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R. Morgan Armstrong,
Division Director

News from the Division Director

The Mid-winter Meeting of the National Ski Patrol Board of Directors was held in Lakewood, CO on January 8 & 9, 2010. This year the Division Directors arrived a day early to meet and vote on all issues that were scheduled to come before the Board. The Board was asked to consider prior to each vote, the voting record of the Division Directors on each issue. On some issues the Division Directors were unanimous and on those issues where the Divisions were divided, both the majority and minority opinion were given and the vote tally. This experiment was acceptable to the NSP Board and will allow the Division Directors to better carry information from patrollers in the division to the NSP Board. When a consensus is reached, it also allows the matter to receive more weight than if just one Division Directors speaks for or against an issue. We think this will help communication from the rank and file to the NSP Board of Directors. Should you have an idea or if your patrol has information, please send it to me and let me better represent the division and all of the patrollers.

The Mid-winter Meeting was also the forum for the announcement of how the OEC 5th Edition will be “rolled-out” to the membership. The tentative schedule (I emphasize tentative because variables are present) is for the OEC 5th Edition to be released to the members in October 2010. The Fall Refreshers will use the OEC 4th Edition for the final “C” cycle of the 2010 year. Cycle “A” will begin in the fall of 2011 and Cycle “A” will use the OEC 5th Edition. OEC Classes that begin after the book is published will be allowed to choose if they want to use the 5th or 4th Edition until December 31, 2010. After January 1, 2011, the 4th Edition will be retired and only the 5th Edition will be used. Patrols and Divisions are asked to begin to make plans now to

help with getting the 5th Edition out to the membership and to instructors. Several Divisions and Patrols are obtaining contributions from fund drives and work projects to help defray the cost of the new book. The price has not been set at this time.

The NSP Credit Card has earned the Southern Division \$180 from the 18 cards issued under our division name. I ask each officer in the division to obtain a NSP Credit Card for use in division travel and projects. Instructors should each have a card and when one orders books from NSP, use the card. The NSP gets a rebate from the Credit Card Company for every dollar charged. If you want to fund the NSP without a dues increase, this is a no cost way of doing so. Please help us out and obtain a card from our website at www.SouthernNSP.org so our division gets a \$10 donation for each new card and the NSP gets \$40 for each new card plus a cut of the charges from the Credit Card Company. A new promotion also was announced. When you order a card this winter, are accepted and order over \$100 on the card, the Credit Card Company puts \$50 in your account. Sounds like a good deal to me so please look into this for everyone's benefit.

Terry LaLiberte completed his term as NSP Chair of the Board of Directors during this meeting. The new Chair was elected by the Board of Directors and that person is **Bela Musits**. Bela has been involved in the financial matters of the NSP for several years and served as the Assistant Chair of the Board of Directors over the past administration of Terry. One of the major projects he launched this time was to begin the re-writing of the Policies & Procedures Manual of the NSP in light of the passage of the 2009 Bylaws of the organization. The Governance Committee is to begin the project in conjunction with all of the program directors of the NSP. We have a new set of Bylaws, the P&P is being updated and the OEC 5th Edition will be published the fall of 2010 so a lot is going on with the NSP. The new computer system is being installed and along with that the NSP is working on bringing out a new Website. I have requested several changes to the NSP Website that I hope will make it more user friendly and give the patroller a quicker access to information.

The Southern Division had the highest percentage of patrollers voting in the last election. I want to thank all who voted for letting the NSP know that the Southern Division cares and is active. This helps me represent you, because when you vote and are active, my voice carries more weight in the meetings. Keep up with issues and anytime you want your voice heard give me an email or a letter and I will be sure to pass the message along.

I would like to defray the cost of the OEC book to you the patroller. One idea was presented to the NSP Board and that was for a book sponsor. If there is a company, organization or foundation that would like to sponsor the OEC 5th Edition, a substantial donation to the NSP in this regard will earn that company, organization or foundation a place on the inside front or back cover giving credit or advertising this contribution. If any patroller in the Southern Division has information about this subject that you think might be helpful, let me know! If there is a company, organization or foundation that would like to help a patrol or the division to acquire these books so the members will be able to buy them at a fraction of the total cost, please get in touch with me.

