Distance Education Program. Not only has she served as the Instructor of Record for two E-Education courses in our division, she has also been the Instructor of Record for a course in Cordova, Alaska, and assisted with courses at Jackson Hole, Wyoming and in Maine. The development of the distance learning program has already begun to have a significant impact on national recruiting, because OEC courses have become more accessible and available to additional potential patrollers. This coming fall, our honoree will assume the additional responsibility of becoming the Editor of our Division Newsletter—the Southern Cross.

The commitment to not only her patrol but to the whole NSP organization in the short period of time she has been a member is commendable. With great pleasure, the **2004 Mary K. Twomey Southern Division Outstanding Auxiliary Award** was presented to **Teresa Stewart**! Two West Virginians were then presented the 2004 Division Outdoor Emergency Care Awards. The **Mary K. Twomey Outstanding OEC Instructor Award** went to **Jorge McMurray**, while the **Mary K. Twomey Outstanding OEC IT Award** was given to **Joe McNeer**!

Excitement built as the second Outstanding Award was presented:

The new National Ski Patrol mentoring program may be best represented by the individual we next honored. For many years, this patroller was employed as a professor at the prestigious UVA Darden School of Business, and as an independent business consultant. This vocation stimulated our honoree to develop and refine skills and techniques directly applicable to the teaching of Outdoor Emergency Care. Very soon after becoming a Basic Patroller, he completed the Instructor Development course, and because of his extensive teaching experience, was quickly mentored as an OEC Instructor. Less than one year after achieving instructor status, this individual became the Instructor of Record of his area’s OEC course. The teaching stability he was able to bring to this course, which included participants 15-65 years of age, was exceptional. In his second year as the Instructor of Record, this man introduced new teaching and organizational concepts that proved not only efficient but exciting.

The Southern Division was delighted to honor **Ted Forbes** as its **2004 Outstanding Educator**!

Continuing:

The individual we honored next has served his patrol as its Unit Representative for the past three years. During this time, he completely immersed himself in this job, almost to the exclusion of his private life. With area management collaboration, he instituted a new toboggan refresher yearly check-off procedure and a new lift evac procedure. The close relationship thus developed helped convince resort management to support his patrol in an aggressive fund raising program. Extra resources gained from the latter financed the purchase of new toboggans, new radios and new audio visual equipment for OEC training. This patroller has been fiercely loyal to his patrol, and even though he was tested by patrol responsibilities, he never neglected a patroller's primary duty—that of being on the hill. This is where he could be found almost every weekend! When not attending to injured snowsliders, he was helping to train Candidates or assisting other patrollers.

It was a real privilege and pleasure for the Southern Division to present **Steve McCarragher** the **2004 Outstanding Patrol Representative Award!** Just prior to Steve's award presentation, **Joe Donadio** received the Runner-Up Outstanding Patrol Representative Award!

More:

Since joining the NSP as a candidate, it has been evident to all that the individual we next honored displayed an enthusiasm and willingness to learn and teach that was something special! After only two years of patrolling, he entered the Certified Program and became the youngest patroller in the Southern Division to attain certified status. His hard work did not go unnoticed by his resort patrol staff and area management, and within the same two years, this dedication resulted in his promotion to Assistant Patrol Director. Given the new and more demanding responsibilities, his leadership skills flourished. This individual has always, without question, jumped in whenever the resort or patrol needed help. Whether it was teaching OEC, toboggan, lift evac or snowmobile safety, or actively making snow or slope grooming, his heart has always been directed toward helping his resort be the best it can be. These efforts were further rewarded three years ago when he became the Patrol Director at his area. This patroller's growth however has not only been channeled locally. His energy and enthusiasm for the Division Certified Program is evident at the many clinics and evaluations he has participated in as the program assistant supervisor. Finally, his appointment as Professional Director of the Southern Division last year recognized the respect he has garnered from the division leadership and his industry peers.

The Southern Division was proud to honor **Bartek Drewnowski** as its **2004 Outstanding Paid Patroller!** The Runner-Up Outstanding Paid patroller Award went to **Denika Gum!**

The Outstanding Alpine Patroller:

The strength of the National Ski Patrol lies in its members and their dedication to each other, and to the skiing public they serve. Having made this statement, we can affirm without question that no patroller lives this commitment better than the individual we honored next! From the day she joined the NSP, she has demonstrated an energy and responsibility rarely matched by others in our organization. Using her imagination as a first year patroller in Europe, this woman developed a pilot program for the then new Winter Emergency Care curriculum that earned her a Yellow Merit Star. She moved back to the US in 1988, joined a local patrol, and immediately assumed a full weekend patrolling role. Her efficiency, dependability and people skills were soon recognized, and in 1989, this individual became an OEC Instructor, and soon after, a Division OEC Instructor Trainer. While an OEC IT, she participated with several other instructors in her region to form one of the most dynamic Phase I/Phase II instructing teams the NSP has known! Her division responsibility moved up several notches in 1999 when she became our OEC Supervisor. In this demanding position, this patroller's creativity, determination, and hard work have brought our division NSP flagship program to prominence across the country!

