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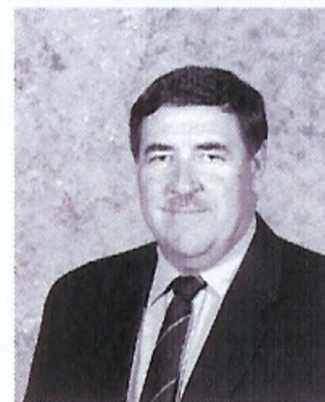
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Fall 2008

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Jim Woodrum, Central Division Director

## **CENTRAL DIVISION DIRECTOR'S NOTES:**

As a group of us rode our motorcycles for 12 hours through the driving rain of Hurricane Gustav on our way to Milwaukee, I couldn't help but think about the reasons I'm in this great organization. Perhaps when we all get started many believe it is because it is free skiing. After that initial shock of paying for the books, buying our first pack and its supplies, upgrading our skis to fit today's techniques, purchasing our parka, etc. it begins to dawn on us that there isn't much free in all of this. Then we evolve to our purpose: to serve the skiing public. As we begin to internalize this we also develop close relationships with other patrollers and as time goes on they become some of our closest friends. As is the case with the folks that all met to ride 500 miles through the driving rain to get to yet another ski patrol meeting. It is now an important part of my life, serve our skiing public and be with others that have a similar purpose. Come high water, driving blizzards, freezing temperatures, or whatever the elements will be to support one another when we do our thing. The main purpose of our fall meeting is to deal with the business at hand and most importantly, honor those that have given so much of themselves to serve our skiing public.

We were blessed with having all the recipients of our National Outstanding's and First Runner Ups attend the Awards Banquet. To be able to read some of their contributions were truly an honor and thank them personally was a blessing. If we all could contribute to the level that these individuals have we would have an organization that would be honored beyond belief. Please review some of the pictures within the RPN to see those that were so honored. Thank you for being at the meetings and banquet and let the rest of us share in what you have personally contributed to the organization and the public.

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As we move into the heavy refresher schedule and thinking about first snow or first runs, please think about how you may contribute to similar levels we have witnessed by this year's list of outstanding award winners. If we spend our time trying to serve the public the best we can and worry or complain less about what isn't working, our contributions will be more worthwhile and self fulfilling. For those around us that have the opportunity to develop and

write up awards, please don't wait until the end of the season to begin the process. Many instructors have already been working hard to help new candidates join our team and refresh the rest of us with their OEC training/skills. Now is a great time to start the recognition process. Please take the time to thank those that continue to contribute to our success, OEC instructors, S&T trainers, PD/PR's, whoever is going out of their way to help you be all you can be.

The last couple of years I've had the opportunity to spend time at many resorts around the Division. This year will be no different as I make my way to many resorts. I want to spend time talking with Area managers/Owners and with you, the member. It clearly helps me understand the needs of the industry and the member as I represent what is important to us in the Central US! Thank you for allowing me to serve you!

### Kasten's Korner



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# Certified Program Enjoys Great '08 Looks to '09

By: Mike Longfellow-Jones, Division Certified Supervisor

The 2007-08 ski season began with 60 staff members and 13 candidates participating in the Certified program. Through the application and qualification process we accepted three new candidates into the program representing three Regions of the Central Division. New Certified program Candidates are Catalin Barbu – Mt. Holly Ski Area Eastern Michigan Region, Jim Markey – Nubs Nob Ski Area Northern Michigan Region, and William Capre - Wilmot Mountain Ski Area Southern Region. This year's Certified Evaluation was hosted by Marquette Mountain Ski Area where the snow and hill were in great shape for our event.

where we honored candidates who successfully completed individual components as well as all who helped and participated. The evening was highlighted as we recognized three patrollers who successfully completed their Certified Program requirements. We are proud to welcome Rick King #691 of Perfect North Slopes, Eric Massanyi #692 of Boston Mills, and Jonathon French #693 also of Perfect North Slopes as new Certified staff members. Thanks to all who participated for your support, your friendship, and your very important contributions to the NSP and the Certified Program.

