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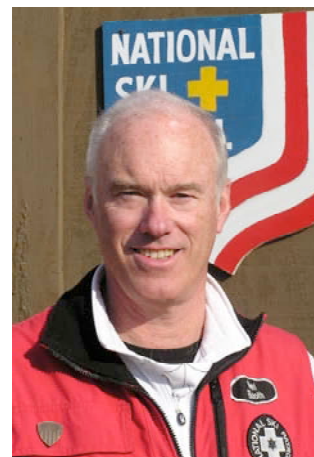
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The Mogul Field Season – What a Run!

Neil Booth, Division Director

This year was like skiing through a mogul field in many ways.

I think I can best describe what I mean by describing one interesting day on the slopes. We were booted up and ready to go to the slopes when we heard a rumble of thunder. As we looked out the door, we saw a lightning flash and a few seconds later the very loud crack of thunder. The next thing we did was call management to delay the



opening. Nature took care of that by blowing the fuses on two of the lifts. We waited about an hour and a half before the lifts were fixed and 30 minutes had passed since the last thunderous sounds. We opened and had a few hours of skiing before the next events of the day. As we looked out of the top shack, we saw a bolt of lightning again. We summoned management to inform them, but once again, before we could raise them, another thunderous roar and the lifts stopped again. We were fortunate that this was a Monday and we did not have many guests on the lifts. Management informs us the lift circuits were blown again, but they would have the auxiliary motor started so they could run the lift to get the guests off. Now starts the strong gusts of wind, followed by heavy rain, followed by hail! The last person off the lift was a 6-year-old girl, crying for very obvious reasons. We escorted her down and got her to her mother who further consoled her. Now, we sat around for another 2 hours while the lifts were repaired and the 30-minute lightning cessation period. Opened again, but closing in less than two hours! The day simply could not make up its mind on what the weather was to be. I quickly realized this day pretty much summed up the entire season. Most of our resorts had a very good holiday season, which was very encouraging. However, warm weather set in and did not leave for a longer than usual period. This caused some areas to actually close before MLK weekend. Those that managed to stay open were marginal. I would say “barely”, but that is a bad word in our industry! Cold weather returned almost in time for MLK

weekend. Two days earlier would have made a lot of resorts happier, but, our industry, resorts and members are tough and we made it through MLK. What happened next? You guessed it, warm weather right before Presidents weekend. Now the season begins to wind down and we finally get colder weather and snow! So, do you see how our season was like skiing through a mogul field? The mogul run/season begins with challenges and lasts until the run/season is over. You must anticipate and handle what is in front of you. Yes, we are all resilient and adaptable people!

No matter how challenging the season, our members do a *wonderful* job with all the tasks they have before them. We all have to balance our personal lives with our love for patrolling, and the sport. The moguls are plentiful, but you keep on going, excepting the seasonal challenges that go along with being a patroller. Your resorts appreciate your excellent services and efforts.

This season concludes my first term as your Division Director. Now begins the next two-year term. The first two years were challenging, but each and every member made it possible for me to consider re-election. Working with all the talent on each patrol, with the regions and division has been wonderful. All resorts and events that I have been able to visit have been very encouraging, rewarding and hospitable. I feel like I actually have 19 resorts that I am a primary member of. Let me thank each and every one of you for making this possible.

Now, a review of what was done or accomplished this past season in Southern:

First, the Board of Directors for Southern, your elected officials, approved the elimination of the Spring Officers Meeting, held in April of each year. This meeting was a season's wrap up meeting where we reviewed the past season, planned for next season, and held our Division Awards Banquet. It was further approved, to hold the Awards Banquet at the Fall Officers Meeting, held in August. It was also approved that the meeting would be a day and a half long to accommodate one annual meeting. If you all recall, my promise has been to make changes that are not noticed by membership, or seamless in the execution or transition. What this does is give your Patrol Representatives, Region and Division Staff a weekend back. It may not sound like much, but if you consider each attendee drives on average 417 miles, round trip and spend two nights at the meeting site, it is a lot! Personally, I appreciate the dedication and fine efforts of all BOD members for representing your interests at our meetings.

Second, the Executive Committee, comprised of the Division Director, Past Division Director, 4 Assistant Division Directors, 5 Region Directors, Secretary, Treasurer and Professional Director will continue to meet each April to plan for the next season. This is the work period, over the summer; as we *plan* educational needs, review programs, personnel and general divisional business, prior to the annual Board meeting in August.

Third, it was approved by the Board to eliminate the *Student Seminar*. This was an extremely hard decision. We must not forget however, that the strength in the future of our association will come from youth. If we fail to develop our student members, we ultimately will fail, as there will be no one groomed to take over. Students are the lifeblood and we must do our utmost to attract these members into our system. Utilize their talents. They may be young, but they are also very skilled and intelligent. So except my personal challenge to seek out student members!

Fourth, we placed emphasis on our *Instructor Development* program and are seeking to grow this key educational staff function. We are educated people, that have been taught by instructors all of our lives. Within our organization, we must train and develop our instructional staff. These are the ultimate people who go on to teach specific patrolling sessions like OEC, transportation and avalanche, to mention a few. If you are interested in becoming an instructor, this is how you start. We are here to help you get started in the right direction, with necessary tools to support your dedication, interest and knowledge.

Fifth, we placed a great deal of importance on our *Senior Patroller* program. This is the one program that challenges a patroller to be a better patroller, through educations, skill and experiences. It is a program to show that you are interested in improving your performance. You will see the results grow in the next few years as your division staff continues to refine and improve the program and your ultimate experience of growth.

We had a very active and productive year in the division. Again, our efforts are designed to be transparent to membership. However, we want you to be fully aware of what we are doing.

During the Executive Committee meeting, we made several decisions on staff realignment. The final plans will be presented to the Board for ratification in August. We also are preparing recommendations to the Board on several financial matters pertaining to educational course expenses. We feel this is a very important issue as it affects instructors and members. Do not fret, no increases are being presented, quite the opposite!

Some of you may or may not have heard about some controversy regarding the removal of National Ski Patrol from backcrosses. As it stands today, the verbiage will be removed and only plain white backcrosses will be available, in the future. I can only inform you that I honestly believe this is the right decision. If you recall from my last article, we are all members of our association – The National Ski Patrol. This does not, nor should it mean that NSP is walking away from membership, quite the contrary! The most important two items we all need to stay focused on is simply this: we are registered members of our individual resorts; we are registered members of our NSP association. Each and every day we patrol, we patrol for our resorts and are directed by their policies and procedures, as it should be. The majority of members spend their entire time working at their resort, which should be our primary purpose. Others partake in region and division functions, teaching membership new skills or educational enhancements. While doing these functions, they are working for NSP in an educational delivery capacity. So, what is the big deal with the cross then? If we consider OEC, the largest program we do, approximately 20% of the division membership participates in annual refresher cycles as instructors, representing NSP. It drops significantly for everyday OEC activities. With this in mind, 80% of membership works for resorts only. This is not an exact example, but a good one to think about. Rather than me belaboring this anymore, if you have any further questions or concerns about this direction, please contact me directly. I will tell you there are some websites out there, in strong opposition to the change. I do not encourage you to go to them, just the opposite. They are not totally factual and driven to a great degree by emotions. Again, if you have concerns, ***please contact me directly.***

The other controversy floating around is the changing of classifications. This is a project currently under review by all Division Directors, in a task committee, appointed by our National Chair, **Bill Sachs**. As of this writing, there is no proposal going forward to the national board, so anything you might hear regarding National changing classifications is not factual. National will be providing bronze (Patroller), silver (Senior) and gold (Certified) pins in the future, but this does not mean, nor should it be construed, that a change in classifications has occurred. The only thing I can assure you of is Division Directors are looking into classifications. Within this process, we are looking at the Senior classification and the requirements. This will be a topic of discussion at the division's meeting in August and again in the Division Directors next meeting.