Patroller, Instructor, Supervisor, Marketing Executive, and Mother – this woman has done it all—and with enthusiasm and excellence. It was with great admiration that the **2004 Southern Division Outstanding Alpine Patroller Award** was presented to **Judi Kay Monaghan!** The Runner-Up Outstanding Alpine Patroller Award winner was **Mike Harris!**

Even more:

Camaraderie, training, and longevity are words that best describe the patrol we next honored. The solidarity within this patrol is unparalleled! It is the major reason why every patroller returns year after year to such a small mountain. Webster's Dictionary defines camaraderie as "loyalty and good spirits." That phrase certainly describes this patrol accurately. Their teamwork is clearly visible every day they serve the public. Leadership is shared, and when someone is injured, emergency care is delivered by everyone involved. Working together is what this patrol does best! The patrol's enthusiasm for quality is paramount, and as patrollers they take their skills and proficiency performance very seriously. It is evident that training and education are important to each member, since 37% of this small patrol are OEC Instructors, S&T Instructors and/or CPR Instructors.

Longevity has also made this patrol outstanding. Patroller turnover year to year is almost zero. The combined experience of the 38 member patrol equals 511 years, and five members have been patrolling for over 30 years—all with

the same patrol! Many married patrollers have raised their children on the slopes, and demonstrated such a high ethic for skiing and snowboard safety, that nine of their kids have joined the patrol!

It was a distinct privilege for the Southern Division to present the **2004 Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol Award** to the **Bryce Ski Patrol!** The Runner-Up outstanding Small Alpine Patrol Award was garnered by the **Cloudmont Patrol!**

And finally:

Dedication, competency, trust and friendship are the keys to the success of the patrol we honored last. This patrol's dedicated instructor corps is charged with training a new crop of Candidate Patrollers each season to the high level of competency their area requires. The patrol responds to between 1150 and 1550 injury incidents yearly. New Candidates' training must be top-notch because using OEC skills is not an option—it is a certainty! Many of the patrol's dedicated patrollers serve not only the local area but are also extremely visible on a Division and National level, working administratively, supporting training events and technical programs throughout the NSP system.

A patrol is only as good as how it performs during the season—at its own mountain. This is where the patrol we pay tribute to really stands out. The competency displayed by volunteer and paid members alike in support of their resort is exceptional. On a daily basis, this patrol goes beyond what might be expected in rendering care to the skiing public—and they are constantly looking for ways to do it better! As mentioned above, the patrol responds to a significant number of injury incidents during the season (1537 this past season alone!). Boredom is not a problem they face—stress and burn-out are! A major solution to this dilemma is addressed through the patrol's excellent ongoing training. However, perhaps more importantly, the trust they share in each other and the closeness they feel for each other, keep them eager and sharp for the tasks at hand.

It was with great respect that the Southern Division presented the **2004 Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol Award** to the **Wintergreen Ski Patrol!** The Runner-Up Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol Award went to the **Ski Beech Patrol!**

It should be noted that this season, twice as many individual outstanding award nominations were submitted than last year! Although this increased participation is very gratifying, there is still a lot of room for our division awards to grow. The recognition of its members by a volunteer organization such as the National Ski Patrol provides one of the few opportunities we have to demonstrate to our associates “true appreciation for a job well done.” Be a part of this exciting, rejuvenated program. If all us can be involved in the awards process, maybe next spring you and your patrol will be one of the Southern Division's Finest!



Patroller Enrichment Seminar (PES)

Mary Underwood, Patroller Enrichment Supervisor

A PES will be held at the Heart Tower of Mission Hospital in Asheville, N.C. on Sunday, June 27, 2004. This is an eight hour course. There is some preparation to be done before the course, so you must pre-register by June 15 and pay the \$10 course fee at that time. If you would like to learn about the structure and work of the Southern Division, identify your leadership style and qualities for good leadership, learn how you might improve your first aid room for under \$50, and share with other patrollers problems and solutions in patrolling, then come to this course. There is no evaluation, no pressure, just learning, sharing, and fun.