In closing, the NSP has appointed me to the Governance Committee for another term; I have been appointed for a second term as Chair of the Bylaws Oversight Committee and have been assigned the task of moving the Immunity Statute forward. If you have help or ideas about the Immunity Statute or would like to comment on any of the above areas of concern, please do not hesitate to give me a call, email or letter to let me hear from you. A lot is going on in the Division and with the NSP so get involved and help the NSP move forward in some very interesting areas that will make the NSP and the Division a better and more fun place in which to patrol. Now that the Bylaws passed and the Mid-winter Meeting is done, I hope to get out and enjoy some of the snow I keep reading about in the press.

R. Morgan Armstrong
Southern Division Director

From the Assistants...

Richard Boyer
1st Assistant Division Director

February 28, 2010

Wow, these deadlines just creep up on us all... It is fairly late in the snow season and things seem to be moving along exceptionally well. All are reporting an abundance of snow, great snow-making weather and very good crowds.



It's been an eventful winter for our family. We moved my Mother from Tucson to Atlanta and that was enough thrills for one year, forget the prospective thrill of skiing the meadows, I'm maxed out.

As I am able to observe the different events and clinics, both ski and snowboard, as well as the myriad OEC functions around the division it never fails to amaze me how smoothly and efficiently our events work, considering how much is really going on. How does this happen? It is the constant and continuous effort of a dedicated group of individuals, working in unison, who are well trained, reliable, competent and efficient.

Those of us who gain benefit from this well oiled machine sometimes take it for granted. We should make it a point to seek out any one or more of these team members and thank them for their good work and the time and the miles they travel to prepare for and carry out their duties. It certainly is not easy to pull off all that is done in just one snow-sports season, much less string several years together in making the whole thing work even better each succeeding year. I hope all patrollers are as proud as I am of our division, region and resort folks, many of whom work untold hours, much of the time away from families, to get their jobs done and done so well! This

begins with the resorts, continues with both paid and volunteer patrollers, team and patrol leaders, instructors, program and skills supervisors and reaches up to the assistant division directors and the division director. Each has a part in the whole entity of the NSP. Together we make a strong organization dedicated to helping others enjoy our wonderful snow sport. (Who knows, we may be nurturing a future Olympian in our midst.) When ever and where ever you can, seek out these people, and get to know them and let them know they are appreciated.

I'm proud to be even a little part of this tremendous undertaking called National Ski Patrol and even more proud of our Southern Division of the NSP. I hope you are too!

Richard Boyer

Brent Bowman,

*2nd Assistant Division Director
January 2010*



It's hard to believe that it is already 2010! I hope that everyone had a chance to ride in the 10-24" of natural snow that hit most of the Southern Division in December 2009. Unfortunately, I was in Boston that weekend and unable to hit the slopes. As I write this, the NSP Snowsports School has had two weekend clinics. The reviews from the December Clinic at Cataloochee were great. All who attended felt that the training was a perfect kick-off for the season. A second clinic just ended January 9&10 and I have not seen the comments. However, I am sure that there was a lot of great learning and exchanging of ideas among the participants.

The Ski and Toboggan trainers are all hard at work at the areas training candidates for upcoming Basic and Senior tests. Tests are scheduled in February and it is really NOT that far away!! For those of you looking at the Senior test this Season.... Please be sure to attend one or more clinics before trying to attempt the Senior test. It really is disappointing for the examiners to have to tell someone that their skills are not up to the Senior level after all of the hard work that goes into the day of the Senior Test.

I hope that each of you has a GREAT remainder of the season and remember to thank the folks that keep each of our patrols running. This includes the patrol rep, patrol director, ski and toboggan instructors, the aux patrollers (or injured) that keep the customers smiling while we assist them in the patrol room and of course the hardworking skiing patrollers that just keep making laps on the hill!!!

SEE YOU ON THE HILL!!