Let me now close by saying, “have a great summer”! Thank you for everything you do for the resorts we represent, for those that instruct for the patrol, region or division. Most of all, thank you for your wonderful dedication and the excellent care you provide to our guests and resorts. Without them, we would not be able to provide this humanitarian service. You all do so much to make this passionate endeavor possible!

***So here is a hearty thank you to all members within Southern!
Keep up the excellent work! You are the best!***

From the Assistants...

R. Morgan Armstrong,
1st ADD, Southern Division

POWDERFALL - Having just returned from *Powderfall 2005* and seeing the advertisements for Powderfall 2006, I thought this was a good time to invite all patrollers to consider this 2006 event. Powderfall is a fun experience with a lot to do and no pressure to do anything you do not want to do. The staff sets up PSIA Demo Team lessons each morning and they are worth the trip without anything else being provided. These instructors can make skiing fun and at the same time you learn techniques that really help in the hard places. The afternoon classes are interesting and there is a wide variety. If you signed up for a *Crud Skiing Clinic* or *Mogul Clinic* and you do not feel up to it - no problem. The staff will switch you to another class or you can bail out of your class and no one says a thing about it. If you want to switch to another class with a friend at the last minute, so long as there is room - no problem. The staff or instructor will switch you without a comment. The cross-section of patrollers from all over the country and all skill levels make the entire event an adventure from the hot tub to the slopes. If you have never gone or if you have not gone in a while, then you should consider signing up for the trip. It will be a fun adventure you will be glad you enjoyed.

TERRAIN PARKS - One of the sections of the Powderfall curriculum was a three-part program on terrain parks. The first section dealt with park design, maintenance and documentation. *Documentation* was how one is able to map out the features and measure precisely where they are in the park, their height, angles, slopes and all measurements sufficient to recreate the feature at a future time. Photographs were important but the detailed engineering maps were more important. The second part was *accident investigation* and how that is so different from the normal slope investigation. The final or third section dealt with channeling the energy of the riders toward positive initiatives or how to get them on the side of the resort and the patrol for a better experience for all and how to avoid rebellion in the park. Simple ideas such as have the park isolated so entrance and exit is only at one point. Out west they achieve this by putting the park in a location one can only reach from the top due to the terrain. In the east we will need to fence the park so there is no cross traffic. The *design* is important to keep beginners, intermediates and experts apart. This is achieved by having separate parks for each class of rider or where space is a problem have the left side for beginners, the middle for intermediates and the right for experts. Each lane is in - turn segregated by space or barriers. It is a whole new area of patrolling with a whole new vocabulary or language. A new program for signs, brochures, information and videos for the resort (all of it free) can be found at www.freestyleterrain.com, which is hosted, by the NSP, PSIA, NSAA, Burton Boards and several other organizations. Look it up and pass it on to your mountain manager as a good resource for safety.

SOUTHERN DIVISION WEB PAGE - The division is in the process of changing the Website for the division into a more useful and informative publication. We hope to transition to an interactive page with instant updates as people and items change. We have a transition team starting to work on this new effort that combines **Steve Cortelyou** and his experience with some new talent fresh from college. **Jordan Mitchell** of the *Wolf Laurel Patrol* will be starting the transition into new dimensions with the web page and **Michael Erb** of the *Wolf Laurel Patrol* will be joining him as soon as exams are finished. We hope to add more talent as we progress with this program and the division invites anyone who would like to help us with this project to get in touch with Steve or Jordan or myself. A lot of what we are able to do is from the savings realized by the division from all the patrollers who are taking the Southern Cross by email. The cost savings are giving us funds to expand other programs. Keep up the good work and tell anyone you know who is still getting a

mailed copy of the **Southern Cross** to consider signing up for the web issue. It is fast, colorful and easy to download for those who are willing to take the edition by email but want a written or hard copy. It is so easy to print from the email version so you get both versions at home. You get the best of both worlds by this process and the division saves money to postpone dues increases and use the savings for a better program for you.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT - Each patroller is alerted to check the **Web Page** and **Southern Cross** for changes in the division. The Board of Directors and Officers of the division are trying to make things easier, less in complexity and more easily understood for the patroller. Look for the changes and notices of changes in the next few months so we all can stay current. Let us know if you agree or disagree that the system is being simplified.

Learning All Over Again -

Richard Boyer

Assistant Division Director - Southern Area

We have some minor changes proposed in the way the southern half of our Division of the National Ski Patrol is set up. Instead of three regions, we will have two—the Blue Ridge and Dixie Regions. With the closure of the Scaly Mountain Ski Area several years ago and the uncertainty of Sky Valley's situation, the Deep South and Smoky Mountain regions will be combined and renamed the **Dixie Region**, as it was three years ago. With this change, we also have a new Region Director in the new Dixie Region, and his name is **Brent Bowman**. Many of you may know Brent as he has been very active in the Ski & Toboggan side of our patrol business.

Welcome Brent, we look forward to working with you.

Ober-Gatlinburg, Cataloochee and **Wolf Laurel** had strong years last year. Ober will have to fill big shoes with **Brandon Olsen's** resignation as Patrol Director (pro) and his move to the volunteer side as Assistant Region Director and Transportation Supervisor of the Dixie Region.

Cataloochee continues to develop its 10-year plan with expansion of both snow-making and ski runs.

Wolf Laurel enjoyed the opening of an awesome new Lodge in February 2005.



(Photos submitted by Richard Boyer)

Orville English

(owner/manager) of Wolf Laurel and **Richard Boyer** inspecting the fireplace in the new Lodge at the building dedication.



I look forward to working with **Mike Harris**, the Region Director of the smooth running Blue Ridge Region. Mike and I have known each other for several years as we served you on the Executive Committee of our division. I also look forward to meeting the folks who work at *Sugar Mountain*, *Ski Beech*, *Appalachian Ski Mountain* and *Ski Hawksnest* during the coming year.

We will continue to work on our awards program this next year. It continues to grow in strength and I'd like to see at least 3 award applications for each ski area this next year. This cannot happen if everyone waits until the end of the year to begin the process. Please identify your awards coordinator, remind everyone to update their information on the NSP website (to make the information process for awards much quicker and easier) and start early to develop the applications.

Notes From The North...

Jan Starr

Assistant Division Director – North Area

Ah Spring! It's great to be sitting outside on the porch again. I know it was a difficult winter for everyone. It started out slow but sure finished with some great snows.