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Mountain Travel and Rescue 2 (MTR2) Course Announcement

This course provides students with the knowledge and skills to complete more difficult field operations and to assist in the coordination of search and/or rescue operations that may extend over several days. Field practice includes advanced navigation skills, extended patient care, and advanced search and rescue situations.

When: November 19 to 21

Where: Great Smoky Mountain National Park

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First Aid Course Earns Mutual Respect

Flynn Harris, Volunteer Patrol Rep—Sugar Mountain

At the beginning of the season, the manager at Sugar Mountain, Gunther Jochl, approached our patrol about putting on a first aid course for management and the race team and snowboard team coaches. His concern centered around injuries that might occur in the race program. His idea was to be able to provide help to the patrol and provide some care until the ski patrol arrived.

The perfect solution for the request was to put on an Out Door First Care course, which is available from the National Office. On December 23rd four of our instructors—Larry Fleming, Flynn Harris, Mike Harris, and Tommy Taylor—provided such a course for our management and fifteen race team coaches.

I was very impressed with the course content, which provided an introduction to anatomy, splinting, and common medical and environmental emergencies. We also included a community CPR/AED course.

We spent about seven hours lecturing and demonstrating to a very receptive and attentive group. When we reached the CPR section of the course, Manager Jochl was the first to "hit the floor" for the hands on manikin session.

The benefits of this experience extend beyond just spreading our knowledge of first aid and CPR. Spending the time with Mountain Management and the race instructors helped us get to know each other and learn more about our roles at Sugar Mountain. Mountain Management now has a better understanding of what is involved in our work as patrollers and values us in a way they did not before we taught the course.

I highly recommend that the patrol director at all ski resorts discuss this type of program with their management. The experience will be invaluable. I am certain your patrol will glean new respect and recognition for your effort.



Two of Our Finest Retire

[At the end of the 2003-04 season Roger and Janie Bollinger submitted to the Cataloochee Patrol their letter of intent to retire. Strictly speaking this was solely a communication between them and their patrol. However, after more than four decades of dedicated patrolling that touched so many of us throughout the entire Southern Division, this remarkable couple's letter, with it's touching farewell and historical perspectives, is being reprinted here for all to enjoy and appreciate. —Ed.]



To: Cataloochee Ski Patrol
From: Roger and Janie Bollinger
Subj: Ski Patrol Retirement
Date: May 4, 2004

This is to let you know that we have decided to retire from active ski patrolling. By copy of this memo we are asking Ann Christenson to change our membership classification from active to Alumni at the annual fall registration to coincide with the expiration (Dec. 31, 2004) of our existing registration cards. (And to send this memo to all of you.)

As you may know we are in our 42nd year of ski patrolling with the Cataloochee Ski Patrol—41 years with NSPS affiliation and, with Keith Argow’s and others’ help, our patrol became a part of the Eastern Division, Southern Section, NSPS, on January 1, 1963. We participated in many, if not most activities that led to the development of our Southern Division, as skiing and other patrols expanded in the South. And we’ve held just about every administrative office (short of division director) and many advisorships as well. We were among the first to hold instructor assignments as ARC, CPR, WEC, OEC and instructor trainer, IOR and such on-the-hill functions as skiing and toboggan testing and training. With the help of Cataloochee patrollers and instructors we’ve usually been well ahead of the curve in these, as well. Our special thanks to all of you for making these activities go so smoothly. Even so, it’s now time to rest—not that we will.

While we may be stepping back we won’t be gone. Janie still plans on working in the office and I will be an “on-mountain” host (Courtesy Patrol). In this latter function you may find me in the parking lot, the walkway to the lodge, in the lodge, on Easy Way, Rabbit Hill, Midway, terrain park, the top of the mountain, or wherever I can mingle with our most important people—our customers, and you, our friends and compatriots.

There is no question that we will miss you. We’ve all been through good and difficult times in patrolling. But we’ve all worked well together, shared in our activities and service to our fellow skiers/boarders and area management, and we only ask that you always remember to treat the injured with care and compassion.

Thanks for the privilege you have given us to have been a part of the Cataloochee Ski Patrol and family. We love you one and all.