Brent

Mike Harris,

Assistant Division Director – South Area

As The Bull Wheel Turns

I was able to travel to five different OEC refreshers this year. This being my thirty third year of refreshers, I must say this was the best one yet. The whole process was without intimidation. The better the instructors have gotten at this, the more the patrollers are involved and enjoying learning new things and practicing skills from seasons past. It was amazing to see the different formats used and everyone covered everything, which made it work perfectly for the patrol and their refreshers. Well another ski season is up and running. We really have cold weather in place now and it looks as though it will be below normal for a couple weeks. All the programs seem to be going well so far this season. I am looking forward to patrolling with as many of you as possible this year.

Mike Harris (AKA TYRONE)



Jan Starr

Assistant Division Director, North Area

Notes from the North

SNOW, SNOW, SNOW!!!!!!!!!! What a wonderful start to a season. But there is the saying can there be too much? Yes, as in December in the big snow I couldn't get out of my road to enjoy it!!! And along with the 2 weeks of snow came the minus temperatures. Those I could do with out also. Hope all areas are rejoicing and enjoying the awesome skiing we have had. A lot of training, OEC classes and clinics are underway now that we are part way into the season. Hope all is going well and that folks have joined in to better themselves. The Certified Pre qualification clinic went well. Brandon has done a great job in organizing all the clinics. It was good to see new faces in the program.



I will be traveling to VA areas in January and WV areas in February. Hope there is still plenty of snow! And I have my NSP VISA card do you? What a great way to help fund our organization. Monies go to National and to Southern Division when you apply for the card and when it is used. Happy Skiing!!!

Blue Ridge Region

Jonathan F. Hale,
Blue Ridge Region Director



Hello my friends,

The Blue Ridge Region is at a Crossroads. We used to have four similar, active, vivacious mountains in our region. Year after year we get the Southern Divisions lions share of awards for training prowess. I am one of the lessor of many, many instructors in the region (the best instructors in the Division). I must confess that our secret for years has been that our instructors get the chance to teach at more refreshers than any others- practice makes perfect. We have trained together by taking two of our four mountains (about 200 patrollers) and train two of the four mountains at one time in a large, but manageable, format. With recent changes, this refresher style is no longer possible.

What are we gonna do? *On-the-hills* should come on the weekend of the refreshers for sure. Most importantly, our new Regional OEC Guru, **Richard Yercheck**, is tasked with making sure that refreshers are by-the-book and with quality education for all. I have asked each Patrol director and Patrol Representative to brainstorm with their Patrols as to how to achieve this goal. We will meet together at the end of the season to plan what is best for you, the Patroller and our Mountains. Please bring any suggestion to them during this year so that we may continue the quality educational resource that you have come to expect with the Blue Ridge Regional Refreshers.

As for the concerned instructors, perennial team leader and other members of the core of what has made the Blue Ridge Region the OEC success that it is today, please corner Richard Yercheck, me, or any Patrol Leader with your thoughts for how we can continue with our successful refresher pathway. We want to continue with our joint instructor's refresher as hosted by Appalachian's great staff. However, we will probably go with three separate mountain refreshers this Fall. This will mean that missing your refresher date may not have the flexibility that it has had in the past. It does mean that all mountains will need to depend (in some ways) on each other more than in the past. I promise to report back to you on what is decided this spring during the meeting of the Patrol Chiefs.

Finally, we had a real scare for the refreshers this past Fall, but thanks to **Cammie Hale**, **Teresa Stewart**, **Mark Latendresse** and **Hugh Jernigan** everyone in the Region felt that we had the best refreshing in Years! Hugh Jernigan will move up to the Division Senior program Chief. Our loss is the Division's gain. No one has ever cared more.

Virginia Region

Ted Forbes, Region Director



Epic! There's no other word to describe it. A season for the history books. Record snowfall all across Virginia. Every single resort in the Region has experienced fantastic conditions, record crowds, and huge smiles. We've heard reliable reports of skiers and riders making tracks in places that haven't been accessible in 20 years.

New glades have been found, creek beds have been explored, and mountain biking and hiking trails have been skied. I remember the best advice I ever got from a clinic on the Sherburne Trail coming down off Tuckerman's Ravine back in the 1980s – never ski faster than you are willing to hit that tree! It's good advice this season!