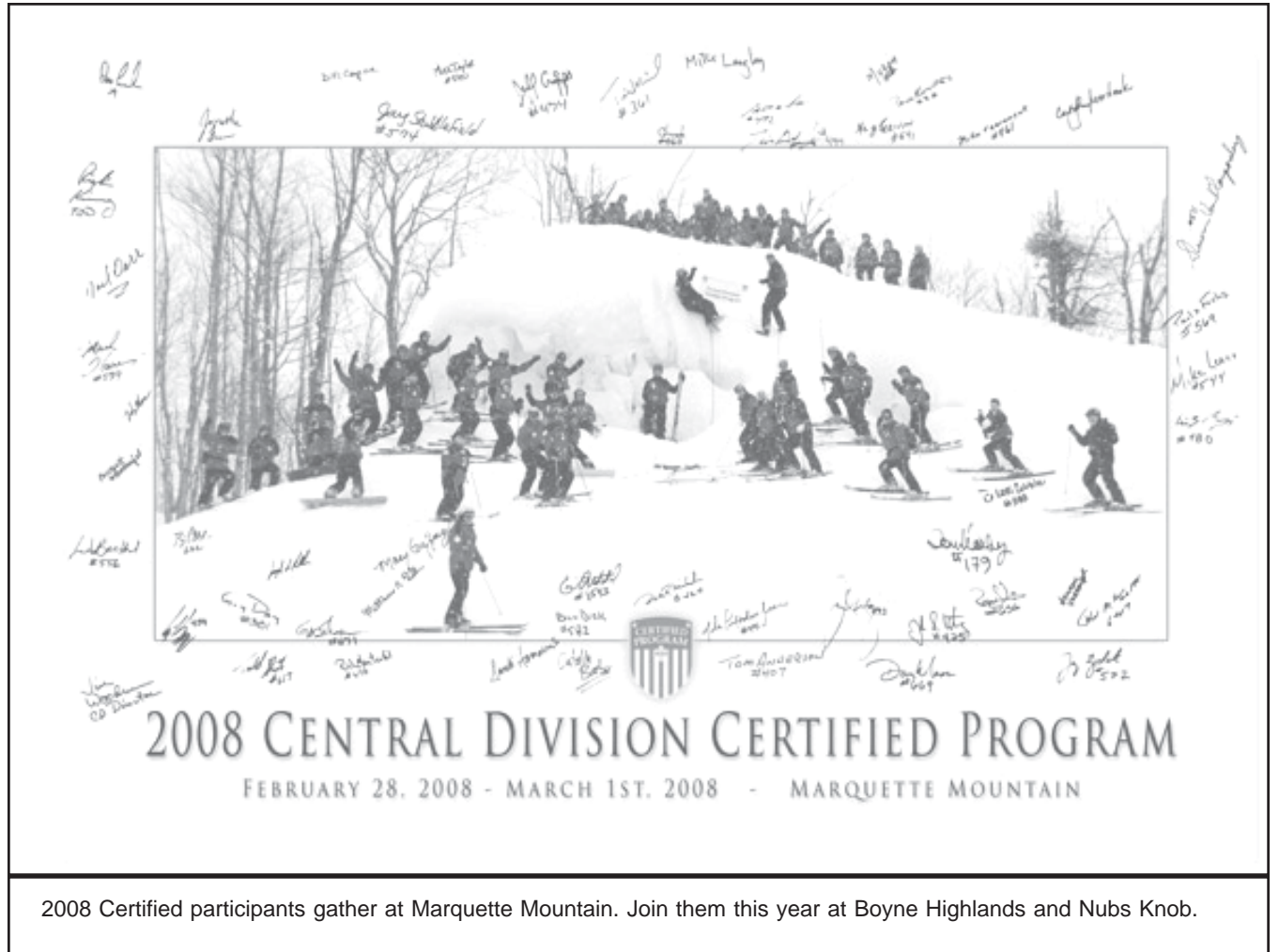
Check the RPN and Central Web site calendars for Certified Qualification and re-certification clinic dates and events. The 2009 Certified evaluation is

scheduled to take place as a joint venue between Boyne Highlands and Nubs Nob on February 26 through 28, 2009. I hope you will mark your calendar and plan to come and see what a great team of patrollers we have in the program and to share in on the camaraderie.

The Certified Program is a National skills development and verification program that provides a readily identifiable resource of highly motivated, skilled, and knowledgeable patrollers to better serve the NSP, ski area management and the outdoor recreation community. If you have any interest in finding out about Certified visit: <http://www.nationalskipatrol.org/certified/>

For our 26<sup>th</sup> evaluation and annual meeting we recorded an attendance of 44 staff members, 14 candidates, and approximately 30 supporters all who contributed to the evaluation. The three day evaluation resulted in thirty three individual program components being successfully completed by the candidates. On Friday evening, we held our annual business meeting and pizza party at the U.S. National Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame in Ishpeming, Michigan. At the Ski Hall, we were honored to be welcomed by Mr. Tom West, President of the Ski Hall. In addition, Mr. Walter Cook, a member of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division was introduced and he relayed some of his past experiences and history associated with that military team. While at the Ski Hall, staff and guests were able to walk about the wonderful displays and history spread throughout the facility.

