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Richard Boyer,
Division Director

We just finished our annual mid-winter NSP meeting in Denver, Colorado. It coincides with the National Board of Directors meeting and the Division Directors are asked to attend to give input to the business that comes before the Board.



The 11 Division Directors met on the day before the Board's two-day meeting. We have this chance to compare what we are experiencing in our respective divisions and go over the Board agenda, item by item, with an eye toward whether we wish to "weigh-in" on any of their agenda items to give our take or input from a division standpoint. This group is a very talented assemblage of men and women who are crucially important to our National Organization. They are tasked with the responsibility of delivery of all programs to membership. What the board passes strategically is then passed on to the Divisions to implement. Therefore, it is crucial the Division Directors have a say in these Board decisions.

Burt Mitchell of Pahquioque Ski Resort, Connecticut was elected Chairman of the Board for his second term. **Scott Marland** who started at Ober Gatlinberg and now patrols at Brighton Resort in Utah, was appointed Assistant Chair along with **John Lawson** of Hunt Hollow Ski Resort, New York. The three new Board members were appointed to the following standing committees, **Bill Hummer** from Squaw Valley, California to the Finance Committee (which is chaired by our **Norris Woody** from Sugar Mountain); **Gary Deaver** from 49 Degrees North, Washington, went to the Planning Committee; and **Ed Gassman**, outgoing National Supervisor of the Certified Program and formerly the Division Director of Rocky Mountain was appointed to the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee is where **Morgan Armstrong** and I participate in the Board process. Morgan chairs the Bylaws Oversight Subcommittee

of the Governance Committee, which is just one of the jobs he does for the NSP. We are very fortunate to have his continued involvement with us.

The finances of the National Organization continue to improve and are getting to the point of catching up where they should be. Hopefully this very good trend will continue. Detail of our financial progress is available on the National website.

We suspended the Board meeting and met with our respective Committee assignments. I'm very fortunate to have been assigned to the Governance Committee where we review requests dealing with the structure of our National Organization and give input into the rules and regulations that govern it. An example would be the current revision of our Policies and Procedures Manual, which governs the details of how we conduct our day-to-day affairs. Many of the RFA's are assigned to our Committee before the Board has to vote on them.

The following is a summary of the "Requests for Board Action" (RFBA's which in the future will be called "Requests for Action", RFA's):

1. The RFBA concerning implementation of an Educational Endowment Fund to aid in fund raising was passed.
2. RFBA 06-11 requesting video streaming of the two National Meetings was defeated. It was thought to be a waste of National funds when the meeting minutes or open meeting policy of the board allows adequate information to any members of our organization who want to have further detail on Board activities.
3. RFBA 07-11 requesting that all members pay the same National Dues (the professional ranks currently pay a lesser national dues fee) was defeated as the current set-up is appropriate to what each sector of the membership received in return.
4. RFBA 10-11 revisiting the change in the name from "auxiliary patroller" to "patroller" was voted down.

A discussion of NSP's 75th Anniversary Event revealed there will actually be two events: a kickoff event in October 2012 at Stowe, VT, and a capstone event in Denver February 1-3, 2013. The board recognizes that the 75th Anniversary presents a unique opportunity to raise money for the NSP, and agreed that any monies raised would go to the NSP Endowment Fund in support of NSP programs.

The Board ratified the Memorandum of Understanding between the NSP and the U.S. Forest Service. This has been 18 months in the making and is a good step for the NSP, the Forest Service and all who utilize many of our ski areas on public lands.

Visiting our meeting was Robin Griffith from Sugar who is serving on the NSP Finance Committee. Thank you, Robin, for taking your time and resources to visit our board meeting. Robin is a commercial real estate professional from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Joan and I left Denver after the meeting and traveled to Telluride in southwest Colorado for a few days of skiing. The 6-hour trip by car took 11 hours, due to a much needed snowstorm and the temporary closing of I-70. After we got there at 4am Sunday we had blue skies and great skiing for the remainder of the trip.

From the Assistants...

Ted Forbes,

1st Assistant Division Director

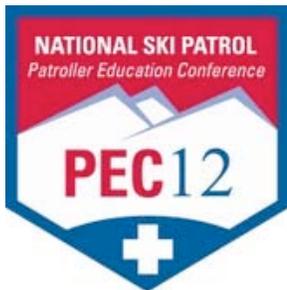
Fellow Patrollers –

Welcome to the winter that wasn't. Across our entire industry, the resounding theme is "Where is winter?" We had a January thaw in November, in December, and in early January. As we approach the middle of the month, things finally seem to be changing. There was a lot of talk on Weather Risk (<http://www.wxrisk.com/>) about a big change in the high pressure ridge at 500mb over the Bering Sea was going to shift the warm air out But now they are hedging on that.



The mere fact that we have time to look at obscure weather forecasting sites is an indicator of how little skiing we are doing. But don't stop going out and don't lose hope. We may pull this one out of the fire (literally) yet!

On the national front – the **Patroller Enrichment Conference (PEC)** at Copper Mountain in April is shaping up to be a great event – so get out to Colorado and enjoy riding with patrollers from all over!



The **NSP Patroller Education Conference** is just around the corner. Check out the top 10 ten reasons to attend this year's conference at Copper Mountain, CO April 12-14, 2012. (see page 29)

75th Anniversary Celebration in 2013

NSP has reached a decision on the location for its 75th Anniversary Celebration Event, which will be held during the first weekend of February 2013 in Denver, the same weekend as the annual SnowSports Industries America (SIA) Snow Show event. The Celebration will be held at the Grand Hyatt in downtown Denver, four blocks from the Denver Convention Center. A variety of events are being planned, including a ski day at a local Colorado resort with transportation to the resort included, an exhibit recounting the history of NSP, and a grand gala dinner with silent auction on Saturday February 2, 2013. Stay tuned to the NSP website, the *Sweep*, and *Ski Patrol Magazine* for more details on this once-in-a-lifetime event.