It's also been a season of highs and lows. On the high side, **Sepp Kober**, who founded skiing in the south was initiated into the US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame this season. If not for Sepp, one could argue we wouldn't be doing what we love on the snow in Virginia. Fifty years ago, he started the skiing operation at The Homestead. The man who has been called "The Father of Southern Skiing" was honored at the Homestead on February 20, 2010. We are all grateful to Sepp for his vision, and proud that he has earned his post in the Hall of Fame.

On the low side, Wintergreen lost one of its own on February 25. Patroller **Dave Stolze** passed away suddenly from a heart attack. Dave was skiing at Big Sky Montana with **Nici Singletary** and **Ed Pouncey**. It was a powder day in a glade run when Dave went down. Nici and Ed jumped in, and Big Sky's patrollers were on scene quickly, but Dave was gone. We'll all miss his big heart and warm smile.

As I write this, we are a few weeks from the announced closing dates for most of our resorts in Virginia. But I can guarantee that there will be snow on the ground when the public starts to think about golf and tennis. I have a hunch that in this epic year a few of us might just be hiking to earn our turns long after the lifts have stopped. Be safe out there!

Ted

West Virginia Region

Byrd White, Region Director

What a Year! The snow has not only been plentiful in the mountain state it has been for the most part dry. Two feet of power in West Virginia, whoever heard of such a thing? Other than a little problem with the Workers Compensation system in West Virginia things have been great and running smoothly. West Virginia moved this year from a state run workers compensation system to a private carrier system much like Virginia. Most of the resorts in the state use the spin off company from the old system, Brick Street Insurance Company, who has

declined writing coverage for volunteers. This has caused problems for some resorts and some resorts have yet to see major problems. It will most likely sort itself out but in the short term it is causing some headaches. More on that as information becomes available.

There is currently planned a Leadership courses to be held in West Virginia, this is a new NSP course that has been put together by Mary and Jim Underwood, Bill Smith and Ted Forbes. For anyone in, or interested in, a leadership position in NSP this course is something you really it shows. Early planning is to have it during the first part of May.

Would like to write more but I'm heading back to the slopes.

From the Supervisors and Advisors...

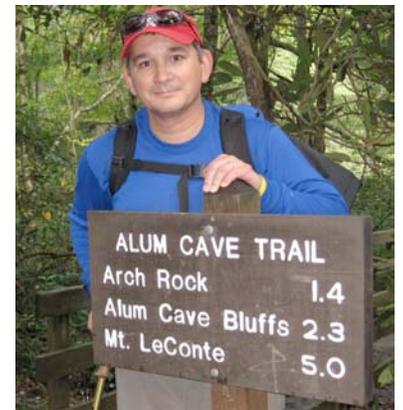
Transportation...Transportation...Transportation...Transportation

Tony Tingle,

Transportation Supervisor

What a season it has been! We've had record snowfalls, and looks like more is on the way! I hope everyone has had an opportunity to get out there and enjoy it!

Last year about this time, I was preaching the benefits of the chain. As a reminder, practiced use of the chain will help make your delivery of the first patient of the day as safe as the delivery of the last patient. **USE YOUR BRAIN, PRACTICE AND USE THE CHAIN!** Nuff' Said.



“What’s the hardest part of running a Toboggan?” I always say the tail rope. Your Mountain sets the policy regarding the use of a tail rope and rear operator, so Area Management has the final say if you use a tail rope. In the Southern Division, most folks do.

I would like to touch on three items regarding the tail rope: Communication; Tension; and Distance. This year, and in years past, the tail rope seems to be a common factor for folks not passing evaluations. If you are one of these people, don't feel bad. The tail rope is tough. This is why the tail rope is the focus in this writing. The person in the handles is driving the bus. They are picking the route for both of you and they have two big metal handles to keep their shoulders square down the hill. As a tail rope operator, you have to REACT to the Patroller in the handles, and you have to ANTICIPATE where they are going. In this respect, COMMUNICATION is key. The tail rope operator watches three things: The patient; incoming traffic from above (e.g. anyone who's going to run you over); and the back of the front operator. Don't hesitate to voice your needs or to warn the front operator of hazards you see. If speed is a little fast, if the patient is in need of something, if you need to stop, if you have traffic converging from above, let the

front operator know. I've never seen anyone downgraded in an evaluation for communicating too much.