On Saturday evening we held our annual celebratory banquet at a local Marquette Cajun restaurant



2008 Certified participants gather at Marquette Mountain. Join them this year at Boyne Highlands and Nubs Knob.

# Alumni Program Alive and Well and Wants You



By: Carrington Beach Day, Division Alumni Supervisor

The Alumni classification is alive and doing well. We have a need for those experienced patrollers who have given their time and commitment but feel that they may have outlived their skiing or tobogganing skills. The Alumni classification is a great opportunity for you to still help with OEC (providing your refresher and cards are up to date) training and testing. In addition if your local area permits you may be very useful doing patrol room coverages. You will also retain those great relationships that you have had while patrolling.

Don't forget that the Central Division and the National Office have waived any dues for those patrollers who have 50 years of service in the system.

Please feel free to contact me, your region advisor, or your patrol representative if you would like more information on our Alumni program.

Join NSP Alumni today. You are almost guaranteed to be shown more respect than our program's esteemed Supervisor Carrington Beach Day garners. There is no guarantee that your name will show up on a sign however.



# Enough is Enough: Sexual Harassment and NSP

By: Jim Woodrum, Central Division Director and Linda Murphy Jacobs, Assistant Division Director

It is a subject that most of us really would like to avoid talking about. Yes, there are significant laws about the subject that apply in the work place. What about in the ski patrol? The answer is: "yes". But let's not talk about it from a legal/law stand point. Let's talk about it from a perspective of a male and female. To help me with this I asked Linda Murphy-Jacobs to help me with the female perspective.

To begin, we are inundated with sexuality everywhere we turn, on TV, the internet, in the grocery stores on magazines, the tabloids and marketing techniques for products. So, where do we draw the line in what is considered sexual harassment in ski patrolling? To help understand we must first define what sexual harassment is and is not. For example, two patrollers riding up a chair enjoying each other's company and they decide to go out and have dinner together after shift may not be considered harassment. But change that a little where one says no and the other insists could easily be considered harassment.

Here is the definition of **Sexual harassment**: It is an unwelcome attention of a sexual nature and is a form of legal and social harassment. It includes a range of behavior from seemingly mild transgressions and annoyances to actual sexual abuse or sexual assault. Sexual harassment is a form of abuse (sexual and psychological) and bullying.

So, I'm sitting around the lunch table with a bunch of male patrollers and comments start getting made about the features of some attractive looking female customers. Is that harassment? Some may say NO because it wasn't made directly to the customer? Well, let's say that one of those is your 18 year old daughter and a couple of her friends. Now does that touch a nerve in you as it might be considered harassment, even though the comments were not made directly to your daughter? It would certainly in me. So, where do we draw the line? In this case, if it's not your daughter, does it constitute harassment? I hope you see that it still is. If the comments are inappropriate then the males in the group need to step up and ask that the comments be stopped.

In another example a number of male patrollers are talking about a female patroller in an inappropriate sexual way. Even if she doesn't hear the comments it is unacceptable behavior that is not normally wanted or desired.

Sexual harassment can occur in a variety of circumstances. Often, but not always, the harasser is in a position of power or authority over the victim (due to differences in age, or social, political, educational, employment relationships or in patrolling Instructor/Candidate, Instructor/Patroller). Forms of harassment relationships include:

- The harasser can be anyone, such as a client, a co-worker, a teacher or professor, a student, a friend, or a stranger.
- The victim does not have to be the person directly harassed but can be anyone who finds the behavior offensive and is affected by it.
- While adverse effects on the victim are common, this does not have to be the case for the behavior to be unlawful.
- The victim can be male or female. The harasser can be male or female.
- The harasser does not have to be of the opposite sex.
- The harasser may be completely unaware that his or her behavior is offensive or constitutes sexual harassment or may be com-

pletely unaware that his or her actions could be unlawful.

One of the difficulties in understanding sexual harassment is that it involves a range of behavior, and is often difficult for the recipient to describe to themselves, and to others, exactly what they are experiencing. Moreover, behavior and motives vary between individual harassers. In addition to that, sensitivities to comments range from individual to individual and not all men or women take offense to the same degree.

There are many types of harassment from the power position where sexual favors may be requested. This typically happens where the harasser is in a leadership role and tries to take advantage of the victim. Most likely the type of harassment we might see in a patrolling situation is that of **One-of-the-Gang**. This offender is often motivated by bravado or competition, or because the harasser(s) think it is funny. One-of-the-gang harassment occurs when groups of men or women embarrass others with lewd comments, physical evaluations, or other unwanted sexual attention. Harassers may act individually in order to belong or impress the others, or groups may gang up on a particular target. There are many other types of harassment and frankly it all comes down to a lack of respect.