See you out there,

Ted

Brent Bowman,
2nd Assistant Division Director



Sitting here in Atlanta at nearly 60 degrees and it is hard to think about skiing. This season has been a tough start for all concerned. Friends from New York, Wisconsin, Utah and California have all complained about the lack of 'white stuff'. One of my friends in Wisconsin is usually able to ride his snowmobile to work every day during January and February. This year he has yet to ride at all! Despite the low snow levels, NSP programs are up and running, looking for willing participants. Senior Ski & Toboggan and OEC events are on schedule. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Women's Clinic at Wintergreen (huge disappointment for everyone) but, the NSP Snow Sports School has more events upcoming and I am sure the Certified folks are looking for a few good men and women. See you soon on the hill. Get out there and slide.

Brent

Mike Harris,
Assistant Division Director – South

As The Bull Wheel Turns

Wow, what a start to a season. After the best of the best refreshers, that I was privileged to attend, thanks to great IOR's, Instructors, IT's, and the attending patrollers the weather just had a slow start. Due to some health issues, I have been limited to attending fewer events so far this season but hope to be back soon. I was able to sit in on the Senior EMM Clinic at Appalachian. **Toni Cheek** added so many organizational skills during her tenure; **JoAnn Ehlinger** used all those tools with great time management. **Joe Donadio**, **Lonnie Propst** and **Cathy LaMarre** had everything set up making Appalachian the most welcoming environment for such an event. I particularly enjoyed seeing JoAnn and Cathy working together, which brought back some very pleasant old memories.



I couldn't be more proud of your Region Directors and Assistant Region Directors. They are all ready to be of any help that they can to your patrols assisting your PR's and PD's.

I sure hope to be back out on the hill with you guys ASAP.

Mike Harris (AKA) Tyrone

Southern Division Webmaster

Trish Deane,

Webmaster/Board Secretary

The Southern Division website (<http://www.southernmsp.org>) is full of information. It's where you can find information about what's going on within our Division, events in other divisions that are open to Southern Division patrollers, and NSP announcements all in one convenient location.



We advertise Division activities both on the calendar and on the home page. You can always find a wild array of banners promoting upcoming events or various programs. Currently, you can find information about ski and snowboard training opportunities, such as clinics at Massanutten (February 11-12), Ski Beech (January 28 & 29) and Winterplace (January 27). We have a brand new dedicated Snowsports School page, which can be reached via the Programs page. You can also find a WEALTH of information on the Certified Program on the Library page. Every region's Senior events are listed on the calendar.

From time to time, we also include information about events of interest to and training opportunities for Southern Division patrollers that take place outside of the division, such as avalanche or low-angle rescue clinics.

News on NSP programs, events or items that are available (such as the cookbook or the 5th Edition OEC Manual) is featured on the home page, as well. National Safety Week was recently featured. We have a link to the new NSP Women's program site/blog. There is a link to the NSP Safety Quiz, which is fun to take. PEC 2012 is almost here. Start on the Southern Division website home page and links will take you directly to the application and information on the NSP site. We have a link to a downloadable pdf of the current NSP catalog, as well as a link to ordering instructions for patrol candidates. We also have a list of NSP sponsors and information on the NSP credit card.

The Division is dedicated to making sure you have information readily available. Don't be shy about sending me information that you would like to see featured. We'd like to know what's going on at your mountain.

Watch for more information about the Division, including a history, to appear on the *About* page. Another new page will be an *Awards* page, which will track Southern Division awards by year.

Currently, I'm seeking pictures of patrollers in action (preferably in patrol parkas/vests): pulling sleds, skiing, snowboarding and performing first aid (if the picture doesn't violate the injured person's privacy). Please forward any pictures you have to yogagirl@comcast.net or send them to Trish Deane, 2085 Skylark Court, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

Trish Deane
Webmaster

Brent Rockett,
Blue Ridge Region Director



BLUE RIDGE REGION MESSAGE

The Blue Ridge Region and Hawksnest Patrol have lost a true matriarch, **Doris Benbow**. Doris was the wife of the late **Charlie Benbow** and also a patroller who spent countless hours in the First Aid Room. She was a strong supporter of patrolling and her family's involvement in the ski patrol. Charlie and Doris raised four children, Chuck (deceased), Steve, Wes and Cindy, who all became patrollers and now two grandsons, Michael and Brandon, who have continued the tradition. Our thoughts are with the Benbow family.

Here in the middle of January, I'm preparing to patrol again as rain and mild temperatures continue to be the forecast. I'm still wondering when winter will arrive. I suppose we were spoiled the past two winters with all the snow and cold temperatures. Even though the warmer than normal temperatures have not cooperated, all three mountains have been able to survive due to all the recent snow making improvements and additions each has made. So far this year in the Region we have held a Senior OEC Clinic with six Senior candidates participating and a Basic Patroller Evaluation at Sugar Mountain which resulted in five new patrollers (two from Sugar and three from Appalachian). Congratulations to all of them and I look forward to continued success at the other clinics and evaluations the rest of the season. Compliments go to all of the training coordinators and instructors at each of the mountains for their effort in training and preparing their candidates. Good luck to all the candidates the rest of the year.

I don't know if it is just me but I'm always amazed how good the snow and the skiing are during rainy weather. So enjoy the skiing but still think snow.

I hope each of you feel appreciated and rewarded for the invaluable service each of you provide.

Good patrolling,

Brent Rockett

From the Supervisors and Advisors...

Certified ... Certified ... Certified ... Certified ... Certified ... Certified ... Certified

Brandon Deane,
Certified Program Supervisor

During the 2010-2011 season, the Certified Program welcomed two new members, **Susanne Ebling** (Wintergreen) and **Tony Tingle** (Cataloochee).



There have been several changes at the national level. First, the Certified Program mourned the loss of its founder, **George Wesson**. George was one of the original members of NSP and would have marked his 75th year of patrolling at the same time as NSP celebrates its 75th year in 2013. Second, National Certified Advisor **Ed Gassman** has stepped down from his position in order to serve on the

NSP Board. Division Certified Supervisors met via teleconference and elected **Steve Kuller**, a Southern Division patroller and former Southern Division Certified Advisor, as Ed's replacement.

The Certified Program seeks the highest level of proficiency from patrollers through training and testing and promotes a level of patrolling in which there is no compromise of excellence in skiing, first aid, patrol management, administration and leadership. We are seeking outstanding Southern Division patrollers to join our ranks. If you know of exceptional patrollers in your patrol, encourage them to contact me at cbdeane@comcast.net.