How much tension do you want on the rope? When I first learned how to run a sled, we learned that you need a "swag" in the rope (e.g. don't let it drag the ground and don't let it get tight). **THIS IS DIFFERENT NOW.** The Outdoor Emergency Transportation Manual says "*Maintain tension and control of the tail rope as required for safe operation.*" This means the rope is kept taut, but you're not getting pulled by the sled (a.k.a. "water skiing"). Practice, practice, practice! Pages 60-62 of the Transportation Manual provides a good outline for folks running the tail rope and Page 82 of the Manual presents a great practice exercise "Rope-A-Goat".

Distance. How long is a typical tail rope? Usually 20-30 feet (Page 27 of the Manual). The replacement rope sold by Cascade Toboggan is 18 feet long and Traverse Rescue's tail rope says both 20 feet and 30 feet. In most cases, you want to use the bulk of that distance to put some space between you and the patient. This is one case where being near the "end of your rope" is a good thing. Keep a loop of rope to pay out in case the operator in the handles speeds up (icy patches) and be ready to take up a loop of rope in case they slow down. Practice, practice, practice!

I hope this answers some of the questions I've been asked this season, and I hope it creates more questions. If you have questions, feel free to ask me, your Region Transportation Advisor, or any Transportation Instructor. I hope to see you on the hill soon!

Tony

Senior ... Senior ... Senior

Hugh Jernigan,
Senior Program Supervisor

Become a Senior Patroller A Proud Accomplishment!

It is commonly known ski patrollers are high energy people; they like to have fun, and are always searching for ways to get better at what they do!! The Senior Program is a great opportunity to upgrade skiing/boarding/toboggan handling techniques, develop leadership skills, and generally become a better all-round patroller. And.... It can be fun.



While visiting patrols in the Division and talking to patrollers over the past few weeks, I was impressed with the pride patrollers feel when they talk about completing the Senior requirements and officially becoming a "Senior Patroller".

The first question patrollers have concerning the Senior Program is “How do I get started” and “who do I need to talk to”. A good way to begin is to contact your Patrol Representative/Patrol Director or the Region Senior Coordinator in your area for information. Listings for the Region Senior Coordinators can be found on the Southern Division web site under Staff. The first step is to complete a Senior Candidate Application and have it signed by the Patrol Representative/Patrol Director. Upon completion of the Senior Emergency Management component, Skiing or Boarding proficiency component, Toboggan proficiency component, and completion of three electives, Senior Patroller status is awarded. Each region has Senior Emergency Management Clinics and Evaluations, along with Senior Skiing/Boarding/Toboggan Clinics and Evaluations each season. The list of electives to choose three electives required for the Senior Program may be found in the NSP Policy and Procedures and include choices such as:

1. Completion of NSP classes such as Instructor Development, Mountain Travel and Rescue, Avalanche.
2. Registered seminars such as Toboggan or Skiing Enhancement...
3. Any NSP Instructor or Instructor Appointment, CPR Instructor, PSIA Level 2 or 3 Certification...
4. Other electives as listed in the NSP Policy and Procedures.

There is also an option for Auxiliary Patrollers who would like to upgrade their skills. By completing the Senior Emergency Management and required electives, these patrollers can be awarded with the Senior Auxiliary Patroller classification. Senior Auxiliary Patrollers represent some of the best, and most valuable OEC Instructors/Senior Emergency Management Evaluators in the Southern Division.

In an effort to give guidance to patrollers interested in the Senior Program, a Southern Division Senior Program Manual containing forms, procedures, and information for the Senior Candidate is being written and should be completed soon. We also are planning on listing information regarding the Senior Program on the Southern Division Web Site.