My thanks to all that participated in the many training programs. There was a great turnout for the *Avalanche* program and the *MTR* programs that were held. Training in other programs went well also. We have a lot of new *Senior* patrollers out there now. Congratulations to all of them for their hard work and dedication to this program. I also had the great pleasure to travel to the **Homestead** in early December and participate in the *PES* program held there. What wonderful hospitality and a great job done by the instructors, **Mary and Cindy**. I highly recommend this program for a senior elective or for anyone wanting more insight in to our patrolling system. There will be one hosted by them again this coming December.



My only disappointment was in the **Women's Toboggan Clinic**. We just couldn't get it together. We did not have enough signed up to participate to pay for the visiting instructor from Eastern Division. We will try again for this next season. The date will be **February 11-12 2006**. There will be a very reasonable package put together by the Fall Officers Meeting in August. We have had great fun with this in the past, and everyone went away with new knowledge in skiing and toboggan skills. There will be a deadline to sign up for this so please plan ahead.

Each program has a deadline to plan for the amount of folks participating. This helps to get instructor ratios and books. Please respect these programs and instructors in this aspect.

The saddest thing for me this past season was losing a good friend, fellow patroller, and right hand man for WV Region in the passing of **Jon Dragan** in February. I will miss his wit and enlightening input to the patrol system, as will his home patrol of **Winterplace** and all of the **River** folks, with whom he was so active with. Jon did a lot for many. I thank his wife **Melanie** for letting me take a little of him to Belize (somewhere he wanted to go but never got the chance). He is now a part of the *Hol Chan Marine Reserve* on the reef off of Ambergris Caye. I will have the chance to visit with him often in one of my favorite dive/snorkel areas.

I do look forward to working with one of his best friends, **Byrd White**, who will be filling the position of WV Region Director in his place.

Enjoy your summer; make time for family and friends.

Remember that there are probably summer events at your area that need your support.

From the Regions...

Virginia Region

Bill Smith

Virginia Region Director

It's May and I'm not sure about you, but I'm definitely getting spring fever. However, if the weather would just cooperate, I would be getting the itch to be outside and stay outside!!! Spring here in Virginia is such a pretty time, but generally signals the end of the usual ski season as we know it in the south. That however doesn't mean that ski patrol work is over for the year, it just takes on a new face. There are meetings and training sessions to attend, awards to bestow for hard work, planning to be done and many other tasks that signals the end of one season and the beginning of the next. Lately those tasks and seasons all seem to blend together.



Other than the early “spring break” we experienced in January, the Virginia areas had a great season. Much was accomplished. All of the hard work and training paid off.

The '04-'05 **Virginia Senior** program got off to a flying start with an influx of new candidates. In all, there were nine personnel involved this season. Of those, two successfully completed all Senior requirements and achieved their Senior status. They included **Peggy McFarland** from *Wintergreen* and yours truly from *Homestead* and *Wintergreen*. Congratulations to all for their accomplishments and especially Peggy for completing the program!!!

Effective immediately, we will be making a couple of administrative changes here in the Commonwealth. First of all, **Dave Quidort** will be devoting his full-time efforts to the Division Senior program rather than trying to coordinate both the Division and Virginia Region programs. **Dave**, thanks for jump starting the Division program and taking Virginia's program to new heights and good luck with the Division program as you continue your work there. We know you will do a great job!!! Back here at home, “**T**” **Harris** has agreed to take on the task of Virginia Region Senior Coordinator. With “**T**’s” help we will have an even stronger program. **Peg Harris** has agreed to step up to the plate and take on the task of Assistant Region Director. Thank you Peg!!!

To continue on with the Senior program, there will be a Division-wide **Senior Evaluator Clinic** (both Emergency Management and S&T) held in Wytheville, VA on Saturday November 5, 2005. All division Senior Evaluators will need to attend this one-day training session. The purpose of the clinic will be to get all Senior Evaluator's on the same sheet of music. **Dave Quidort** will lead the clinic and will provide more information as we move closer to that date. So please be thinking about this session now and mark your calendar!!!

During the past year, there were a number of great education programs presented in Virginia and the other regions. Many folks attended the programs and hopefully got some great new ideas and information related to the ski and outdoor industries. Thanks to everyone (students and instructors alike) for your support for these programs.

“You asked for it and you got it.” Speaking of education programs, this year there was no SOM held in the Division. As you are aware, that is the platform typically utilized to pull together the Region, Division, and other planning calendars we all use to plan our NSP activities. With no meeting being held this year, here in Virginia, we took advantage of the opportunity by sending an

email to all Virginia patroller's asking them for input and what they would like to see in the way of training programs this coming year. A number of folks took advantage of this opportunity and sent in ideas. It looks like we will be able to provide most of what was requested. (See Calendar's) Even if you don't see what you would like at one of the Virginia areas (and I think you will), it may be offered at a close by area so check out the calendars closely.

Last but not least, let's not forget the **Fall Officer's Meeting** that will be held in Wytheville on August 20th and 21st. There is a slightly different format this year. The meeting will begin on Saturday and continue for a half-day on Sunday. That session will be followed by the new PR/Officer training program on Sunday afternoon. There will be much to accomplish and a great deal of fun to be had by all!!! On Saturday evening the Awards Banquet will be held and hopefully there will be a lot of awards given out for all the hard work that was done this year by so many of you. Come one, come all!!! Don't forget these sessions are open to everyone.

In closing, treat yourself to an extra dish of ice cream for the great job you did this past season and start getting ready for the new season soon by thinking about how you can be a better and safer patroller. Guess that's about it for now. However, please don't hesitate to contact me if I can help in some small way. Hope to see you soon!!!

Blue Ridge Region

Mike Harris

Blue Ridge Region Director



Even with the higher elevation in Blue Ridge, we were not exempt from a challenging season. With snow making weather arriving a couple weeks later than normal and the January thaw starting the week of Christmas and not ending until just before MLK, all four of our ski areas did a great job with the cards Mother Nature dealt. It was nice to see the patroller turnout in less than stellar conditions. Our program supervisors only had to move a couple of clinics and exams, and with the cooperation that occurred, you would have thought it was one patrol instead of one region.

On that note, I would like to encourage all of our patrollers to check out the calendar in this *Southern Cross* and take advantage of any of the courses, clinics, or exams offered. Many of your fellow patrollers put in a tremendous amount of time and effort to help other patrollers in our region. **Mary Underwood** will be holding a **Patroller Enrichment Seminar (PES)** for our entire region on Saturday, June 25th at **Sugar Mountain**.

Dixie Region

Brent Bowman
Dixie Region Director

Greetings from the NEW re-united DIXIE REGION!!!