There is an upcoming clinic at Cataloochee on January 28-29. The Certified exam is at Snowshoe, March 16-17.

Further information on the program is available through the Southern Division web site: <http://www.southernnsp.org/Library.aspx>.

Brandon Deane
Certified Supervisor
Southern Division

Leadership Development ... Leadership Development ... Leadership Development

Mary Underwood,
Leadership Development Supervisor



Leadership Skills--A MUST HAVE in NSP

Are you an effective communicator? Are you able to break a project down into assignable parts so that you don't end up doing it all yourself? Communication, Organization, Coaching and Mentoring are essential skills that are taught in "Basic Leadership for the Ski Patroller". We developed this course in the Southern Division, and all activities are directly related to our NSP work. If you are interested in attending this course in your region, please contact Leadership Supervisor, **Mary Underwood**, at maryu@bellsouth.net. Eight to 10 attendees are necessary to hold this 1- day course. This course is an elective for senior status and a core component for senior patroller. This course is in a classroom setting, so can be held anytime.

National Ski Patrol Leadership Development Program

An integral part of patrolling and taking on patrol leadership opportunities are basic managerial/leadership skills that cover a multitude of topics. To be an effective patroller and serve in a patrol leadership capacity a patroller must be proficient in basic leadership skills. The program is designed to help better prepare patrollers to function in their many leadership roles within their respective patrols such as instructors, PRs, PDs, etc.

This course is designed to help individuals become more proficient at the everyday leadership activities and experiences encountered.

Overall Course Goals:

1. To help students sharpen their leadership skills to a level of proficiency commensurate with their duties as patroller's and leaders.
2. To show students how to apply leadership skills to real, on-the-job situations.
3. To promote effective job performance by training students to use leadership skills in creative problem solving.

Course Overview - Units

1. **Leadership 101:** This unit covers basic leadership/managerial functions. Students will learn how the concepts apply to everyday patrolling.
2. **Coaching and Motivating:** This segment is designed for the student to learn the characteristics of effective coaches, identify the similarities between effective coaches and effective leaders, identify four critical coaching techniques, and match coaching techniques with subordinate performance.
3. **Communications:** In this unit the student will identify types and purposes of communications, discuss

major concepts of communications, talk about verbal and nonverbal barriers to communications, explain perception and its effect on communication, explore the process of listening, discuss the five types of listening, talk about the major barriers to effective listening, and identify techniques for improving general listening effectiveness.

4. **Risk Management:** Here the student will examine why the patroller should be concerned with preventing snow sports accidents, what the primary causes of skiing/snowboarding accidents are, examine basic types of unsafe acts, discuss resort liabilities, and look at what can be done to satisfy all parties.
5. **Leadership Opportunities:** This unit will help the student to understand the leadership and educational structure of the Division, gain knowledge of NSP publications and websites, and identify appropriate paths to pursue an educational or leadership role within a patrol, region or division.

In teaching this course, the following instructional methods were employed.

1. A homework assignment prior to the course
2. In-class assignments
3. In-class discussion of assignments
4. Brainstorming to generate details
5. In-class evaluation
6. Exercises/Activities

This program is eight hours in length and has been approved by National as a *Senior elective*. If you are interested in taking this course or for further information contact:

Mary Underwood,
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(865) 483-3675

*Basic Leadership Course Inaugural Class
circa 2008 @ Watauga Medical enter in
Boone, NC*



Telecommunications ... Telecommunications ... Telecommunications ...

Rick Woodlee,

Telecommunications Supervisor

Telecommunications:

Today is Saturday, 1/14/2012---In 352 days the FCC narrow-banding deadline happens. On January 1, 2013, all public safety and business industrial land mobile radio systems operating in the 150-512 MHz radio bands must cease operating using 25 kHz efficiency technology, and begin operating using at least 12.5 kHz efficiency technology. This deadline is

the result of an FCC effort that began almost two decades ago to ensure more efficient use of the spectrum and greater spectrum access for public safety and non-public safety users. Migration to 12.5 kHz efficiency technology (once referred to as Refarming, but now referred to as Narrow-banding) will allow the creation of additional channel capacity within the same radio spectrum, and support more users. After January 1, 2013, licensees not operating at 12.5 KHz efficiency will be in violation of the Commission's rules and could be subject to FCC enforcement action, which may include admonishment, monetary fines, or loss of license. Hopefully, everyone has updated their radio systems to 12.5 kHz channel spacing; or, at least made plans for compliance on 1/1/2013.

There is a lot of online information on narrow-banding and telecommunications on the NSP web site: http://www.nsp.org/about/nsp_programs/telecom.aspx

If you need help or more information, please contact me.

Richard Woodlee, Southern Division Telecommunication Advisor

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Outdoor Emergency Care ... Outdoor Emergency Care ... Outdoor Emergency Care

Bob Brewster,

OEC Supervisor

Change, for good or bad, it's what life is all about. Patrolling isn't immune to changes. With the 5th Edition, many changes at my own hill or the changing of the guard in my new position as OEC Supervisor we all make the best of it.



As new division OEC Supervisor I feel more prepared to face my new responsibilities than in the past positions I've held. For the last year and half I have been mentored for my new job by **Leslie Carter**, outgoing Supervisor. She has put in place for me a wonderfully skilled and dedicated staff of administrators, IT's and

instructors. As the division moves forward and faces new challenges ahead, I look forward to working with each and every one of you to make the Southern Division a model for other divisions to follow in the coming years.

Did I mention changes? The 5th Edition has introduced to us some new skills and a lot of new information, some valuable, some inconsequential for the duties we perform on the hill. But if you haven't purchased the new 5th Edition, have access to it or worse yet even looked at it, the time has come. Integrated, on-line learning has arrived. Access to OEC materials and training is available through the internet. What does this mean? For our new candidates, lessons, interactive teaching, games, quizzes and testing. For instructors, assigning work at home, lesson plans, designing and administering quizzes and tracking student progress. For all of us, refreshers will become multi-staged as we ask patrollers to do more review and assignments prior to area refreshers at home, so patrol refreshers can concentrate on more "hands on" skill stations.