Roger & Janie



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Southern Division Calendars

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Southern Division Events

Southern Cross Deadlines for 2004-2005						
SEP	6	FALL SOUTHERN CROSS DEADLINE		SOUTHERN CROSS EDITOR	Teresa Stewart - sceditor@bellsouth.net	6-Sep-04
JAN	20	MIDWINTER SOUTHERN CROSS DEADLINE		SOUTHERN CROSS EDITOR	Teresa Stewart - sceditor@bellsouth.net	20-Jan-05
MAY	16	SPRING SOUTHERN CROSS DEADLINE		SOUTHERN CROSS EDITOR	Teresa Stewart - sceditor@bellsouth.net	16-May-05
Division Meeting Events for 2004-2005						
JUL	17	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PLANNING MTG	WYTHEVILLE	HOLIDAY INN 800-842-7652	HOLIDAY INN - MEETING BEGINS AT 12 NOON	
AUG	20	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	WYTHEVILLE	HOLIDAY INN 800-842-7652	HOLIDAY INN - MEETING BEGINS AT 8:30PM	
AUG	21	FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	WYTHEVILLE	HOLIDAY INN 800-842-7652	HOLIDAY INN - MEETING BEGINS AT 8:00AM	20-Jul-04
SEPT	15	SSAA MEETING	MASSANUTTEN	BARTEK DREWNOWSKI 540-289-4955		
SEPT	16	NSAA WORKSHOP	MASANUTTEN			

Southern Division Events (continued)

Division Meeting Events for 2004-2005						
APR	29	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	WV HOSTING	TBD	WV HOSTING	TBD
APR	30	SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	WV HOSTING	TBD	WV HOSTING	TBD
JUL	16	SUMMER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	WYTHEVILLE	HOLIDAY INN 800-842-7652	HOLIDAY INN - MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30PM	
AUG	19	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	WYTHEVILLE	HOLIDAY INN 800-842-7652	HOLIDAY INN - MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30PM	1-Jul-05
AUG	20	FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	WYTHEVILLE	HOLIDAY INN 800-842-7652	HOLIDAY INN - MEETING BEGINS AT 8:00AM	1-Jul-05
AUG	21	NEW PATROL REP. COURSE	WYTHEVILLE VA	TBD	FOR ALL NEW LINE PERSONNEL	
Division Reporting Deadlines for 2004-2005						
BUDGET SUBMISSIONS						
APR	15	NEXT SEASONS BUDGETS REQUESTS	ANNUALLY	JIM UNDERWOOD 865-483-3675	jnu@icx.net	
JUL	1	FINAL YEAR END BUDGET SUBMISSIONS	ANNUALLY	JIM UNDERWOOD 865-483-3676	jnu@icx.net	
JUL	1	PATROL FINANCIAL REPORTS (990'S)	ANNUALLY	JIM UNDERWOOD 865-483-3677	jnu@icx.net	
AWARDS SUBMISSIONS						
APR	1	AWARDS NOMINATIONS	ANNUALLY	JOHN DOBSON	JDobson4@aol.com	
		NATL OR LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS		ANYTIME - SEND TO CHAIN OF COMMAND LISTED ON APPLICATION - MUST BE SIGNED IN PROPER ORDER.		
END OF YEAR REPORT SUBMISSIONS						
APR	1	PATROL REPS END OF YEAR REPORT	ANNUALLY	MORGAN ARMSTRONG	RMASP@Adelphia.net	
APR	1	OFFICERS END OF YEAR REPORT	ANNUALLY	RESPECTIVE SUPERVISOR		
APR	1	SUPERVISORS END OF YEAR REPORT	ANNUALLY	RESPECTIVE SUPERVISOR		
Certified Events for 2005						
JAN	22/23	CERTIFIED CLINIC	SNOWSHOE	LESLIE CARTER 434-325-1262		
JAN	29/30	CERTIFIED CLINIC	WINTERGREEN	LESLIE CARTER 434-325-1262		
MAR	17	CERTIFIED PRE EVALUATION CLINIC	SNOWSHOE	LESLIE CARTER 434-325-1262		
MAR	18/19	CERTIFIED EVALUATION	SNOWSHOE	LESLIE CARTER 434-325-1262		