Many of you may wonder who I am and where I came from. Well....I started on Ski Patrol at **Snow Trails** in Ohio (Central Division). I had wanted to join NSP for years and finally got around to it. It all began when my family and I were in Quebec skiing when I was 12. My brother and I had just done the big 6-mile run and he was really proud. He skied up to our mother and said "I have good news and bad." Of course, Mom wanted the bad but first; however, **Bryce** had to tell her that he had done the entire 6-mile run and then, pointing up the hill said, "That person in the middle of the last part of the run is **Brent** and it looks like he broke his leg!!" To make a long story short,

the local Ski Patrol loaded me onto a Toboggan then into a van with Mom and took us to the nearest hospital where I got a cast on the leg. The worst part was this was 1.5 days into a 7-day vacation. The best is that I learned about the great work that the Ski Patrol does in assisting the public. I have now been on patrol since 1992 and a Senior since 1997. I was an S&T examiner and trainer in Central Division, assistant Patrol Rep & assistant Ohio Region Toboggan supervisor. I also completed my PSIA Level 1 before moving south. I have been active in the South in Basic & Senior Testing and Training since I moved here 3 years ago. I was Assistant Regional Director under **Sylvia Talley** and her hope was that I would take over the Deep South from her. Little did she know the changes that **Neil** had in store for us! I have asked **Brandon Olson** of *Ober Gatlinburg* to be my assistant and also Region Transportation Supervisor (formally S&T supervisor). In my non-NSP life I am the Operations Manager for a small company that does control systems for corrugated board plants and a member of the Board of Directors at the Cliff Club at Snowbird, Utah. My wife (Wendy) and I live in Atlanta, GA.

This season we, as a region, will be focusing on **Enhancement Seminars, Mountain Travel and Rescue (MTR)** and various other elective courses. For those of you who have not been on a **MTR** weekend, I highly recommend it. Also, if you feel the urge to learn how to turn these new (even if you have had them for a couple of years) shaped skis, the **Skiing Enhancement Seminar** is for YOU!! Are you a **Toboggan Monkey**?? Do you think you know the latest in toboggan handling? Well, you just might learn something new at the **Toboggan Enhancement Seminar!** Do you know what a **PIEPS** is?? No, it is not the little yellow chick that my wife leaves on the counter to dry out and harden around Easter time! It is an Avalanche Transceiver and is not rocket science to use. The **Avalanche Seminar** is a GREAT place to learn how to use this tool as well as many interesting facts about slides and where and why they may happen.

SEE YOU IN THE CLASSROOM.....Brent



Dixie Region – OEC Program

Sylvia Talley

Dixie Region OEC Administrator



Reaching Out

It all started, some years ago, with something that I read in *Pointers*, a NSP publication for instructors. An OEC instructor in Alaska had taken his students in canoes into headwaters for effective and realistic OEC training. Here in Atlanta, we have forty-eight miles of Chattahoochee River flowing through our area that is owned and managed by National Park Service as River Recreation Area. ***An idea was born!*** Some years ago we took OEC students to this hilly, wooded land along the river to practice backboarding and splinting.

Last year I approached NPS to offer CPR and OEC training. It was just a matter of finding the right decision maker, who turned out to be the Chief Ranger. **Scott Pfeninger** is an Alumnus member of National Ski Patrol. During a meeting **Larry Bost** and I had with Scott last Spring, we were offered – again – the National River Recreation areas for OEC course work and our Atlanta Refresher. In turn, we have included Park Service personnel in our CPR classes. With Larry Bost serving as OEC National Program Director, we hope to enlarge this relationship on a national level between NSP and NPS.

In early November we held our OEC refresher outdoors at Park Service Headquarters at Island Ford. Once again, we had the opportunity to practice our OEC skills in an optimum outdoor setting. Patrollers who attended heartily voiced their approval of this setting. Our next goal is to offer NPS personnel in Atlanta OEC training.

One of our patrols, **Sky Valley**, has reached out to neighboring ski areas to help out the thirty-five patrollers and candidates who are without a home this season. In December, **Celeste Bernstein**, Sky PR, was notified that the area had been sold and would not open for the 2004-05 season. Under the strong leadership of this patrol, our Basic candidates, Senior candidates and Senior Emergency candidates are training long and hard to reach their goals. We thank **Sapphire, Cloudmont, Cataloochee** and **Gatlinburg** for hosting our “*Southern Ski Tour*”. In the meantime, we are hopeful that Sky patrollers can return to their north Georgia mountain next season.

Grow your Skills through the Senior Program

Dave Quidort
Division Senior Coordinator



As Patroller's we should always be looking to challenge ourselves to grow our skills. The ***Senior*** program is just that program for patrollers to gain further knowledge in areas which we may not encounter, such as **Mountain Travel and Rescue, Avalanche, and Instructor Development**, though our day to day involvement as patrollers.

The *Senior Program* is meant to be one that is both educational and at the same time provide a challenge to the patroller. The commitment to earn Senior is one that takes time, experience and training. It is through our experience

and training that as patrollers we gain the most from earning Senior and at the same time give back to our local patrol as having taken the time to meet a challenge that is beyond just our local patrol.

The Senior program is really three parts, **Continuing Education** (Core Electives), **Skiing and Toboggan handling**, and **Emergency Medical Management** (EMM) skills. Each one of these areas requires us to commit time, training and use our experiences as patrollers to earn Senior. Work has been started and will continue to get more information out to the Patrol Directors and Patrol Representatives on how they can support their patrollers who choose to go for Senior. Additional information for Candidates is being created and assembled into a package that can be used as a road map for earning Senior.

Looking to the future of the Senior program, there will be changes to help utilize the enormous amount of skill and talent that the Southern Division has within it's own ranks. We will be working with the region coordinators to put in place processes that can be used across the entire division. The intent is put in place more common practices and also be able to report on the results of the program.

Training is not limited to just patrollers who chose to work on Senior. This year the division will be hosting a **Senior EMM Evaluator's Clinic** for all active Senior EMM Evaluators. The date has not been set as of yet, but will be in early November of 2005. Information on this clinic will be coming forth through the region Senior Coordinators in a few weeks.

Lastly, as we move forward with the Senior program, we all must shift away from past issues and work on making the Senior program stronger, through pulling our resources together and our best practices from each of the regions to a division level. As we do this and apply these practices across the division we will build a stronger Senior program. We can only achieve this support through out the entire division. (Photos submitted by Dave Quidort)



Division Senior Program

*Judi Kay-Monaghan,
OEC Program Supervisor*



Refresher season is soon upon us, and this year there will be a new OEC magazine dedicated to OEC and the annual refresher. Look for it late summer and save it to use for this year's refresher study guide. Dig out your CPR card and see when it expires and schedule an update appropriately. Don't wait till the last minute. We will again host a meeting for all Instructors of Record for each patrol refresher this year mid August.

A warm welcome goes out to our new *OEC Regional Administrators (RA)* **Jane Poundstone** - West Virginia, **Hugh Jernigan** - Blue Ridge, **Sylvia Talley** - Dixie Region and **John Shaffer** - Virginia. Many thanks go out to retiring **Joe McNeer**, **Lisa Adams**, **Larry Erb** and

Ken Collins for a job well done as great Regional Administrators.

We are gearing up for the **2006 Senior Program**. It is not too early to start thinking about your participation in this great program. Check out the dates in the Southern Cross and work them into your patrolling schedule. I thought a reminder of the roles and responsibilities for the Senior Program would be helpful at this time. To mention a few of the advantages realized by each patrol from the Senior Program is that it provides, seasoned patrollers with leadership potential acting as role models, advanced management skills, a mentor resource and evaluation judge candidates. A positive program and experience for both the patroller and mountain management.