Currently in the division we have completed a number of OEC classes. There are currently classes in session as well. Many of our instructors have made use of the numerous teaching aides that my NSPkit offers. I have heard and experienced firsthand many of the great tools available to instructors and students alike. The 5th rollout has not been without its glitches, including some issues with the final written exams, but I have no doubt we will be able to overcome these minor setbacks and move forward. I'm always willing to listen to the issues everyone may have.

This Year it becomes my duty to assist and help administer the Senior OEC program. As of this writing, training and clinics are well underway. This past December the new Senior Instructor Training Manual was completed and will be fully implemented in the 2012/2013 Season. The Dixie region will be using the new manual this season as a dry run trial for next year's introduction of the manual in all the regions. For the senior candidates the impact will be minimal and the program will remain vital to patrollers and patrols alike. For Senior OEC Trainer/Evaluators there will be an update offered at the fall conference.

Our training and education are becoming ever more important. Besides our priority with patient care, the importance of medical liability has reared its head as a major issue in our OEC programs and patrols. Standard of care in our division is all important. Each mountain's management may be developing their own protocols via oversight of a medical advisers and quality assurance of their patrollers. In spite of any local protocols your patrol may have in place we are still bound to maintain the standard level of care set forth by NSP's OEC program. My goal will be to see that those standards of excellence we've experienced during my predecessor's tenure are maintained, while implementing new methods of teaching and learning.

Finally, on behalf of myself and the entire division, I would like to offer our thanks to **Leslie Carter** for her tireless work and enthusiasm while leading the OEC program for the division. There are many in the division who work long hours for us to be able to go out and do our jobs on the slopes. Thanks Leslie for making our job a little bit easier. (see page 21 for photos)

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

Tony Tingle,

Division Transportation Supervisor



Transportation

Looks like winter is finally here.....maybe. Here we are in January, and most folks are busy patrolling. Around these parts, Mother Nature has been teasing us with more glimpses of rain than winter and the snowmakers have been busy. Luckily, we are Ski Patrollers and we will have fun rain, shine, snow, deep drifts or thin coverage. I'd like to touch on a few topics in this mid-winter edition of the Southern Cross: toboggan check offs, covering your hind end, training, Senior toboggan questions, and a shameless plug for the Patroller Education Conference (PEC).

Toboggan Check offs. I hope you have had a chance to be checked off on your toboggan skills. If you haven't been checked off, grab a sled and have your evaluators confirm your skills in the handles and on the tail rope before you strap a patient in and bring them down the mountain. One of our primary responsibilities as toboggan handlers is the safe and efficient transportation of patients, and that begins with a confirmation of our skills each season.

Covering your hind end.....If you are training ski patrollers on the hill, to be covered by the NSP insurance the course needs to be registered. Many Patrols register a Toboggan Enhancement Seminar (TES) at the beginning of the season, include all of their patrollers on the roster, and extend the course until the end of the season (ending in March or April). This covers the training with insurance. If you have done this, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, remember to close your courses. If you need help registering or closing a course, give me a shout.

Training. I want to say "*Thanks*" to all the transportation trainers in the Division. I encourage you to get out there and teach and don't be timid about being trained by your peers. After all, we are all learning continuously. I learn something in every class I teach and every time I take a class. I encourage you to teach with folks you don't normally teach with. There is no better way to get new teaching tips for your teaching bag o' tricks than to teach with new Patrollers.

Questions from Senior tests and evaluations last season. Questions arose last season about handling the toboggan during the Senior Clinics and Evaluations for those folks riding a snowboard (specifically questions about where to place your hands on the handles and if a rider has to demonstrate both toe-side and heel-side skills). Local protocol at some resorts dictates specific criteria for their patrollers, and these folks concentrate training to meet these criteria. For instance, local protocol at one mountain says you will be on heel-side at all the times when in the handles of the sled. At our hills, we always follow local protocol. The discussion below is focused on questions from the Senior program, which reaches beyond your local mountain to expose you to more patrollers and what they have learned. When patrollers get together and what you have learned is different than what I have learned questions arise.

Because I didn't have definitive answers for the questions that arose, I began asking the questions, first to our peers, then to the National Transportation Advisor (Frey). As you can imagine lots of folks have an opinion and I've heard a lot. I expect to hear more after you folks read this.

So, I've gathered up the feedback and summarized it below. First let me offer a couple of caveats

1. These are not set in stone, and won't be until we get it in the Senior manual.
2. On your hill, the Local Mountain Protocol rules, but the Senior Program is designed to expand your skill set, so please approach this with an open mind and be ready to learn new things. With that in mind, folks training for the Senior and riding a snowboard, here's what I've got so far. For hands on the handles, there is no "one size fits all". Terrain, snow conditions, route selection and other factors make placement of hands on the handles when running a toboggan on a snowboard a fluid activity. The ultimate goal is to *safely and effectively run the sled* and to *select hand positions* that do not place the body in an awkward position, preventing proper stance and effective control of the sled. One example was given that in some Divisions people run a toboggan outside the handles. In this case the boarder has to have both hands on one side of the handles. Hmmmm something to think about. As for demonstrating toboggan skills on toe-side or heel-side the answer is YES. On the tail-rope can you go toe-side?...Yep, but I wouldn't stay there. Two of the primary jobs of a person on tail-rope are to monitor the patient, and provide an emergency brake if needed. Both of these are hard to do toe-side because you are not as stable in this position and your back is to the patient. So, heel-side is dominant on tail-rope. Tail-rope e-stops should be done heel-side only. The tail-roper should be able to effectively use a falling leaf to shed snow. In the handles of a loaded sled, on a snowboard, the operator demonstrating Senior skills should be able to demonstrate toe-side and heel-side traverses, toe-side and heel-side e-stops, transitions between toe-side and heel-side, and a falling leaf to shed snow. In addition the rider should be able to carve turns during their unloaded run.

Clear as mud...right? As I said, it's a work in progress. Because I don't ride and don't know all the answers, I welcome your comments and suggestions. But this is what I've gotten so far.

Lastly, The PEC is a blast and offers you the opportunity to train on the toboggan in terrain few of us ever get to play in. Frey has some great clinics planned, so if you go, sign up for one of the toboggan clinics and you will expand your horizons. Be safe! Think Snow! See you on the Mountain.