The Senior Patroller Program in the Southern Division could not exist without the dedicated Regional Senior Skiing/Boarding/Toboggan (Transportation) and Senior Emergency Management (OEC) Instructors-Evaluators who devote so much time and effort for the Senior Candidates. These patrollers, who devote as much as four weekends a year serving as Instructors for the Senior Clinics and Evaluations, are greatly appreciated. Standing outside all day (in the below zero cold, or wind, or rain, or whatever other conditions nature provides) and trying to write notes on a wet evaluation form with a frozen pen stiff fingers as groups of Senior Candidates are being evaluated during Emergency Management scenarios --- That is a real sign of dedication!!!

I had the privilege of attending the Blue Ridge Region Senior Emergency Management Clinic on January 9th at Appalachian Ski Mountain. An outstanding group of 11 Senior Candidates applied themselves in a day of Senior OEC/Emergency Management scenarios provided by **Toni Cheek**, Region Senior Coordinator, and an experienced group of 15 Senior EMM Evaluators. It was a very well planned day (obviously, large amount of time spent in pre-planning) in which the candidates were able to learn and gain confidence by the clinic format. Also impressive, **Joe Donadio** (Appalachian Ski Patrol Director) provided each candidate with a map of the ski area detailing the exact location of each scenario being conducted during the day so the candidates would know where they should be during the rotations. The Appalachian Ski Patrol even

stockpiled all necessary equipment in convenient locations near the scenario locations for quick access.

The involvement of Southern Division Patrollers in all aspects of the National Ski Patrol is one reason so many “National Awards” such as Patrol Director of the Year, Patroller of the Year, Student Patroller of the Year, and other prestigious national awards come to the Southern Division. Involvement in the Senior Patroller Program is not only beneficial to the individual patroller, but also each ski area’s patrol, the Region, Southern Division, and NSP.

See you on the slopes....

Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports

Briggs Allen,
Snowsports Supervisor

Southern Division NSP Snowsports School

As I write this at 8:30 AM in early January in Bristol Virginia it is 8° with snow once again in the forecast. Finally a real winter!!! December was a good month for the Snowsports School with Cataloochee Ski Area hosting our PSIA/A ASI level II teaching prep clinic. The snow was falling and the clinic was well attended by over 20 patrollers from Wintergreen, Bryce, Beech, Wolf Ridge, Hawksnest and of course Cataloochee. A special thanks go to **Neil Booth** and **Wayne Morgan** for their help in coordinating and teaching the clinic. **Ron Clyde** and **Pnut Laney** also deserve kudos for their help with teaching.

By the time you are reading this, our skiing and snowboarding clinics are well underway. On January 9-10, 2010 Appalachian Ski Area hosted a snowboarding improvement clinic. This clinic was well attended with participants from Beech Mountain, and Wolf Ridge. The same weekend a skiing clinic was held in the West Virginia Region at Snowshoe.

There is still time to participate in our two additional Snowsports School clinics to be held in February. The first is a snowboarding clinic that will be February 6 at Massanutten Resort. Our last clinic is for our patrollers who are skiers and this will be held February 20-21 at Beech Mountain Resort. All of our clinics are registered with National and provide Senior and SES credits. Remember to register for these clinics early as space is limited and preference is given to the trainers within our Snowsports School program. Most of the time, additional space is available for any other interested patrollers. You may register for our clinics by contacting me with your name, patrol, NSP /PSIA /AASI numbers (if you have these) and if you want Senior or SES credits at briggsaln@aol.com. The Snowsports School always e-mails a flyer on our clinics to all of patrol directors and patrol reps. We ask that they download and print these flyers and then post them in your patrol room. These flyers contain information on the upcoming Snowsports School clinics.

I would really like to thank the management and patrol leaders of Appalachian, Beech, Cataloochee, Massanutten and Snowshoe for hosting our clinics during the 2009-10 Season. Their hospitality and understanding the need for continuing education is appreciated.

We have been fortunate that Matt Laney (Pnut) has joined our Snowsports School as our snowboard trainer. Pnut is a certified Level II AASI instructor and all-around great guy. The evaluations from Pnut's clinics are always good and if you can attend one of his programs you won't be disappointed.