The **Patrol Representative's** responsibility for the senior program begins with identifying qualified candidates and encouraging them to participate in the program.

1. Verify that the Patroller has the OEC skills necessary to enter into the Senior Program.
2. Sign the application form for your Senior Candidate thus verifying that they have your approval to enter into the Senior Program.
3. You or your Senior Training Officer must work with them on completing OEC scenarios at your local area. If they do not possess the necessary skills, work with them until they do; however; they should not be sent to any clinics until they are qualified to attend.
4. Provide them with the registration deadlines to officially enter into the Senior Program, dates of local patrol OEC training, regional elective course dates, local and Regional S&T training dates for Clinics and Examinations.
5. You are ultimately responsible for making sure that each Senior Candidate has arranged for one (1) Clinic and one (1) Examination victim plus one (1) OEC Examiner for each Clinic and Examination, to support the Region and Senior Program.
6. Get the correct spelling of **exactly** how the new senior wants their name to appear on the Senior Certificate.
7. Make a copy of the original form for the individual and your Patrol Personnel file. The original Senior Accomplishment form will be returned to you, by the Region Senior Coordinator, once he confirms completion of all elements.
8. Submit the change of status form to National Headquarters notifying them that said member has completed the senior requirements. National will then issue a new membership card with the classification change.
9. Strongly encourage the new Senior(s) to attend the Fall Awards Banquet for the personal awarding of their accomplishment, from the Division Director.

The role of the **Senior Candidate** is equally important to the success of the program. The interested candidate should first advise the Patrol Representative of their interest in the Senior Program.

1. Purchase a Senior Manual from NSP.
2. Obtain application form from respective Patrol Rep or get it off the NSP website. Mail, fax or e-mail a copy of the application form to the Region Senior Coordinator or if you have further questions contact the Division Senior Program Coordinator, **Dave Quidort**, 209 Jerryanne Court, Apex, NC 27523 Phone (H) 919-363-7935 (O) 919-382-2303 E-mail (O) QuidortD@us.IBM.com
3. Get together with your respective Patrol Senior Training Officer or Patrol Representative to begin the local patrol level OEC skills verification work. Your Patrol Representative will need to verify that you meet the OEC skills requirements.
4. Develop your first aid scenario. Senior Emergency Management Candidates must complete written answers to two (2) open-ended practice scenarios and write one senior level emergency management training scenario at a difficulty level of 5 or 6. The written scenario exercises are to be done at the patrol level, under the direction of a current OEC instructor and be included with the pre-registration material due. The scenario's must be typed.
5. Attend the mandatory Senior Emergency Management Clinic in the Region.
6. Attend the Senior Emergency Management Examination in the Region.
7. Attend the mandatory Senior Ski and Toboggan Clinic in the Region (does not apply for Senior Auxiliary).
8. Attend the Senior Ski and Toboggan Examination in the Region (does not apply for Senior Auxiliary).
9. Attend three course electives (i.e.: Leadership Development, Patroller Enrichment Seminar, Avalanche Awareness, Mountain Travel and Rescue, etc.)
10. You may be asked to help make arrangements with your respective Patrol Representative to ensure that you have victims and examiners for your clinics and examinations.
11. Each Senior Candidate is totally responsible for maintaining their individual Senior Accomplishment Form, with signatures of Instructor of Record, dates completed, etc. There is no replacement of this form. This is a very critical document, so protect it.
12. A senior candidate application and a copy of the activity record will again be required from each Senior Candidate, even if they have been in the senior program in past seasons. This pre-registration is mandatory.
13. Walk-ins for the clinics or evaluation without the pre-registration documentation will not be allowed.
14. Each Senior Candidate is required to attend the clinic prior to attending the evaluation.

Patrol Directors and Representatives must ensure that their candidates have been reviewed in their OEC and Basic Life Support/CPR skills. Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) skills are critical; however the Senior Emergency Management clinic and evaluation are focused on the proficiency needed to successfully complete the senior decision-making, management and leadership component. For S&T, the candidate must demonstrate ski and toboggan proficiency at a senior level. If a candidate has taken the Senior Emergency Management or S&T evaluations in the past and has not been successful, we strongly recommend that Patrol Director or Representative designate a mentor so that the candidate moves forward.

***Good Luck to all the Senior Program candidates this year,
I guarantee it will be a rewarding experience, one where you developed new and
lasting patroller relationships.***



Patroller Enrichment Seminar (PES)

Mary Underwood

Patroller Enrichment Supervisor

Are You Willing to Step Out of "The Box"?

"The Box" that I'm talking about is your patrol. Most of us have formed deep NSP commitments to: 1) our respective patrols, 2) the strong friendships that we have formed there, and 3) the satisfaction of working together in a job that does make a difference. Would you be willing to step out of that comfortable place to meet and work with patrollers from other mountains?

Teresa Stewart, a Hawksnest patroller and a Patroller Enrichment Seminar participant in 2003, said that she surprisingly found almost instant camaraderie with patrollers from other mountains during our discussions and activities in PES. She liked the fact that PES is not a check-off of particular skills but gives patrollers a chance to share experiences and learn from each other. The patrollers at the PES in 2004 were challenged by **Jan Starr**, our ADD for the Northern Area, to create designs for a new first aid room to be built at **Silver Creek** ski area. The emphasis and purpose of each PES does accommodate different interests and needs of patrollers. It is an elective course for senior.



Are you willing to step out of "The Box"? The next PES will be on Saturday, June 25 at **Sugar Mtn.** Resort from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Another course will be offered in the **Northern Area** on Dec. 10, 2005. You must pre-register for these courses. Contact Mary Underwood to sign up and for further information. Telephone 865-483-3675, email: jnu@bellsouth.net.

In Memory
Jon A. Dragan
1942-2005

On February 12, 2005 we lost one of our best – **Jon Dragon** passed away after suffering a stroke. His wife Melanie and two children, Josh and Melissa, survive him.

Jon joined the *Winterplace Patrol* in 1992 and was immediately named to the “Casual Patrol” by his lead instructor. While Jon was anything but casual, he took great pains to undersell himself, and no matter what he had accomplished, he treated everyone as an equal. Upon becoming a patroller he chose our resort radio call number “98” with the remark that “the important people should have the low numbers”.



Almost immediately after joining the patrol, he became a WEC/OEC instructor and began giving back. At the time of his death he was an OEC IT and the West Virginia Region Director. Jon’s leadership and dedication led to him receiving Leadership Commendation Appointment # 8291 in 2002. The director of the Winterplace Aid Room remarked after his death that there was nothing in the aid room that Jon had not either donated or repaired.

Jon’s service to the Ski Patrol began after he had done more than most of us can dream. Generally accepted as the “*Father of West Virginia Whitewater*”, Jon and his brothers Tom and Chris were the first to commercially run whitewater river trips on the New River. Jon was recognized as one of the best whitewater people in the world and made numerous first descents on rivers from New Zealand to Costa Rica. Jon also served as safety coordinator for the first decent of the Shuiluo-He River in Tibet China for National Geographic. After his death, the West Virginia Legislature name the road from Glen Jean to Thurmond in his honor and declared that Bridge Day held in October, commemorating the completion of the longest single arch bridge in the northern hemisphere, would also be held in his honor this year.