Tony

Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snowsports ... Snow

Briggs Allen,
Snowsports Supervisor



This far it has been an interesting but challenging and productive 2011-12 season for the Southern Division NSP Snowsports School. We began our programs December 3-4 with our "Train the Trainer" Clinic at Cataloochee Resort in Maggie Valley North Carolina. Until the last minute we were wondering if there would be any snow however with a few cold days just prior to the clinic, and Cataloochee's superb snowmaking ability brought the clinic to fruition. The Snowsports School provided 5 PSIA/AASI instructors that divided the group among their needs. Groups ranged from skier/snowboarder general improvement to PSIA test preparation. Over 22 patrollers from the Blue Ridge and Dixie region participated. Special thanks go out to Cataloochee Resort for once again providing a great venue and **Wayne Morgan** for arranging it.

Unfortunately, the weather was not as cooperative in early January causing the Snowsports School to cancel the Women's Clinic at Wintergreen and our Snowboarder Improvement Clinic at Massanutten. Everything was ready for both of these clinics however mother nature did not provide enough cold weather for the resorts to have the type and amount of terrain needed for both of these programs. We were able to reschedule the Massanutten Snowboarder Improvement Clinic for February however approximately one week before the clinic our instructor learned that his employment required him to travel to Arizona for the remainder of the month and he would be unavailable. Attempts to secure another qualified AASI instructor did not succeed, consequently we will try again next year.

On a better note, the Snowsports School's clinics January 27 at Winterplace and January 28-29 at Beech Mountain were incredible. 16 skiers/boarders participated at Winterplace with 23 joining at Beech. The skiing portion of the clinics were taught by PSIA level III instructors **Dan Moss** and **Jay Zedak** from the Central Division NSP Ski School, while the boarding was taught by our on AASI level III **Pete Jucker**. Patrollers attending these clinics represented Massanutten, Winterplace, Beech Mountain, Appalachian, Cataloochee, Wolf Ridge and Ober Gatlinburg. **Jay Zedak**, former Supervisor of the Central Division NSP Ski School and ski instructor to the U.S. Army Green Beret 10th Mountain Division, e-mailed me the Monday after the clinic stating, *"I can't thank you enough for the opportunity to teach in your division. This past weekend was wonderful and the participants seemed to share the passion about skiing. Hats off again for a well run activity!"* On Tuesday I received the following note from a clinic participant, *"First the instructor was excellent, his ability to analyze and teach was equal to the skiing ability. I have skied the last several days after the clinic and been working on incorporating the techniques taught into my skiing style. It is been interesting and I can see some big improvements already. Second and equally important, the entire event was a real benefit provided by the NSP and I appreciate it's efforts to offer and promote such programs. If you can get the clinic next year I will be there."* Thanks go to Winterplace Resort and **Walt Watson**, PR for all of their hard work in making the West Virginia Region clinic an outstanding success. Additionally Beech Mountain Resort and **Gil Adams**, PD are greatly appreciated for all of their efforts making the Blue Ridge event a stellar clinic.

And speaking of clinics, these would not be possible without the amazing dedication and hard work all of our NSP PSIA/AASI instructors. Their time, effort as well as monetary investment to become a certified

ski/snowboard instructor often goes unrealized. Next time you're in a clinic or just talking about snowsports let them know that they are appreciated. By the way, good luck to several of our patrollers that are taking their PSIA exams at Timberline the end of February.

Well here's hoping for snow or at least some sustained cold weather before the season ends. If you have any suggestions or questions regarding our program feel free to send me an e-mail.

Until next time: Remember Snowsports are simple turn right, turn left and repeat as necessary.

Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior ... Senior

Hugh Jernigan,
Senior Program Supervisor

Importance of Clinics for Senior Candidates

The value of attending Senior OEC and S&T clinics is an important and integral part of the process for candidates. These clinics provide fundamental information and training key to the success of all candidates. Senior candidates should leave the clinics with:

1. Basic information on what will be required of them during evaluations,
2. Knowing what components needed to be completed (electives, S&T, OEC, paper work completion) for Senior status,
3. The format of, and how the evaluations will be conducted,
4. Being comfortable with, and obtaining the “mind set” to work effectively on OEC scenarios.
5. Understanding evaluation parameters for skiing, boarding, and toboggan handling, **and most importantly,**
6. **If something is not clear to you, ask questions for clarification!**

It is easy to understand why attendance at a clinic is required for participation as a candidate during Senior evaluations.

Observation of recent Senior OEC and S&T clinics showed how positive and productive the clinics can be for the candidates.... And they were fun!!

The *Blue Ridge Region* conducted an excellent Senior OEC Clinic at Appalachian on January 7th. The Blue Ridge Region Senior OEC evaluators under the direction of **JoAnn Ehlinger**, Region Senior Co-coordinator, provided very constructive feed-back to the candidates on their performance during the scenarios. A relaxed post-event debriefing answered questions from the candidates.

The *Dixie Region* hosted a large crowd of 13 candidates during the Region S&T Clinic at Ober Gatlinburg on January 22nd. **Dennis Slagle**, **Brent Bowman**, and the Dixie Region Senior S&T evaluators put together an

excellent clinic of instruction, demonstration of techniques, and interactive discussions. The Senior candidates left at the end of the day with positive attitudes and helpful insights on training to prepare for evaluation day. Many thanks to the instructors who volunteer their expertise and time, and the ski areas who host these events to benefit the Southern Division Senior Program.

As reported in the previous edition of the Southern Cross, the Senior Program had an exceptional year during the 2010-2011 season in both the number of participants and quality of the program. We are looking forward to another successful year in 2011-2012.

NSP has published new “Senior Outdoor Emergency Guidelines” (*See information in Bob Brewster’s article on Southern Division OEC*). General requirements for Senior Candidates will not be affected by the new guidelines, which are planned for implementation during the 2012-2013 Season.

Take advantage of your opportunity to upgrade your patrolling skills and increase value to your patrols by participating in the Southern Division Senior Program!!!



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 with which 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:

- All forms are now available also on the Southern Division Website.
- Course Registered with NSP by the Instructor Development Instructor through their Regional IT and placed on the Division Calendar by the Region Director.
- Course Completion Record is submitted to the Division Supervisor and NSP educational department.
- 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).
- Mentors are assigned by **or** through the Division Supervisor for that discipline.
- Senior Candidate Application Form filled in as needed. → Remember- this is an elective for the Senior program.
- Southern Division ID Observation Form - This is completed for each student in the course for each topic they taught and they are returned to that Supervisor- NOTE - some students may require more than two evaluations.