Retaliation and backlash against a victim are very common, particularly for a complainant. Victims who speak out against sexual harassment are often labeled troublemakers who are on their own power trips, or who are looking for attention. Similar to cases of rape or sexual assault, the victim often becomes the accused, with their appearance, private life, and character likely to fall under intrusive scrutiny and attack. They risk hostility and isolation from others, colleagues, people in leadership roles, instructors, fellow patrollers, and even friends. Many harassment victims may choose to put up with the offending behavior rather than risk being ostracized from the group. If, as a candidate or student, you find a situation unacceptable there are steps you must follow to remediate the situation. You should make your displeasure clearly known. Tell the offending person that you find his/her behavior not acceptable and unwelcome. Be specific. Identify the behavior you don't want to happen. If you don't get the results that you seek or if the behavior persists then you need to discuss the issues with the next person up the line (lead instructor, I.T., patrol rep, etc).

Effects of sexual harassment can vary depending on the individual, and the severity and duration of the harassment. Often, sexual harassment incidents fall into the category of the "merely annoying." However, many situations can, and do, have life-altering effects particularly when they involve severe/chronic abuses, and/or retaliation against a victim who does not submit to the harassment, or who complains about it openly.

Common effects of sexual harassment:

- Increased absenteeism
- Loss of enjoyment of patrolling
- Having to drop out of OEC classes, S&T training, enrollment of NSP courses
- Having one's personal life offered up for public scrutiny — the victim becomes the "accused," and his or her dress, lifestyle, and private life will often come under attack. (Note: this rarely occurs for the perpetrator.)
- Being objectified and humiliated by scrutiny and gossip
- Becoming publicly sexualized (i.e. groups of people "evaluate" the victim to establish if he or she is "worth" the sexual

attention or the risk to the harasser's position)

- Defamation of character and reputation
- Loss of trust in environments similar to where the harassment occurred
- Loss of trust in the types of people that occupy similar positions as the harasser or his or her colleagues
- Extreme stress upon relationships with significant others, sometimes resulting in divorce; extreme stress on peer relationships, or relationships with patrollers
- Weakening of support network, or being ostracized from social circles (friends, colleagues, or family may distance themselves from the victim, or shun him or her altogether)
- Having to relocate to another city, another patrol
- Loss of references/recommendations

Some of the psychological and health effects that can occur in someone who has been sexually harassed: anxiety, sleeplessness, shame and guilt, difficulty concentrating, headaches, stomach problems (weight loss or gain), alcoholism, feeling betrayed and/or violated, feeling angry or violent towards the perpetrator, feeling powerless or out of control, increased blood pressure, loss of confidence and self esteem, withdrawal and isolation, overall loss of trust in fellow patrollers/people.

**Effects of sexual harassment on organizations**

- Increased team/shift conflict
- Decrease in success at meeting goals (because of team conflict)
- Decreased patrolling satisfaction
- Loss of staff and expertise from resignations to avoid harassment or resignations/firings of alleged harassers; loss of patrollers who leave to avoid harassment
- Increased absenteeism by patrollers experiencing harassment
- The knowledge that harassment is permitted can undermine ethical standards and discipline in the organization in general, as patrollers lose respect for, and trust in, their seniors who indulge in, or turn a blind eye to, sexual harassment
- If the problem is ignored, a patrol's image can suffer
- Legal costs if the problem is ignored and complainants take the issue to court

After doing this research a short story was shared with me that clearly fits with what I believe is appropriate for all of us to think about:

A husband and wife are sitting at the dinner table eating in their apartment. All of a sudden they can hear coming from the apartment next to them crashing, screaming, crying and yelling. Obviously the male is assaulting a female. So the husband picks up a baseball bat and walks next door and beats on the apartment door. As the door opens and the male comes to the door with the female in a head lock the husband hands him the baseball bat.

The moral of this sad story is that if we male patrollers sit around and let harassment continue and don't step in to put a stop to it, we may as well hand the

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# NSP Job Opportunity- Wanted: Toboggan Instructors, some experience required

By: Tom Worley, Division Toboggan Supervisor

Are you the outdoor type that really enjoys working with others and helping them acquire skills? Do you find handling a toboggan exciting and sometimes even fun? Would you like to put these characteristics into action to help the Central Division? If you answered yes to these questions, you may have the credentials to become a Central Division Toboggan Instructor. The job has exceptional compensation and provides "exceptional income" for anyone who is willing to make the sacrifice. See below for details.