Finally, the Southern Division NSP Snowsports School was well represented at the Eastern Division PSIA/AASI 's Projam held at Killington Vermont in December. Four Snowsports School member patrollers, myself included, spent a week obtaining superb instruction that will allow us to better help our members with their skiing and boarding skills. It was a lot of work but also a lot of fun. This event is held annually and fills quickly after registration opens in September. If you can make it next year it's definitely a good program.

Until next time, remember, snowsports are simple... turn right, turn left, repeat as necessary.



Instructor Development...Instructor Development...Instructor Development

Teresa T. Stewart,

Instructor Development Supervisor

The NSP Instructor Development course is an integral part of all the NSP Educational courses. This is a required step before the mentoring stage with an instructor within the specific discipline that you are becoming involved with (Outdoor Emergency Care, Toboggan and Ski, Mountain Travel and Rescue, Avalanche, Outdoor First Care, etc). This is also a SENIOR ELECTIVE.

There are a number of steps in the Instructor Development Program:

- Course Registered with NSP by the Instructor Development Instructor.
- Training materials (aka – book) ordered – class schedule given to students.
- NSP Event Training Release Form completed for the course and kept by the instructor.
- Instructor Application Form with each discipline the student is interested in becoming an instructor for (ie, OEC, MTR, S&T, etc) completed and sent to the Instructor Development Supervisor (IDS).
- Senior Candidate Application Form filled in as needed.
- Southern Division ID Observation Form - This is completed for each student in the course for each topic they taught and they are returned to - NOTE - some students may require more than two evaluations.
- Division Course Completion Form

If the student is ONLY taking the course for a Senior Elective - (The IDS will need to know that AND the student will need the form for the Senior Candidate Application filled in)

Once the Student Application Forms have been submitted to the ID Supervisor – the ID Supervisor will copy and forward the form to the appropriate Educational Supervisor (OEC, S&T, MTR, etc) - then the Division Program Supervisor (DPS) for each discipline will assign the mentors for the mentoring phase. Once the DPS assigns the mentors and that phase is complete - that DPS will recommend that student for Instructor Status.

Interested students should look at the Division Calendar for registered courses in their Region and contact the Region Instructor Development contact or drop me an email at (stewart.teresa@gmail.com).

From Around the Division...

Blue Ridge Senior EMM Candidates January 9, 2010 @ Appalachian Ski Mountain
(photos submitted by Hugh Jernigan)



Top row L-R: Adam Hamrick, Grant Smalle, Brad Eddins, Frances Edwards, John Hamrick,
Bottom row: Wade Adams, Richard Lott, Robin Griffin, Susie Strohschein, Bradley Hinton, Stephan Wankerl



Wolf Ridge Hosts Hawksnest January 23, 2010...



Photo by: **Michael Erb** Saturday Jan. 23rd. Wolf Ridge hosted Hawksnest Ski Patrol.
(L-to-R Orville English-Owner, Randi Lowery-PR, Cammie Hale, Glenn Larsen,
Jonathan Hale, Jim Shuttleworth, Michelle Piscatelli, Mike Harris, Hugh Jernigan)

Sugar Mountain ...

(Photos submitted by Mike Harris)



Senior Sled & Toboggan - Ober Gatlinburg February 2010

(Photos submitted by Hugh Jernigan)



Cloudmont January 21, 2008



(Photo submitted by Division Historian – any details on this photo please submit to Fred Wessels at southerndivisionhistory@gmail.com)

Cloudmont Jan 21, 2008

Far West Division Announcement ...

NSP Far West Division's 2010 Winter Educational Conference Announcement

19-21 March 2010

(ALL) National Ski Patrol Members, (Patrol Representatives, Region, and Division Directors, please post to your membership, promote, and support your member's attendance)

Notice - 1 Month until FWD's 2010 Winter Educational Conference - **register now online** at

[<http://fwdwinter.eventbrite.com>] [<http://www.farwest.org>]

The Far West Division is proudly sponsoring: 2010 - Winter Educational Conference with a Special 50th Anniversary Tribute to the 1960 VIII Olympics at Squaw Valley with the Division's Olympic Ski Patrol Team as guests. This conference is scheduled **March 19-21, 2009**, at NorthStar Ski Resort at Lake Tahoe, California. All information is posted online.