West Virginia Calendar

OEC Courses and Challenges held in Region for 2004-2005						
OCT	5	WINTERPLACE OEC COURSE START	BECKLEY WV	WALTER WATSON 304-253-6963		
NOV	22	SNOWSHOE OEC COURSE START	SNOWSHOE	JAN STARR 304-572-6713		
OEC Events held in Region for 2004-2005						
AUG	29	OEC PRE REFRESHER @ WINTERPLACE	WINTERPLACE	JORGE MCMURRAY 304-252-3345		
SEP	18	OEC PRE REFRESHER @ TIMBERLINE	TIMBERLINE	JANETTE BENNETT 304-866-4925		
OCT	9	OEC PRE REFRESHER @ SNOWSHOE	SNOWSHOE	JAN STARR 304-572-6713		
OCT	23	OEC REFRESHER @ WINTERPLACE	WINTERPLACE	JORGE MCMURRAY 304-252-3345		
OCT	23	OEC REFRESHER @TIMBERLINE	TIMBERLINE	JANETTE BENNETT 304-866-4925		
OCT	30	OEC REFRESHER @ SNOWSHOE	SNOWSHOE	JAN STARR 304-572-6713		
CPR Events held in Region for 2004-2005						
OCT	24	WINTERPLACE CPR REFRESHER	WINTERPLACE	DEANNA WATSON 304-253-6963		
Educational Courses for 2004-2005						
DEC	11	INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE	WINTERPLACE	GREG RASH 502-423-0261		11-Nov-04
DEC	18	SKI ENHANCEMENT CLINIC	SNOWSHOE	JAN STARR 304-572-6713		18-Nov-04
DEC	19	TOBOGGAN ENHANCEMENT CLINIC	SNOWSHOE	JAN STARR 304-572-6713		19-Nov-04
DEC	20	BASIC/SR EXAMINERS CLINIC	SNOWSHOE	JAN STARR 304-572-6713		20-Nov-04
FEB	12	WOMENS ONLY CLINIC	SNOWSHOE	JAN STARR 304-572-6713		12-Jan-05
FEB	12	SKI ENHANCEMENT CLINIC	SNOWSHOE	JAN STARR 304-572-6713		12-Jan-05
MAR	6	MTR LEVEL 1	SNOWSHOE	JAN STARR 304-572-6713		6-Feb-05
Region Events for 2004-2005						
JAN	8	BASIC OEC CLINIC	SNOWSHOE	JAN STARR 304-572-6713		
JAN	9	BASIC S&T CLINIC	SNOWSHOE	JAN STARR 304-572-6713		
JAN	9	BASIC TELEMARK CLINIC	WINTERPLACE	TOM WAGNER 304-787-3221		
JAN	29	BASIC OEC EVALUATION	SNOWSHOE	JAN STARR 304-572-6713		
JAN	30	BASIC S&T EVALUATION	SNOWSHOE	JAN STARR 304-572-6713		
FEB	5	SR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CLINIC	TIMBERLINE	STEVE CVECHKO 304-776-8540		
FEB	6	SENIOR S&T CLINIC	SNOWSHOE	JAN STARR 304-572-6713		
FEB	26	BASIC S&T EVALUATION	WINTERPLACE	TOM WAGNER 304-469-8039		
FEB	27	SENIOR S&T CLINIC	WINTERPLACE	TOM WAGNER 304-787-3221		
MAR	5	BASIC OEC EVALUATION	TIMBERLINE	JANETTE BENNETT 304-599-4915		
MAR	6	BASIC S & T EVALUATION	TIMBERLINE	STEVE CVECHKO 304-776-8540		
MAR	13	SR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EVAL	WINTERPLACE	TOM WAGNER 304-787-3221		

Virginia Calendar

OEC Courses and Challenges held in Region for 2004-2005						
SEP	11	OEC COURSE STARTS @ WINTERGREEN	WINTERGREEN	TUCKER CROLIUS 434-325-8060		
OCT	30	OEC COURSE STARTS @ MASSANUTTEN	MASSANUTTEN	BARTEK DREWNOWSKI 540-289-4955		
DEC	19	OEC EVALUATION @ WINTERGREEN	WINTERGREEN	TED FORBES 434-979-7586		
OEC Events held in Region for 2004-2005						
SEP	25	PRE-REFRESHER @ WINTERGREEN	WINTERGREEN	TUCKER CROLIUS 434-325-8060		
OCT	2	PRE-REFRESHER @ BRYCE	BRYCE	NANCY DIBENNETTO 202-877-1423		
OCT	2	PRE-REFRESHER @ MASSANUTTEN	MASSANUTTEN	WILL DRURY 540-478-4631		
OCT	3	OEC REFRESHER @ BRYCE - Lift Evac	BRYCE	NANCY DIBENNETTO 202-877-1423		
OCT	16	WINTERGREEN ON-THE HILL	WINTERGREEN	TUCKER CROLIUS 434-325-8060		
OCT	17	OEC REFRESHER @ WINTERGREEN	ROCKFISH VALLEY SCH	TUCKER CROLIUS 434-325-8061		
OCT	23	OEC REFRESHER @ MASSANUTTEN	MASSANUTTEN	WILL DRURY 540-478-4631		
OCT	24	MASSANUTTEN ON-THE-HILL	MASSANUTTEN	BARTEK DREWNOWSKI 540-289-4955		
OCT	29	PRE-REFRESHER @ HOMESTEAD	HOMESTEAD	JEFF SMITH 757-851-8921		
OCT	30	OEC REFRESHER @ HOMESTEAD	HOMESTEAD	JEFF SMITH 757-851-8922		