Although Jon traveled the world and received awards and accolades from the governments of West Virginia, the United States, and various foreign countries, to all of us he was just Jon. We miss you 98!

West Virginia Legislation

Delegates Pino, Louisos and Perry offered the following resolution, which was read by its title and referred to the Committee on Rules:

H. C. R. 88 - "Requesting the West Virginia Division of Highways to name State Route 25 from Glen Jean to Thurmond in Fayette County the "Jon Dragan Road."

Whereas, **Jon Dragan** was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania on September 11, 1942, but was drawn to Fayette County, West Virginia as a young man by the lure of whitewater rapids on the New River; and

Whereas, In 1968 **Jon Dragan**, along with his brothers Tom and Chris and his future wife, Melanie, began operating the State's first commercial rafting company, Wildwater Expeditions Unlimited, on the New River; and

Whereas, **Jon Dragan's** pioneering efforts on the New River that summer of 1968 led to the development of a whitewater rafting industry that today is a driving force in the State's tourism economy; and

Whereas, **Jon Dragan's** contributions to Fayette County and the State of West Virginia extend far beyond whitewater rafting, for Jon played an important role in the creation and development of the New River Gorge National River, Bridge Day and numerous other endeavors such as the West Virginia Southern Railway; and

Whereas, **Jon Dragan's** spirit of adventure in his professional life extended to his personal life as well, where Jon participated in whitewater expeditions in remote locations such as Tibet and China, explored exotic locations such as the Galapagos Islands and Antarctica, and skied in remote areas around the world; and

Whereas, **Jon Dragan's** personality, humor, vision and entrepreneurial spirit were examples for all and inspiration to many; and

Whereas, **Jon Dragan** was truly a man of legendary proportion, and his sudden and unexpected passing has left a void in many lives and in the State dynamic; and

Whereas, **Jon Dragan** was called from this Earth on February 12, 2005, passing away after a short illness; and

Whereas, **Jon Dragan's** pioneering spirit and his prodigious work ethic enabled him to accomplish much in his relatively short lifetime, and he leaves behind a legacy that will endure to the great benefit of Fayette County and the State of West Virginia for generations to come; and

Whereas, It is only fitting that we pay homage to "The Father of Whitewater Rafting in West Virginia" by naming in his honor the access road State Route 25 from Glen Jean to Thurmond finding the New River Gorge where so many thousands of whitewater rafters travel each year to reach the New River; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the West Virginia Division of Highways is hereby requested to name State Route 25 from Glen Jean to Thurmond in Fayette County the "Jon Dragan Road"; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the House is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Highways, to Melanie Dragan, to Jon and Melanie's daughter, Melissa, and to their son, Josh.

http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bulletin Board/House/H_DAILY_JOURNAL/hdj2005-04-06-57.htm



**2005 NSP Southern Division
Annual Meeting
August 20th and 21st
Holiday Inn Conference Center,
Wytheville, Virginia
Exit 73 off I-81 near I-77**



NEW MEETING FORMAT!

Friday and Saturday Evening Hospitality Room Social

Saturday

Board of Directors and Annual Division Meeting
*****Special Guest, Stephen Over, NSP Executive Director*****
OEC Instructor Update
Luncheon Buffet
Annual Awards Banquet, Saturday Evening

Sunday Morning

***Board Meeting continues Sunday morning with
2005-2006 Ski Season Final Planning
*****Special Guest, Mark Petrozzi**
Insurance, Risk Management, and Litigation
in the Ski Industry***
New Patrol Representative & Officer Seminar

Plan to attend --- mark your calendars NOW!

Registration forms will arrive in your mailboxes SOON!



2005 NSP Southern Division Instructor Update Saturday - August 20th



*In conjunction with the Southern Division
Fall Officer's Meeting
Holiday Inn Conference Center
Wytheville, Virginia*

The site of this year's Instructor Update is scheduled at the Holiday Inn, Wytheville, Virginia on Saturday, August 20th beginning at 8:30 am.

Additional weekend events are:

6:00 pm - UNTIL, August 20: Awards Banquet in evening
8:30 am - Noon, August 21: 2005-2006 Planning Meeting
Noon - 2:30 pm, August 21: New Patrol Rep/Division Officers Workshop

The comments regarding the format of the instructor update were so favorable from last year; the plan is to follow the same type of course structure. **Each OEC instructor must attend an update once every three years and Instructor Trainers should attend each year.** If you are unsure if you should attend please contact your OEC Regional Administrator for detailed information. Every OEC Instructor is **required** to update once every three years. If you are unsure of when the re-certification is due, contact your Regional OEC Administrator. I would like to welcome our new OEC Administrators in the West Virginia Region / **Jane Poundstone**, Blue Ridge Region / **Hugh Jernigan**, Dixie Region / **Sylvia Talley** and **John Shaffer** will lead the Virginia Region.

In order to obtain update credit, each instructor must attend three (3) sessions. For those patrollers who are required to attend the Officers Meeting, two session will be during the general meeting and a special "*Lunch and Learn*" session will be held during the lunch break to allow you to meet your three (3) session requirement.

Registration forms will be sent at a later date.

Southern Division Calendar

Month	Date	Event	Location	Contact	Comments
SEE REGIONAL CALENDARS FOR Educational Courses for 2005-2006					
Southern Cross Deadlines					
2005					
Sep	12	Fall Southern Cross Deadline		Southern Cross Editor	Teresa T. Stewart - sceditor@bellsouth.net
2006					
Jan	20	Midwinter Southern Cross Deadline		Southern Cross Editor	Teresa T. Stewart - sceditor@bellsouth.net
May	15	Spring Southern Cross Deadline		Southern Cross Editor	Teresa T. Stewart - sceditor@bellsouth.net
Division Meeting Events					
2005					
Aug	6	Summer Executive Committee		Neil Booth Via Email Address	Electronic Or Phone Conference Meeting
Aug	19	Executive Committee Meeting	Wytheville, VA	Holiday Inn 276-228-4583	Meeting Begins At 7:30pm
Aug	20	OEC Instructors Update Meeting	Wytheville, VA	Holiday Inn 276-228-4583	Meeting Begins At 8:30am
Aug	20	Fall Board Of Directors Meeting	Wytheville, VA	Holiday Inn 276-228-4583	Meeting Begins At 8:30am
Aug	21	05-06 Plans Meeting	Wytheville, VA	Holiday Inn 276-228-4583	Meeting Begins At 8:30am
Aug	21	New Patrol Rep/Div Officer Course	Wytheville, VA	Holiday Inn 276-228-4583	For All New Line Personnel & Patrol Reps
2006					
Jan	21	Mid Winter EC Meeting	TBD	TBD	EC Will Only Meet If DD Calls Meeting
May	6	Spring EC Planning Meeting	Wytheville	Holiday Inn 276-228-4583	Meeting Begins At 8am
Jul	22	Summer EC Planning Meeting	Wytheville	Holiday Inn 276-228-4583	Meeting Begins At Noon
Aug	18	EC Meeting @ FOM	Wytheville	Holiday Inn 276-228-4583	Meeting Begins At 7pm
Aug	19-20	Fall BOD Meeting	Wytheville	Holiday Inn 276-228-4583	Meeting Begins At 8:30am
Division Reporting Deadlines					
2006					
BUDGET SUBMISSIONS					
Apr	15	Next Seasons Budgets Requests	Annually	Jim Underwood 865-483-3675	jnu@bellsouth.net
Jul	1	Final Year End Budget Submissions	Annually	Jim Underwood 865-483-3675	jnu@bellsouth.net
Jul	1	Patrol Financial Reports (990's)	Annually	Jim Underwood 865-483-3675	jnu@bellsouth.net
AWARDS SUBMISSIONS					
Apr	1	Awards Nominations	Annually	Send To Chain Of Command On Application, Signed In Order. Email to JDobson4@aol.com	
ANYTIME		Nat'l Or Leadership Award Nominations		Send To Chain Of Command Listed On Application - Signed In Proper Order.	
END OF YEAR REPORT SUBMISSIONS					
Apr	1	Patrol Reps End Of Year Report	Annually	Morgan Armstrong, DD, ADD, RD	RMASP@Adelphia.net
Apr	1	Officers End Of Year Report	Annually	Respective Supervisor	
Apr	1	Supervisors End Of Year Report	Annually	Respective Supervisor, DD	