Remember

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 and submitted to the ID Instructor)

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).

Fred Wessels,
Historian/Archivist

2012 is a year of Landmarks

Happy Birthday to the Appalachian Ski area. Founded as the Blowing Rock Ski Lodge in 1962, they turn 50 this year. So, most patrollers, when asked their age can say “I am older than App”.

Happy 40th Birthday to the Southern Division!! The Southern Division came into existence in 1972. Before that, we were the Deep South Region of the Eastern Division. It must have really been tough to go to the Division Conference in NY State. People complain about driving to Kingsport.

Happy 40th Birthday to the Southern Cross. Right about the time this edition comes out, the Southern Cross will turn 40. Before the “Southern Cross”, we had the “Leafalanche”. The last edition of the “Leafalanche” was printed in October 1971 with a sub title “GOOD BYE “LEAFALANCHE”- HELLO “THE SOUTHERN CROSS”.

One article in the last edition of the “*Leafalanche*” was a welcome to Viking Mountain. Located near Greenville, TN. The Mountain had a vertical drop of 600 ft. and the advance run had an 18-25 degree slope. Sugar Mountain also doubled their snowmaking so that now the entire lower half of “Flying Mile” could be covered with “powdered sugar” in one swoop.

“Come on tell me who are you”

“Cause I really want to know”, I currently have a backlog of scanning photos around 1,000. It is great to have the old pictures. However, I really want to know *who* is in the pictures. Email your pictures to me. Old or New. If we can identify the people, that would be great. Otherwise, we just have a bunch of very happy people with bad haircuts and worse mustaches. It is great to capture history. It would be even better to know the identity.

A special thanks to **Sylvia Talley**. She provided a box of history that greatly added to our collection.

See you soon!!

Fred Wessels
Historian/Archivist
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40th Division Anniversary (2012) ... 75th National Ski Patrol Anniversary (2013)

Robin Griffith,

NSP Finance and Fundraising Committees

Sugar Mountain Ski Patrol

According to Retired COL. Ed Gassman, a National Ski Patrol Board member and previous Joint Forces Commander, there is a long and well-known collaboration between the National Ski Patrol and U.S. military. For example, the NSP website states, "During World War II, (Minnie) Dole was responsible for the establishment of the famed 10th Mountain Division of the U.S. Army. Applicants for this remarkable military unit, which saw much of its fighting activity in Italy, were screened by the NSP. Many individuals who were responsible for the establishment of ski areas in the United States served in the 10th Mountain Division and contributed significantly to the sport."

Gassman has a special insight into the demands required for military forces engaged in high altitude winter environmental training. The need for this type of Special Forces diminished in recent years due to conflicts in desert climates such as those in Iraq and Kuwait. However the ongoing war on terror including fighting in the mountainous regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan had greatly increased the importance for such highly trained military personnel. Due to this, Gassman was approached to put together a team to help train elite American forces. Over the past two years Gassman has trained approximately 300 elite Special Forces men in enhancing their high altitude skills. These are groups of men who are trained at the highest level and some have been involved in missions to find Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden as well as other special operations.

Gassman considers it an honor and fun to train these men who are extraordinary athletes with a can-do attitude reaching out to increase their level of high altitude skills. Gassman believes that the military has relied on the advice and training of those involved with National Ski Patrol because they have some of the best avalanche, mountaineering and back country skiers in the world. It is hardly surprising then the National Ski Patrol was recognized with a Federal Charter by the United States Congress in 1980 because it is a patriotic organization.

The Southern Division will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Southern Division as well as recognition of the 75th National anniversary at the Division Fall Patroller Conference in August 2012 – stay tuned for updates from Robin Griffith, Teresa Stewart and Fred Wessels as plans progress and we ask for your participation.

We are looking for history, memories, thoughts and examples of patrol life to display at the conference as well as surprises! Need your memory jogged?

- One patroller remembers driving patients to the hospital in a Ford LTD Station wagon – what year was this?
- Another patroller remembers, “snow day tickets” (when schools were out for snow days) → they cost 50 cents at Beech and Sugar Mountains.
- Send your thoughts, memories to Robin at (robingriffith@carolina.rr.com) and copy Fred Wessels (Southerndivisionhistory@gmail.com)

Professional Director ... Professional Director ... Professional Director ...

Wayne Morgan,
Professional Director

It sounds like everyone is off to a somewhat slow and inconsistent start to the season. Thank goodness for state of the art snowmaking in the Southeast!

We (Cataloochee) are finally open to the top of the mountain on a consistent basis and have been busting it to get all of our S&T proficiency taken care of while still covering the hill and keeping the red and black visible.



A Patrol Directors' roundtable was held at the Southern Division Fall Conference with several PDs and some of their staff attending. The main issue discussed was opening a line of communication and becoming a voice within the Division. A thought was to create a blog that PDs could access and discuss best practice issues that arise at the respective areas throughout the year. I have received permission from Richard Boyer to use the Division website as the source of this blog. I will be contacting our Division webmaster to coordinate the creation of this site.

We want the Pro side of the Southern Division to become an integral voice within the Division, so let me here how we can best meet your needs. Feel free to give me a shout-out at any time.

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I am planning a trip north in a couple of weeks to complete a re-certification and hope to stick my head in a couple of your doors just to say hello on my way home.

In closing, I'd like to leave you with a couple of tips on skiing in the South and if you think a little deeper these tips work with life as well. From "Skiing" magazine (Jan./Feb. 2012) "The Skiing 100: Rules for skiing in the South" and perhaps life. By Scott Chandler, Sky Valley, GA.

- 1- "Stay on the white strip."
- 2- "If you hit dirt, keep the momentum moving forward. Try to run in your skis. If you double eject, tuck and roll".