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CPR Events held in Region for 2004-2005					
JUN	12	BRYCE CPR REFRESHER/MEETING/COOKOUT	BRYCE	NANCY DIBENNEDETTO 202-877-1423	
JUN	19	WINTERGREEN CPR/ANNUAL MEETING/PICNIC	WINTERGREEN	TUCKER CROLIUS 434-325-8060	
SEP	26	CPR REFRESHER @ WINTERGREEN	WINTERGREEN	TUCKER CROLIUS 434-325-8060	
Educational Courses held in Region for 2004-2005					
NOV	20	INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT	WINTERGREEN	KENN BUCKNER 919-645-6615	20-Oct-04
DEC	11	PATROLLER ENRICHMENT SEMINAR	HOMESTEAD	MARY UNDERWOOD 865-483-3675	11-Nov-04
MAR	12	AVALANCHE AWARENESS	WINTERGREEN	MIKE FISHER 434-296-8486	12-Feb-05
Events held in the Region for 2004-2005					
JUN	12	BRYCE SPRING MEETING	BRYCE	NANCY DIBENNEDETTO 202-877-1423	
AUG	15	MASSANUTTEN HOO-HA BIKE RACE	MASSANUTTEN	KENNY HESS 540-289-4954	
OCT	3	FALL MEETING	BRYCE	NANCY DIBENNEDETTO 202-877-1423	
NOV	13	MASSANUTTEN SKI SWAP	MASSANUTTEN	KENNY HESS 540-289-4955	
NOV	26	WINTERGREEN SKI SWAP	WINTERGREEN	JIM CMCASLIN	
DEC	11	MASSANUTTEN TRANSFER ORIENTATION	MASSANUTTEN	BARTEK DREWNOWSKI 540-289-4955	
DEC	12	WINTERGREEN TRANSFER ORIENTATION	WINTERGREEN	ED POUNCEY 703-266-2943	
JAN	8	SENIOR SKI CLINIC - FULL DAY	WINTERGREEN	MIKE FISHER 434-296-8486	
JAN	9	SENIOR TOBOGGAN CLINIC - FULL DAY	WINTERGREEN	MIKE FISHER 434-296-8486	
JAN	22	SENIOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CLINIC	MASSANUTTEN	DAVE QUIDORT 919-363-7935	
JAN	23	SENIOR S&T CLINIC	MASSANUTTEN	MIKE FISHER 434-296-8486	
FEB	19	SENIOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EVAL	WINTERGREEN	DAVE QUIDORT 919-363-7935	
FEB	20	SENIOR S & T EVALUATION	WINTERGREEN	MIKE FISHER 434-296-8486	
MAR	13	MASSANUTTEN PICNIC	MASSANUTTEN	BARTEK DREWNOWSKI 540-289-4955	