We are **always** looking for good, new instructors to take over the jobs vacated by previous instructors. Each year the Central Division needs to replace a small portion of its toboggan instructor group. If you are interested in taking on this chal-

lenging job, contact your Patrol Representative and he can put you in touch with your Regional Toboggan/Transportation Supervisor for more details. The Toboggan Instructor job can be incredibly time consuming but always fulfilling. Every patrol needs several good Toboggan Instructors. If you don't see toboggan instruction taking place at your area, chances are more instructors are needed.

If you are currently a toboggan instructor and are actively training others every week, you are doing the job. If you are one of our instructor cadre that hasn't been actively training but you want to sustain the job of toboggan trainer you need to get active in your area's toboggan training. The toboggan instructor's role is to train others in toboggan handling. It is a job, not an award or office.

Lets get back to the compensation and income mentioned in the first paragraph. What value do you put on helping a friend or associate pass the Senior test? What kind of benefit do you get by helping a former Auxiliary learn sufficient toboggan handling skills to become a Basic Patroller?

The compensation is an incredible feeling of worth. The income is not measured in dollars and cents but more by the psychic income one receives by knowing that your training allows others to help make every skier's experience safer and more enjoyable. No, you won't experience any financial gain, unfortunately, perhaps the contrary. However, you will know in your heart that your efforts have made a difference. You teach everyday people to become ski patrollers. That's something that should make you very proud.

## 2008-2009 NSP-C Ski & Board School Membership Application



\_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Membership \_\_\_\_\_ New Member Applicant

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Pager) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your current disciplines: \_\_\_\_\_ Snowboard \_\_\_\_\_ Nordic Downhill \_\_\_\_\_ Alpine

Level of PSIA/AASI Certification: \_\_\_\_\_ Snowboard \_\_\_\_\_ Nordic Downhill \_\_\_\_\_ Alpine

Are you currently a Senior Skiing/ Snowboard/ Nordic Examiner in your Region at this time: YES NO

Are you currently a Toboggan Evaluator at Senior Exams in your Region at this time: YES NO

PSIA /AASI Membership #: Division: \_\_\_\_\_ National: \_\_\_\_\_

\*A copy of your current membership card & check must be enclosed with application.

\*In the event that you upgrade your certification status during the ski season, a new copy of your card must be submitted as soon as possible.

If you are currently Certified Level 1, 2, or 3 Enclose a check for \$60.00 Non Certified members enclose a check for \$70.00 made out to the NSP-C Ski School. Postmarked on or prior to Dec 1, 2008.

Late fee of \$10 will be charged to members if application is not submitted prior to Dec 1, 2008.

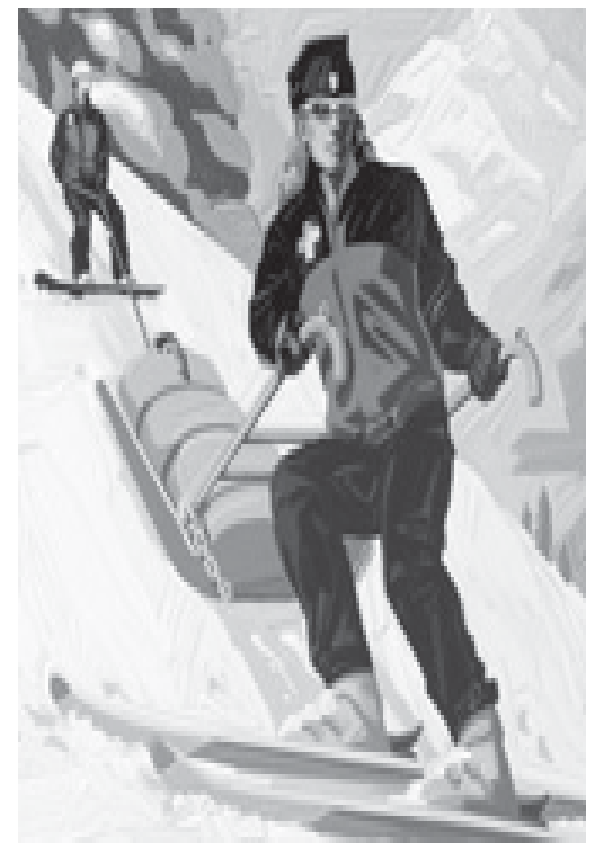
We want to know what your personal goals and objectives are for the coming season.