Wayne Morgan
Southern Division
Professional Director

Photos From Around the Division
OEC 5th Edition Updates (Atlanta and West Virginia)



Photos From Around the Division

Dixie Region S & T Clinic at Ober Gatlinburg on January 22, 2012
(Photos submitted by Brent Bowman)



*Photos From Around the Division
Beech Mountain S & T Clinic*



Beech Clinic
left to right are:
Alexis Santi,
Margaret Rees,
Collin
Waldron, Pete
Jucker and
Jamie
Hardeman

(Photos
submitted by
Briggs Allen)

Front L-R are:
Rob Schisla, Jay
Zedak, Rick
Laws, Chris
Haley, Lindsey
Strohschein, Ann
Blakely and Pete
Jucker. Back row:
Jamie Hardeman,
Mark Pipkin,
Mark Needham,
Dennis
Alexander, Ashley
Laws, Adam
Hamrick, John
Hamrick, Ron
Clyde, Jim
Blakely, Margaret
Rees, Russ
Lindsey and Dan
Moss.



*Photos From Around the Division
Winterplace S & T Clinic*



Dan Moss reviews video of students



*Listening to Jay Zedak
(Photos submitted by Briggs Allen)*

Photos From Around the Division
Senior OEC Clinic, January 7th @ Appalachian Mountain



(Photos submitted by Cathy LaMarre)
Photos From Around the Division

*2011 USA Cycling Mountain Bike Gravity Nationals
Beech Mountain September 23-25th*



More photos and official information can be found at
<https://www.usacycling.org/events/2011/mtbgravity/>



(Photos submitted by Patrick Benson of Sugar Patrol with Randi Lowery of Wolf Ridge Patrol)



Photos From Around the Division
What Patrollers do while waiting on Winter



Hugh Jernigan will ski on anything!



Patrick Benson goes rafting with international friends.



Patrick Benson at the Whitewater Center in Charlotte



Patrick Benson climbing in shorts in the winter

Patroller Education Conference At Copper Mountain April 12-14, 2012

The NSP Patroller Education Conference is just around the corner. Check out the top 10 ten reasons to attend this year's conference at Copper Mountain, CO April 12-14, 2012.

10. Refresh! Stay up to date and get your Level 1 Avalanche Rescue Refresher.
9. Fatten your wallet. Save on everything, from 50% off ski and board rentals, to \$109 spring lodging rates, and discounted airport transportation if you book through Roberta at Copper!
8. Toboggans, toboggans, and more toboggans. This is the place to hone your skills with our women's clinic, as well as our alpine and Nordic toboggan clinics.
7. Take the fifth! And practice *Outdoor Emergency Care Fifth Edition* scenarios, ask questions of the authors, and test out brand new products. You name it and we'll be covering during these three days.
6. Get answers to life's most demanding questions, such as... where did the toboggan come from? And, why did NSP start using it? Join us for a breakfast buffet while Cascade Rescue owner Dana Jordan takes us back in time to where it all began.
5. Hawaiian Shirt. Flip Flops. Dinner. Drinks. Do you really need any other reason? Join us for dinner on Saturday night and be ready to relax in your shorts, flip flops and Hawaiian shirt. Bring a grass skirt too if you're feeling island-ish!
4. Get scientific and learn why altitude sickness affects many of our guests at ski areas. Learn from Dr. Phil Freedman, Copper Mountain's clinic doctor, who has done numerous tests in Colorado and on Mount Everest. Learn all about altitude sickness and how you can help your area's guests feel better this season!
3. Get your learn on. Attend new PEC courses and clinics, such as an Instructor Development clinic, Nordic clinics, Intro to MTR, and Risk Management.
2. 2012's "Alexander the Great" – Listen and be inspired by guest speaker Eric Alexander as he speaks about climbing Mount Everest, mountaineering, and shares stories of teamwork, trust, courage, faith, and integrity.
1. Get this, plus a whole lot more, for only \$259.00. **REGISTER NOW AND JOIN US!!**



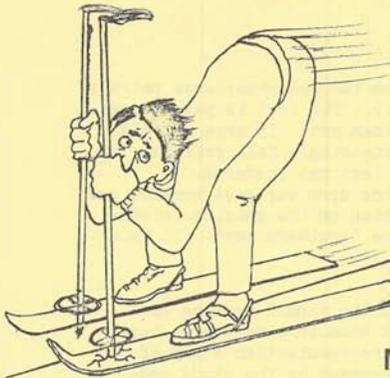
Registration is available online at www.nsp.org under the Patroller Education Conference Tab. Call or e-mail Christine Albertson with any questions, 720-963-2621, calbertson@nsp.org.

75th Anniversary Celebration in 2013

NSP has reached a decision on the location for its 75th Anniversary Celebration Event, which will be held during the first weekend of February 2013 in Denver, the same weekend as the annual SnowSports Industries America (SIA) Snow Show event. The Celebration will be held at the Grand Hyatt in downtown Denver, four blocks from the Denver Convention Center. A variety of events are being planned, including a ski day at a local Colorado resort with transportation to the resort included, an exhibit recounting the history of NSP, and a grand gala dinner with silent auction on Saturday February 2, 2013. Stay tuned to the NSP website, the *Sweep*, and *Ski Patrol Magazine* for more details on this once-in-a-lifetime event.



Objects from the Past Leafalanche → Southern Cross Circa 1971




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FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

We've come a long way in the past 8 years.....from two volunteer area patrols to a National Division (and not the smallest one either!). The best is yet to come. As we enter into the 71-72 season we have our largest team yet: 15 area patrols, 5 sections, 2 regions, and 400 patrolmen. Instead of the single fall refresher at Ashville, we will have five this year, with the finest text yet produced.

Here in the south we can justifiably look with pride upon our past service and fast rise within the System. We have built our reputation on the genuine friendship and cooperative spirit that has become known as the "southern way". It is a reputation worth keeping!

National Meeting

This June the Southern Division was the co-host to the Annual Meeting of Board of Directors at Arlington, Virginia. We welcomed them in a manner we hope they will remember. The major order of business was a reorganization study of the entire NSPS. Although not adopted as originally proposed by the study committee, a modified plan was accepted creating an executive board which will streamline National operations considerably. The new by-laws of the Southern Division followed these streamlined proposals.

Fall Registration

This year we hope to set new records in obtaining our registration cards (which shouldn't be too hard to do!). Upon completion of the first aid and hill refresher, and payment of dues, the registration forms will be forwarded directly to me (instead of through line channels) and sent directly to Denver. Any delays this year we can blame on the snail mail.