This event is designed to support NSP's vision and mission:

NSP's Vision is to be recognized as the premier provider of training and education programs for emergency rescuers who serve the outdoor recreation community. The National Ski Patrol is a member-driven professional organization of registered ski patrols, patrollers and others, both paid and volunteer. The NSP supports its members through credentialed education and training in leadership, outdoor emergency care, safety and transportation services, which enables members to serve the community in the safe enjoyment of outdoor recreation.

So here it is...!!!!

Programs, Programs, Programs!!! - 12 NSP Program Offerings in one weekend.

Twenty-three (25) of the best National Ski Patrol Instructors in the Far West Division are converging from each of our 5 Regions for this event. They will be on-hand and prepared to support this Weekend Winter Educational Conference. The weekend features 12 NSP Program Offerings (see the agenda posted online). If we fill each program, we will be prepared to accommodate up to 90 patrollers with up to four offerings each. Our focus is Ski (and snowboarding), Toboggan handling, and Outdoor Emergency Care. The Women's TES program offerings were very popular.

NEWLY ADDED THIS YEAR - We added Nordic Ski Enhancement Seminars (Intermediate and Advanced offerings) on Saturday and an NSP Instructor Development offering on Sunday. When you register and sign up, please identify your morning and afternoon program interests, you select 4 of the 12 offerings. Note: We are planning NSP's Senior (OEC) Scene Management (SEM). This senior program has pre-requisites. The SEM is scheduled for Sunday. Saturday will include the OEC skills

check-off component. This SEM offering is limited to 9 patrollers (first come first serve). If you sign up for this, our IOR will be contacting you to ensure that all pre-requisites are met to ensure everyone's' best chances of success. Also Instructor Develop requires a NSP book #502 \$19.50+S&H.

*These Course offerings are filling, so register **NOW**.* <http://fwdwinter.eventbrite.com/>
Families Too!! Family members had a blast last year!! We have painstakingly planned and worked with the Northstar Resort and Ski Patrol to make this an action-packed affordable educational conference for you, that includes activities that can met your guest and families needs as well. If your family/guest ski/board, Northstar is offering discounted lifts (\$41/day for adults and \$19/day for 12 and under). The Northstar Ski Patrol is offering guided ski tours for all levels of skiers/borders (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). Additionally, the NorthStar-at-Tahoe Resort has so much to offer those who won't be on the hill with us, e.g., ice-skating, bungee slinging, and shopping. See their website for these winter activities for all. Discounted lodging is offered through NorthStar. See the lodging details on the registration form.

Register now and sign up for your NSP programs and events. See you there.

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To Prospective Donors,

The National Ski Patrol (NSP) was founded in 1938 to fill the critical role of first responders to the skiing public. Today, NSP programs provide crucial skills through credentialed education and training in outdoor emergency care, thanks to their extensive training NSP patrollers save more than 40 lives every year.

From the beginning, NSP rescue work was not confined to ski slopes. NSP Patrollers helped out whenever and wherever accidents occurred. The same is true today. In summer months, members utilize their NSP medical and other specialized training to assist rafting, mountain biking, and other outdoor activities, and patrollers routinely use their training to serve local search-and-rescue groups and assist other accidents.

You can help the National Ski Patrol continue its mission by clicking below to make a secure, tax-deductible donation. Any amount you can give will help improve NSP training and educational programs and make ski areas and outdoor recreation safer. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the National Ski Patrol is empowering its members to perform extraordinary acts in the face of emergencies. The NSP is a non-profit organization, deriving its primary financial support from member dues, corporate sponsorships and donations. Your donation helps keep the ski slopes safer, and helps save lives!

Sincerely, Norris R. Woody, Fundraising Committee Chairman
 Timothy G. White, NSP Executive Director

Southern Division Calendar & Staff Directory

Please refer to the Division Website for updated schedules!

www.southernnsp.org

The calendar is flexible dependant on the weather – please check the calendar and/or with your patrol representative / Region Director for the most up-to-date changes.