Blue Ridge Region Calendar

OEC Courses and Challenges held in Region for 2005-2006						
May	24	OEC Course	Clemmons, NC	Don Stewart 336-969-6362	donstewart1951@alltel.net	
Aug	2	OEC Course	Boone, NC	Cathy LaMarre 828-263-5207	Cathy.lamarre@ircct.com	
Oct	22, 23	OEC Challenge	Sugar Mtn	Larry Fleming 828-437-8448	lmfeveski@bellsouth.net	8:30 am
OEC Events held in Region for 2005-2006						
Sep	10	OEC Instructor (Pre) Refresher	Appalachian	Hugh Jernigan 336-727-1995	Hugh.Jernigan@ncmail.net	8:30 am
Oct	1	OEC Refresher - Grandfather OEC Refresher – Carolina	Valle Crusis	Mark Rees 704-896-0747	Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	
Nov	5	Highlands	Banner Elk	Mark Rees 704-896-0747	Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	
CPR Events held in Region for 2005-2006						
Aug	13-14	Bike Race and CPR	Sugar Mtn	Larry Fleming 828-437-8448	lmfeveski@bellsouth.net	
Educational Courses for 2005-2006						
June	25	Patroller Enrichment Seminar (PES)	Sugar Mtn	Mary Underwood 865-483-3675	jnu@bellsouth.net	8:30 am
Region Events for 2005-2006						
Sept	17	Hawksnest Golf Tournament	Hawksnest	Jonathan Hale 336-403-9622	jhale@jhet.com	
Oct	8	Octoberfest	Sugar Mtn	Flynn Harris 704-336-5487	eflynnh@bellsouth.net	8:30 am
Dec	3	Senior Emergency Mgmt Clinic	Beech Mtn	Lisa Adams 828-387-2892	fkinteriors@skybest.com	8:30 am
Dec	4	Region S & T Examiners Clinic	Appalachian	Mark Rees 704-896-0747	Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	8:30 am
Dec	10	Toboggan Seminar	Beech Mtn	Mark Rees 704-896-0747	Alternate Date is December 17	8:30 am start
Jan	7	Senior S & T Clinic	Beech Mtn	Mark Rees 704-896-0747	Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	8:30 am
Jan	8	Basic S & T Evaluation	Sugar Mtn	Mark Rees 704-896-0747	Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	8:30 am
Jan	21	Senior Emergency Mgmt Evaluation	Beech Mtn	Lisa Adams 828-387-2892	fkinteriors@skybest.com	8:30 am
Jan	22	Basic S & T Evaluation	Beech Mtn	Mark Rees 704-896-0747	Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	8:30 am
Jan	28,29	Senior S & T Evaluation	Hawksnest	Mark Rees 704-896-0747	Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	8:30 am
Feb	11	Basic S & T Evaluation	Hawksnest	Mark Rees 704-896-0747	Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	8:30 am
Mar	5	Basic S & T Evaluation	Appalachian	Mark Rees 704-896-0747	Mark.rees@synapsetechnology.com	8:30 am

Dixie Region Calendar

OEC Courses and Challenges held in Region for 2005-2006						
June	11	OEC @ Atlanta	Atlanta Area	Ann Christenson 770-394-5869	annchristenson@bellsouth.net	
Jul	16	OEC Course @ Wolf Laurel	Wolf Laurel, NC	Bill Boughton 828-645-8670	bill@boughton.com	
Aug	3	Gatlinburg OEC	Gatlinburg TN	Brandon Olson 865-471-5197	bnoswoosh@aol.com	Weds 6-10 pm
Nov	16	OEC Challenge		Brandon Olson 865-471-5197	bnoswoosh@aol.com	Deadline 9-1-05
Dec	3-4	OEC Challenge	Cataloochee	Ann Christenson 770-394-5869	annchristenson@bellsouth.net	
OEC Events held in Region for 2005-2006						
Oct	8	Cataloochee OEC Instruc Refresher	Western Carolina	Steve McCarragher 864-226-0019	mac001@charter.net	
Oct	15	OEC Inst. Refresh @ Gatlinburg	Gatlinburg, TN	Jimmy Kuneman 865-850-7547	drjkuneman@aol.com	Pellissippi St TCC
Nov	5	OEC Inst. Refresh @ Wolf Laurel	Asheville, NC	Bill Boughton 828-645-8670	bill@boughton.com	
Nov	5	Atlanta OEC Refresher	Atlanta, GA	Michael Steinberg	msteinberg@mindspring.com	Open 2 all patrollers
Nov	5	OEC Refresher @ Cataloochee	Cataloochee, NC	Steve Mccarragher 864-226-0019	mac001@charter.net	
Nov	6	Cataloochee On The Hill	Cataloochee, NC	Dan Greene 770-640-6396	d.greene@mindspring.com	
Nov	12	OEC Refresher @ Gatlinburg	Gatlinburg, TN	Jimmy Kuneman 865-850-7547	drjkuneman@aol.com	Pellissippi St TCC
Nov	13	Gatlinburg On The Hill	Gatlinburg, TN	Brandon Olson 865-471-5197	bnoswoosh@aol.com	
Nov	19	OEC Refresher @ Wolf Laurel	Asheville, NC	Bill Boughton 828-645-8670	bill@boughton.com	
Nov	20	Wolf Laurel On The Hill	Wolf Laurel, NC	Bill Boughton 828-645-8670	bill@boughton.com	9:00 am
Jan	3	Smoky Mtn Nordic On The Hill	Smoky Mt Natl Pk	Andy Meachan 865-494-8838	ammeacha@icx.net	
CPR Events held in Region for 2005-2006						
Sept	TBD	Sky Valley CPR Refresher	Atlanta, GA	Sylvia Talley (770) 552-8968	snowmedic@mindspring.com	
Oct	TBD	Atlanta CPR Refresher	Atlanta, GA	Melanie Wolford 770-426-4182	mwolf39121@aol.com	
Nov	13	Gatlinburg CPR Refresher	Gatlinburg, TN	Brandon Olson 865-471-5197	bnoswoosh@aol.com	
Nov	4	Cataloochee CPR Refresher	Maggie Valley, NC	Wayne Morgan 828-926-0258 X 316	papawfwm@bellsouth.net	
Nov	TBD	Asheville CPR Refresher	Asheville, NC	TBD		
Educational Courses for 2005-2006						
Jun	25	Patroller Enrichment Seminar	Sugar	Mary Underwood 865-483-3675	jnu@bellsouth.net	8:00 am-4:00pm
Aug	TBD	Instructor Development Course	TBD	Bob Landin 770-640-6771	landin@comcast.net	
Jan	12	Toboggan Enhancement Clinic	Cataloochee	Tom Raudorf 865-483-5818	craudorf@aol.com	
Jan	29	Ski Enhancement Clinic	Cataloochee Ski	Tom Raudorf 865-483-5818	craudorf@aol.com	
Mar	7	Avalanche Fundamentals	Cullowhee, NC	Dennis Slagle 919-528-9279	dslagle2@nc.rr.com	