FALL DIVISION OFFICERS MEETING

On October 2nd and 3rd all the Line Officers, Staff Advisors and Patrol Leaders met in Linville, N.C. We were most happy to have Ed Ericson, our National Executive Administrator, fly in from Denver to be with us.

Ed said that the national office strives to serve all of us as well as possible. We can help them to help us by ordering early in the season and being sure all orders have correct information and necessary signature. All items ordered on 801 forms are kept in stock and are usually shipped out within 48 hours (5,700 last year). This is real service, especially since there was a 43.1% jump in ordering! In spite of prices going up all around (including postage which amounted to \$14,000 last year), NSPS National dues will still be \$5.00 (Division and Region dues will remain \$1.00). Insurance has gone up this year. We were reminded to be sure we use proper first aid and complete carefully all accident reports including signature. This will help all!

Ed stressed that Denver headquarters is the "Coordinating Hub" of the whole system. They will welcome suggestions on how to serve better and especially would like tips on first aid that individual areas have found successful. If suggestions prove to be worthy, they will be passed on so others may benefit.

As part of the organizational meeting for the Southern Division, by-laws were approved. An executive committee was formed consisting of the Division Director and both Region Directors. The Board of Directors committee consists of the above three plus Section Chiefs.

WELCOME TO VIKING MOUNTAIN!

Viking Mountain ski slopes, which some say are among the most challenging in the Southeast, will open with two chair lifts and rope tows December 15. Frank Kaehn is president of Mountain Venture Developing Corporation which owns Viking Mt.

Chair lifts are being installed on both the 1,000-foot beginners slope and the 3,000-foot advanced run which is "S" shaped with a vertical drop of 600 feet and has an 18 to 25 degree slope. Viking Mt. is almost 5,000 feet in elevation and had a total snowfall of 145 inches during the winter of 1969-1970.

The Patrol Leader of this new area is Gary Delius. We all wish him a great year!

SUGAR MOUNTAIN

Much has been done at Sugar Mt. during the "off ski season". Big Birch, which is the lower third of Flying Mile ski trail has been widened to accomodate more skiers, and therefore more room for sitzmarks and toboggans. Also, the snow-making potential has been doubled so now the entire lower half can be covered with "powdered sugar" in one cold swoop. Now, if only Ma Nature will just give us a cool cake to frost! ! ! !

1971 ANNUAL FIRST AID REFRESHER COURSES

In conformity with NSPS and Southern Division policy, emphasis this year will be on head, neck, back and nervous system. First Aid Refresher Outline #4 will be available for every patrolman at the refresher courses - cost \$1.00.

Carolina Highlands: November 13th, Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.
Room 135, Science Building

Registration will be from 8:00 to 8:15 A.M. (\$7.00). Bring Red Cross Handbook, "Drugs and Their Abuse" (Red Cross Supplement), current Red Cross first aid card, paper, pencil, and patrol belts.

The "On-Hill" refresher will be on Sunday, November 14th.

Georgia-Alabama: October 22nd & 24th - 7:00 to 11:00 P.M. Bring Red Cross manual, paper, and pencil. The "On-Hill" refresher will be held later at Sky Valley. For further information, contact N. C. York, Apt. P-10, 2515 N.E. Expressway, Atlanta, Georgia (phone 634-8807).

Tennessee-Kentucky: October 31st, University of Tennessee Memorial Research Center and Hospital, Main Hospital Auditorium, 1928 Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, Tenn. - 8:00 A.M. This is for those previously registered with NSPS, not for new candidates or recruits. Preregistration, including the Preregistration test, is required. In addition to the American Red Cross text, three new publications are involved: "Drugs and Their Abuse", First Aid Refresher Outline #4, and "Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured". Wear work clothes. Bring: texts, manuals, notes, pencil, paper, first aid belt and supplies (including 4 cravats).

Virginia: Contact Norman Katzenburg, 74 Raleigh Road, Newport News, Va. 23601
(phone 703-245-3238)

Western Carolina: November 6th, Ashville Area Red Cross Center, Kenilworth Road Section 8:30 A.M.

Bring patrol belts and Red Cross first aid book.

November 4-6: An "E.M.T." (Emergency Medical Technician) course will be given in Johnson City, Tennessee. If interested, contact Dr. Sam W. Huddleston who has charge of the course. Registration fee is \$50.00. The course is limited to 200.

ATTENTION JUNIORS

Since our publication for Junior Ski Patrolmen, the Junior Jangles, goes only to Patrol Leaders at present, we will try to provide news for you through our Divisional publication. Although I intend to visit and discuss the items mentioned below with Junior Ski Patrolmen and their Patrol Leaders, you should know about them right away.

If any of you have served as Junior Ski Patrolmen and are going away to college in another division, and if you wish to patrol near your school, please get a recommendation from your Patrol Leader and send it to me. (Forms will be provided at a later date for Patrol Leaders to do this.) Be sure and give your college address, and I will forward the recommendation to the Junior Advisor in the division in which your school is located.

Over next Easter holidays, our first National Junior Jamboree will take place at Bridger Bowl, near Bozeman, Montana. This will be something well worth attending for four of our best-qualified Junior Ski Patrolmen. Complete details will be given to your Patrol Leader in a forthcoming POB. Costs will be about \$30.00 plus transportation, the major expense. In the meantime, be saving your pennies; we want the Southern Division to be well represented.

Finally, if any Junior Ski Patrolman or Patrol Leader has questions about these or other matters, don't hesitate to call or drop me a line. That's what I'm here for.

Cloyd Beasley, Jr.

COMMENTS FROM YOUR EDITOR

Hopefully many of you will send me items of interest that others may know what and how you are doing. Our Division covers a large area and this is a good way to "keep in touch". We plan to have future issues printed and to use pictures (perhaps the next issue). Deadlines will be the 1st of the following months: December, January, February and March. If an issue will be printed during the summer, it will be announced in the March issue. Please send me your new address if this had to be forwarded to you or if you will be moving shortly. We plan to send future issues as bulk mail and they will not be forwarded. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you! Meanwhile - THINK SNOW ! ! ! !

"Bobbie" Rupp

Southern Division Calendar & Staff Directory

Please refer to the **Division Website** for updated schedules!
www.southernmsp.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.