Blue Ridge Calendar

OEC Courses and Challenges held in Region for 2004-2005					
JUNE	19	OEC E-course Orientation	HICKORY	TERESA STEWART 704-718-5675 (cell)	HICKORY @ 8:30 am
AUG	31	OEC Course	BOONE	CHARLES LENTZ 828-264-5261	lentzcl@watauga.k12.nc.us
OCT	23,24	OEC CHALLENGE	SUGAR MTN	LARRY FLEMING 828-437-8448	SUGAR MTN @ 8:30am
OEC Events held in Region for 2004-2005					
SEP	11	OEC INSTRUCTOR (PRE) REFRESHER	APPALACHIAN	LISA ADAMS 828-387-2891	BEGINS @ 8:30 am
OCT	2	OEC REFRESHER-Grandfather	VALLE CRUCES	MARK REES 704-896-0747	VALLE CRUCES ELEMENTARY
NOV	6	OEC REFRESHER-Carolina Highlands	BANNER ELK	MARK REES 704-896-0747	LEES MCRAE COLLEGE
CPR Events held in Region for 2004-2005					
AUG	7,8	CPR / BIKE RACE	SUGAR MTN	MARY SELF 336-759-0263	mself@wfubmc.edu
Educational Courses for 2004-2005					
JUN	26	INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR	ASHEVILLE	LARRY BOST 828-322-1315	HEART TOWER@MISSION HOSP/IRM E390 26-May-04
JUN	27	PATROLLER ENRICHMENT SEMINAR	ASHEVILLE	MARY UNDERWOOD 865-482-8532	HEART TOWER@MISSION HOSP/IRM E391 27-May-04
Region Events for 2004-2005					
JULY	24	APPALACHIAN Bd MEETING	MOORESVILLE	TONY RAY 828-478-9317	
AUG	7,8	CPR/BIKE RACE	SUGAR MTN	MARY SELF 336-759-0263	
SEPT	25	HAWKSNEST Golf Tournament	HAWKSNEST	JONATHAN HALE 336-403-9622	
OCT	9	OCTOBERFEST	SUGAR MTN	FLYNN HARRIS 704-366-5487	
DEC	4	SENIOR EMERGENCY MGMT CLINIC	BEECH MTN	HARVEY VARNER 336-785-4533	8:30 AM
DEC	5	REGION S&T EXAMINERS CLINIC	APPALACHIAN	TONY TINGLE 865-220-9456	8:30AM
JAN	8	SENIOR S&T CLINIC	BEECH MTN	TONY TINGLE 865-220-9456	8:30AM
JAN	9	BASIC S&T EVALUATION	SUGAR MTN	TONY TINGLE 865-220-9456	8:30AM
JAN	22	SR EMERGENCY MGMT EVALUATION	BEECH MTN	HARVEY VARNER 336-785-4533	8:30AM
JAN	23	BASIC S&T EVALUATION	BEECH MTN	TONY TINGLE 865-220-9456	8:30AM
JAN	29,30	SENIOR S & T EVALUATION	HAWKSNEST	TONY TINGLE 865-220-9456	8:30AM
FEB	12	BASIC S&T EVALUATION	HAWKSNEST	TONY TINGLE 865-220-9456	8:30AM
MAR	6	BASIC S&T EVALUATION	APPALACHIAN	TONY TINGLE 865-220-9456	8:30AM

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OEC Courses and Challenges held in Region for 2004-2005					
JUN	12	OEC COURSE @ ATLANTA	ATLANTA AREA	KEN COLLINS 770-719-0781	
JUL	19	OEC ELECTRONIC COURSE	HICKORY, NC	LARRY BOST 704-865-7484	INTERNET OEC COURSE
JUL	28	OEC COURSE @ GATLINBURG	GATLINBURG AREA	BRANDON OLSON 865-471-5197	
DEC	11-13	OEC CHALLENGE	CATALOOCHEE, NC	ANN CHRISTENSON 770-394-5869	
OEC Events held in Region for 2004-2005					
OCT	9	OEC INST. REFRESH @ CATALOOCHEE	CATALOOCHEE, NC	TOM RAUDORF 865-483-5818	CATALOOCHEE SKI AREA
OCT	6	OEC INST. REFRESH @ GATLINBURG	KNOXVILLE, TN	BRENT GALLOWAY 865-494-5499	PELLISSIPPI ST.TECH.COM.COL.
NOV	6	OEC INST. REFRESH @ WOLF LAUREL	ASHEVILLE, NC	RHONDA SMITH 828-645-9171	WOLF LAUREL SKI AREA
NOV	6	OEC REFRESHER @ CATALOOCHEE	CATALOOCHEE, NC	TOM RAUDORF 865-483-5818	CATALOOCHEE SKI AREA
NOV	7	CATALOOCHEE ON THE HILL	CATALOOCHEE, NC	DAN GREENE 770-640-6396	CATALOOCHEE SKI AREA
NOV	6	OEC REFRESHER @ GATLINBURG	GATLINBURG, TN	BRENT GALLOWAY 865-494-5499	PELLISSIPPI ST.TECH.COM.COL.
NOV	7	GATLINBURG ON THE HILL	GATLINBURG, TN	BRANDON OLSON 865-471-5197	GATLINBURG SKI AREA
NOV	20	OEC REFRESHER @ WOLF LAUREL	ASHEVILLE, NC	RHONDA SMITH 828-645-9171	WOLF LAUREL SKI AREA
NOV	21	WOLF LAUREL ON THE HILL	WOLF LAUREL, NC	BOB MITCHELL 828-658-0434	WOLF LAUREL SKI AREA @ 9AM
JAN	8	SMOKY MTN NORDIC ON THE HILL	SMOKY MT NATL PK	ANDY MEACHAN 865-494-8838	
CPR Events held in Region for 2004-2005					
OCT	TBD	ATLANTA CPR REFRESHER	ATLANTA, GA	MELANIE WOLFORD 770-426-4182	KINCAID MIDDLE SCHOOL
OCT	TBD	GATLINBURG CPR REFRESHER	GATLINBURG, TN	TBD	TBD
OCT	TBD	CATALOOCHEE CPR REFRESHER	MAGGIE VALLEY, NC	TBD	TBD
NOV	TBD	ASHEVILLE CPR REFRESHER	ASHEVILLE, NC	TBD	TBD
Educational Courses for 2004-2005					
JUN	26	INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR	ASHEVILLE	LARRY BOST 828-322-1315	HEART TOWER@MISSION HOSP/IRM E390 26-May-04
JUN	27	PATROLLER ENRICHMENT SEMINAR	ASHEVILLE, NC	MARY UNDERWOOD 865-483-3675	HEART TOWER@MISSION HOSP/IRM E391 27-May-04
AUG	14	INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE	CULLOWHEE, NC	BOB LANDIN (770) 640-6771	WESTERN CAROLINA UNIV. 14-Jul-04
DEC	4	AVALANCHE FUNDAMENTALS	CULLOWHEE, NC	DENNIS SLAGLE 919-528-9279	WESTERN CAROLINA UNIV. 4-Nov-04
DEC	4	MTR LEVEL 1	CULLOWHEE, NC	BEN THOLKES 828-293-7134	WESTERN CAROLINA UNIV. 4-Nov-04