Dixie Educational Courses for 2005-2006 Continued

MTR Fundamentals	TBD	John Parker 828-648-1931
MTR Level 1		
MTR Level 2		

Region Events for 2005-2006

Dec	1-4	Atlanta Ski Swap Sale	Atlanta, GA	Ann Christenson 770-394-5869	annchristenson@bellsouth.net	Cobb Galleria Spec
Jan	7	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Ober Gatlinburg	Brandon Olson 865-471-5197	bnoswoosh@aol.com	Deadline 12-31-05
Jan	8	Examiner's Proficiency Clinic	Ober Gatlinburg	Brandon Olson 865-471-5197	bnoswoosh@aol.com	9:00am-5:00pm
Jan	12	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Cataloochee	Brandon Olson 865-471-5197	bnoswoosh@aol.com	Deadline 1-5-06
Jan	15	Senior S&T Clinic	Gatlinburg, TN	Bob Brewster 828 684-8100	bobbrewster@charter.net	
Feb	2	Senior S&T Evaluation	Gatlinburg, TN	Bob Brewster 828 684-8100	bobbrewster@charter.net	
Jan	22	Senior OEC Clinic	Cataloochee, NC	Bob Brewster 828 684-8100	bobbrewster@charter.net	
Feb	26	Senior OEC Evaluation	Cataloochee, NC	Bob Brewster 828 684-8100	bobbrewster@charter.net	

Virginia Region Calendar 2005-2006

Month	Date	Event	Location	Contact	E-Mail Address	Comments
OEC Courses And Challenges Held In Region For 2005-2006						
Sep	10	OEC Course Starts @ Wintergreen	Wintergreen	Greg Pence 804-821-4309	gpence@flowserve.com	
Nov	5	OEC Course Starts @ Massanutten	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski 540-289-4954	bdrewnowski@massresort.com	
OEC Events Held In Region For 2005-2006						
Sep	10	Refresher Planning Meeting	Massanutten	Will Drury 540-421-4890	mgb72wj@planetcomm.net	
Sep	24	Pre-Refresher @ Wintergreen	Wintergreen	Ted Forbes 434-979-7586	ted.forbes@capitalone.com	
Oct	1	Pre-Refresher @ Bryce	Bryce	Nancy Dibenedetto 202-877-1423	nancy.m.dibenedetto@medstar.net	
Oct	2	OEC Refresher @ Bryce - Lift Evac	Bryce	Nancy Dibenedetto 202-877-1423	nancy.m.dibenedetto@medstar.net	
Oct	10	Pre-Refresher @ Massanutten	Massanutten	Will Drury 540-421-4890	mgb72wj@planetcomm.net	
Oct	15	Wintergreen On-The Hill	Wintergreen	Tucker Crolius 434-325-8060	tcrolius@aol.com	
Oct	16	OEC Refresher @ Wintergreen	Rockfish Valley Sc	Ted Forbes 434-979-7586	ted.forbes@capitalone.com	
Oct	21	Pre-Refresher @ Homestead	Homestead	Bill Smith 757-851-1581	skibill@widomaker.com	
Oct	22	OEC Refresher @ Homestead	Homestead	Bill Smith 757-851-1581	skibill@widomaker.com	
Oct	29	Massanutten On-The-Hill	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski 540-289-4954	bdrewnowski@massresort.com	
Oct	30	OEC Refresher @ Massanutten	Massanutten	Will Drury 540-421-4890	mgb72wj@planetcomm.net	
CPR Events Held In Region For 2005-2006						
Jun	18	Bryce CPR Refresher/Meeting/Cookout	Bryce	Nancy Dibenedetto 202-877-1423	nancy.m.dibenedetto@medstar.net	
Jun	18	Wintergreen CPR/Annual Mtg/Picnic	Wintergreen	Tucker Crolius 434-325-8060	tcrolius@aol.com	
Sep	25	CPR Refresher @ Wintergreen	Wintergreen	Tucker Crolius 434-325-8060	tcrolius@aol.com	
Educational Courses Held In Region For 2005-2006						
TBD	TBD	Instructor Development	Wintergreen	Morgan Armstrong 276-629-1654	rmasp@adelphia.net	Min = 6 \$10 Fee
Oct	15	MTR	Massanutten	Paul Hansen 540-289-9586		Min = 5 \$10 Fee
Dec	10	Patroller Enrichment Seminar	Homestead	Mary Underwood 865-483-3675	jnu@bellsouth.net	Min = 6 \$10 Fee
Jan	15	Skier Enhancement Seminar	Wintergreen	John Shaffer 703-719-5945	john.shaffer@cfsc.army.mil	Min = 6 \$10 Fee
Jan	28	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher 434-296-8486	heardmtn99@aol.com	No Min \$10 Fee
Feb	4	Transportation Instructor Course	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher 434-296-8486	heardmtn99@aol.com	Min = 6 \$10 Fee
Mar	12	Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher 434-296-8486	heardmtn99@aol.com	Min = 6 \$10 Fee

Virginia Events Held In The Region For 2005-2006

May	14	Massanutten Yee-Ha Bike Race Bryce CPR	Massanutten	Kenny Hess 540-289-4954	kenhess@adelphia.net
Jun	18	Refresher/Meeting/Cookout	Bryce	Nancy Dibenedetto 202-877-1423	nancy.m.dibenedetto@medstar.net
Jun	18	Wintergreen Picnic Bryce Pre-Refresher, Lift Evac, Fall	Wintergreen	Tucker Crolius 434-325-8060	tcrolius@aol.com
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Oct	22, 23	OEC Challenge	Sugar Mtn	Larry Fleming 828-437-8448	
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Oct	15	Timberline OEC Refresher	Timberline	Janette Bennett 304-866-4925	
Aug	28	Winterplace Pre Refresher	Winterplace	Jorge McMurray 304-252-3345	
Oct	8	Snowshoe OEC Refresher	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713	mvfarm@frontiernet.net
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Dec	17	Ski Trainers Clinic	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713	mvfarm@frontiernet.net
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Mar	6	MTR Level 1	Massanutten		
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Jan	29	Basic OEC Evaluation	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713	mvfarm@frontiernet.net
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