- \_\_\_\_\_ To obtain a Certification Level or Increase to the next Certification Level
- \_\_\_\_\_ To increase Depth of my disciplines knowledge
- \_\_\_\_\_ To Instruct Senior Candidates this Season
- \_\_\_\_\_ To Evaluate Senior Skiing or Boarding Candidates
- \_\_\_\_\_ To Instruct Basic Candidates and other fellow patrollers

What means of support would you like from your NSP-C Ski & Board School

- \_\_\_\_\_ Suggested Reading Material
- \_\_\_\_\_ Suggested Video Programs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Group Clinics at Region Level (Ski & Board Enhancement Seminars)
- \_\_\_\_\_ One on one lesson
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit application w/payment to:** NSP-C Ski School  
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1822 Weymouth Drive Phone: (330)-650-2858  
Hudson, Ohio 44236 Email: jay@bugbusterinc.com



## Join the Few, the Proud and Instruct Toboggan!

## Harassment

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baseball bat over and let the others continue. Enough is enough and it is time that we stand up and stop sexual harassment. If we don't do that the behavior will continue and we are just as responsible if we don't draw a line in the sand and put a stop to it. It is up to you!

From a leadership standpoint it is a difficult issue to deal with. Nobody wins and many people lose. I hope from the notes above you have a better understanding about sexual harassment and when you observe it or hear it you step in and request that it stop. We want patrolling to be a growthful experience and free from the issues that inadvertently stand in the way of all patrollers becoming all they can be.

# Join For Your Own Reasons

By: Rose DeJarnette, Division Auxiliary Supervisor

People join volunteer organizations for an endless number of reasons. Ski patrol is no different. We all patrol for a reason. As an organization we are trying to understand the reasons people volunteer in order to attract and retain them as valuable members of the organization. Consider the following list of reasons you may have joined the NSP:

- fun!
- desire to learn something new or be challenged
- to share a skill or donate your professional skills
- gain satisfaction from accomplishment
- to get to know a community
- to feel good about self
- to be part of a team
- to feel needed
- to gain leadership skills
- to do your civic duty
- because of pressure from a friend or relative
- to keep busy or for an escape
- to feel proud
- to make new friends
- to help someone
- as therapy for your body or mind
- to explore a career
- to do something different from your job

## Patroller 101

By: Jeannie Mogan, Division Patroller 101 Supervisor

Planning for the 2008-2009 winter season is well underway! As your candidates make the transition from their OEC training to their hill training, be sure to register a Patroller 101 course.

It's important for new patrollers to be versed in more areas than OEC and toboggan handling. As we look to the next generation of patrollers to take charge, we will want them to be knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the organization to which we all belong. In the summer issue of the RPN, Jim Woodrum reported that patrollers generally "... are not well informed about what happens at National." Knowledge and understanding often leads to involvement. It is up to us to provide opportunities for new patrollers to gain information about the National Ski Patrol and ways to get involved in the organization.

Patroller 101 is one way to accomplish this goal. This course will give new patrollers background in ski area management, the National Ski Patrol, rope and belay skills, guest services, risk management, and adapting to the outdoor environment.

Some Patroller 101 activities that target knowledge of the NSP are:

- Take the NSP Patroller's Manual exam
- Find and bookmark your Patrol, Region, Division, and National websites
- List your PR, RD, DD
- Read the latest issue of your region newsletter or the RPN and discuss a current topic

You can find directions for the Patroller 101 program, the Patroller 101 manual, and a sample check list for Patroller 101 on the new and improved Central Division web site! Visit [www.nspcentral.org](http://www.nspcentral.org) and look under "members" then "programs".

Introduction to Patrolling is a great way to introduce your new patrollers to the core aspects of patrolling!

Questions/comments – Email Jeannine Mogan [jmogan@threeriversparkdistrict.org](mailto:jmogan@threeriversparkdistrict.org)

- because of past personal experiences
- to keep your skills alive
- to have an excuse to do what you love
- to ski/ride
- did I mention just for fun!

Many of you will have reasons not on this list. As you enter this new ski season, take the time to reflect on your own personal reasons for volunteering. Are you fulfilling your personal goals? Our organization offers a wide variety of activities and opportunities to help you meet your personal goals. Volunteering should not involve just giving to the organization. The relationship should be of a synergistic nature with many opportunities for the volunteer to meet personal needs and expectations.

NSP and Central Division are working hard to provide every patroller, no matter what the skill classification an opportunity to meet personal goals and be recognized for contributions. Change is in the air. If you are an Auxiliary or Alpine Patroller interested in dual registration, take advantage of the Senior Auxiliary Program. Currently we have three Central Division Region Auxiliary Advisors; Allen Burd of Northern Michigan, Nannette Patnaude of Southern, and Phyllis Mauntel from the Ohio Region. If your region does not have an advisor you can contact your Region Director for further information.

Fulfill your personal goals with programs and leadership opportunities offered by our organization. Visit our web site [Http://www.nspcentral.org/Auxiliary/auxiliary.htm](http://www.nspcentral.org/Auxiliary/auxiliary.htm) for more information on the Auxiliary Program. If you are an Auxiliary Patroller take the web survey. Stand up and be counted!