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Region Events for 2004-2005					
DEC	2-5	ATLANTA SKI SWAP SALE	ATLANTA, GA	ANN CHRISTENSON 770-394-5869	COBB GALLERIA SPECIALTY MALL
JAN	8	EXAMINER'S PROFICIENCY CLINIC	WOLF LAUREL, NC	PHIL CRITCHER 828-684-8721	
JAN	23	SENIOR S&T CLINIC	GATLINBURG, TN	BOB BREWSTER 828-684-8100	
FEB	13	SR S&T EVALUATION	GATLINBURG, TN	BOB BREWSTER 828-684-8100	
FEB	6	SR OEC CLINIC	CATALOOCHEE, NC	BEN RAY 828-675-0896	
FEB	27	SR OEC EVALUATION	CATALOOCHEE, NC	LARRY ERB 828-645-4718	

Deep South Calendar

June 12	OEC Course –Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	Ken Collins	(770)306-6860
June 26	PES	Ashville, NC	Mary Underwood	(865)483-3675
Aug. 14	Instructor Development	Ashville, NC	Bob Landin	(770)640-6771
Aug. 22	Fall Officers Meeting	Wytheville, VA	Sylvia Talley	(770) 552-8968
Aug. 28	OEC Refresher Planning Meeting	Atlanta, GA	Mike Boggs	(770) 822-0024
Sept. 11	OEC Instructor Refresher	Atlanta, GA	Mike Boggs	(770) 822-0024
Sept. 25	Atlanta OEC Final Evaluation	Atlanta, GA	Ken Collins	(770) 306-6860
Oct. 16-17	MTR I	Cullowee, NC	Ben Tholkes	(828) 293-7134
Nov. 6	OEC Refresher for Cloudmont/Sky Valley	Atlanta, GA	Mike Boggs	(770) 822-0024
Nov. 6	OEC Refresher for Sapphire	Cataloochee	Ben Tholkes	(828) 293-7134
Nov. 7	Sky Valley On-the-Hill	Sky Valley, GA	Celeste Bernstein	(770) 552-2755
Nov. 20-21	MTR II	Smoky Mtns. Nat. Park	Don Jones	(931) 455-0137
Dec. 4	Avalanche Awareness	Cullowee, NC	Dennis Slagle	(919) 528-9279
Dec. 19	Sapphire On-the-Hill	Sapphire, NC	Ben Tholkes	(828) 293-7134
Jan. 23	Sr. S&T Clinic	Gatlinburg, TN	Chris Brecher	(770) 297-7940
Feb. 6	Basic S&T Evaluation	Sky Valley, GA	Brent Bowman	(404) 869-8286
Feb. 13	Sr. S&T Evaluation	Gatlinburg, TN	Chris Brecher	(770) 297-7940

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