## ID Phases Evolved in 2000

By: Virginia Rodeman, Division Instructor Development Supervisor

Someone recently stated, "Whatever happened to Phase I and Phase II? I do not know what to do to become an instructor." The simple answer is they changed. In early 2000 Phase I became Instructor Development which is still taught by and Instructor Development Instructor (IDI). It includes much of the same work that Phase I included. The objective is the same, to introduce a patroller to the "what" and "how" of teaching NSP courses. By the end of the class, the perspective instructor is able to write and present a six pack based on something from his/her knowledge of patrolling. He or she then begins the mentoring part formerly Phase II in a NSP discipline. This used to be taught by an IT in different NSP disciplines, but it was not the Instructor Development class.

With the mentoring process, either an instructor or IT can work to mentor an instructor candidate. If

## Paperwork, Where Does it Go?

By: Virginia Rodeman, Division Instructor Development Supervisor

"I didn't get credit for a class; there is no record of my having taken it." What happens to course completion records? If you have been an Instructor of record (IOR) for a NSP class, you know it is important to send the course completion records to National, but where else do they go? One set of course records should go to the Division Supervisor for your discipline, examples include: toboggan TES records go to Tom Worley, OEC course, SEM, and refresher records to Karen Hadden, Avalanche to Dale Mihuta, Instructor Development to Ginny Rodeman, whatever discipline to the Divi-

## Army of One

By: Don Loerch, Division Skills Development Supervisor

It is that time of year again when each of us is looking forward to the upcoming season with great anticipation. As we make the usual preparations and have our boards tuned, new boots fitted or even attend your fall refresher, let's not forget that one of the most important investments we can make this new season is **skills development**. We in the National Ski Patrol and in particular, the Central Division, hold ourselves to a very high standard. As you look forward to activities on the snow please consider our individual and collective obligation to set goals for improving our on the job performance.

The Division Skills Development team and your local Region staff are at your service. Each and every season an abundance of on hill programs are offered to our members. So, as you take stock of your bag of tools and particular interests, please plan on participating in one of our programs. Be it an **SES** (Ski Enhancement Seminar), **STW** (Ski Trainers Workshop), **TES** (Toboggan Enhancement Seminar) or perhaps a **Senior program** offering, we guarantee a mile of smiles while you enhance your on hill performance. Not only will you benefit as an individual but, our organization will improve as a whole.

We look forward to seeing all of you on the snow!

you are working on OEC, an OEC instructor or OEC-IT will mentor you, or if you want to become a MTR instructor a MTR instructor or MTR-IT can mentor you, the same is true in each discipline. The mentor's job is to complete the process helping the instructor candidate understand and locate information in the instructor manual, use a sharp eye to evaluate, locate the instructor's web and other internet links which can be used in the discipline, review registering a class and completing paperwork just to name a few—the job is to help that instructor candidate to become the best instructor he or she can be. This process is outlined in the "Guide to Mentoring Instructors." The Guide also includes a check-off of the skills to be completed. After the candidate has observed instructors, planned and taught classes, worked through the process, it is then time to be observed by an IT for the final assessment. The candidate becomes an instructor when the observing IT sends a course completion to the National Office. The Phase II did not really go anywhere; it changed names.

sion Supervisor. One set should be sent to your appropriate Region Administrator and perhaps a Region proficiency advisor and you need to keep one.

On a similar note yearly, the Region Administrators send the region instructor and region IT updated lists to the proper Division Supervisor. When continuing education is completed by instructors of a region, it only goes as far as the region level. When a course completion of continuing education for instructor update, gets sent to National, the results can take months to straighten out. The proper paperwork sent to the proper person helps to make everyone's life so much easier!

# OEC Connection - Central Division Fall 2008

By: Karen Hadden, Division OEC Supervisor

As promised, here is our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter OEC Update. On August 27, Ed McNamara, National OEC Program Director, appointed, Deb Endly (Central Division Lead OEC Supervisor) as the new Assistant National OEC Program Director. CONGRATULATIONS Deb. We are all proud of you and wish you the best. Karen Hadden (Central Division Assistant OEC Supervisor) will step into Deb's role as the Lead OEC Supervisor. Deb has left some big shoes to fill and I will give it my best. Deb will be doing double duty until a new OEC Assistant Supervisor is named. Let's all give her our total support.

## Central Division Meeting Milwaukee, Wisconsin Sept. 5-7, 2008

- South Central put on an outstanding Meeting. Deb and I were able to spend Saturday afternoon with many OEC IT's. We also had time on Sunday morning for coffee and a lot OEC Q & A.
- Michael Millian, MD, National Medical Advisor gave us a preview of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition and spent Saturday afternoon fielding many questions.
- Saturday morning we listened to great presentations on: Electronic Registration, Recruiting and Retention, Risk Management and Accident forms, the new Central Division Web site, Emergency Response, and Where the Central Division is going.

- Keep checking the Central Division Web site. Many of the presentations will be posted for your review.
- Mark your calendars for the 2009 Division Meeting the first weekend of Sept... it will be held on Mackinac Island. What a great place to have a meeting!

## Refresher Reminders:

- All patrollers who wish to remain active and those who will be going inactive must complete a full refresher.
- OEC Instructors teaching at a refresher must complete the full refresher at their instructor refresher. If they complete part of the refresher, they have the option of completing the missing elements at the refresher and teaching part of the day.
- There are many dates for completing refreshers in the Central Division. There is only **one** option to completing a refresher and that is doing a refresher. Taking or helping at an SEM, taking a Basic Final, (other than challenging the final plus pay the fee), or teaching OEC Classes does not count as completing a refresher.
- All refreshers must be registered and QA'd by OEC IT. This also applies to 'make up refreshers'. OEC IT's need to be in contact with the IOR to assist them and 'iron out' any concerns before the instructor refresher.

## The OEC Paper Trail:

- All completion records for class, refreshers, and enhancement seminars are due to the National office two weeks after the end of the class. All forms are available on the National web site. If you have problems downloading any needed forms, please do not hesitate to contact your IT, IOR, ROA, Deb or me. Soon, a new course completion record will be posted to the National web site. You will notice you will have a line to enter the name of the IT who Qad your course, other than that, the form looks very similar to the one you use now.
- Any questions always feel free to ask your IT, IOR, ROA then your Division OEC Supervisor. We ask you limit calls to National as your first stop. Most of the time we will be able to answer your question and we can give National the time they need to devote to National issues.
- The first week of December we will be attending a conference with other Division Supervisors, so hopefully we will have a lot of updates in our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter OEC CONNECTION CENTRAL

**THANKS OF ALL YOU DO AND GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR REFRESHERS AND CLASSES.** We hope you have enjoyed our second **OEC CONNECTION CENTRAL** update. Feel free to contact Deb (ezcompany2@msn.com) and/or Karen (karenhadden@mei.net) with questions/concerns.

## Region Reports

### Northern Michigan

By: Bob Lechtanski, Northern Michigan Region Director

It has been a while since the Central Division Meeting in Milwaukee and I am still excited about all of the National awards that the Members of this Division won. Congratulations to all of the awards winners, you will see the names of the winners listed in this copy of the RPN! I would like to add congratulations and a job well done to the South Central Region for putting on one great meeting and awards party.

Included in the list of award winners is the Mt. Holiday Ski Patrol from Traverse City, Michigan who was chosen the 2007/2008 National Outstanding Small Patrol. This patrol takes great pleasure in training new patrollers and sharing them with the other patrols in the Central Division. During my visits to the Mt. Holiday Ski Area I am always impressed by their total dedication to the skiing public, area management and how they make everyone feel like family. Great Job Mt. Holiday Patroller your award is well deserved.

At the Milwaukee meeting I had the pleasure of announcing that next years Central Division Fall Meeting will be held in the Northern Michigan Region. If you weren't able to attend last weeks meeting, I will tell you now that we are inviting you to come join us at the Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island on September 11-13, 2009. Please check out the meeting announcement in this issue of the RPN. You can also expect to see more information in future issues of the RPN.

Stay safe and see you on the slopes.

### Ohio

By: Bill Currier, Ohio Region Director

GO BUCs!! Well, it's not quite ski season and the Buckeyes need all the help they can get this season.

Seriously, we are already deeply involved with preparations for the upcoming season here in the Ohio Region. The Region organization is once again complete for the start of the season. The latest addition is Orest Melnyk, PNS, as the new Ohio Region Treasurer replacing Bev Benzing who has moved up to Central Division Treasurer. Congratulations to all and good luck in your new roles. We held the fourth annual Patrol Representatives Conference on August 7. Again, the event was a huge success in bringing together both new and continuing Patrol Representatives and Region Staff for a day of focused conversations on topics of current interest to the PD's/PR's and social activities in an informal setting. This conference has proven to be a great venue for sharing ideas and concerns among the PD's/PR's and for generating action items to resolve issues. I would encourage other Regions to consider holding such an event.

Twelve Ohio Region Patrollers attended the Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet in Milwaukee on Sept. 5-7. Some of our 'biker dudes and dudettes' set out on the journey to Milwaukee on Thursday with hopes of taking the ferry across Lake Michigan. Unfortunately the ferry was not running due to bad weather, so the convoy was forced to undertake the 'ride from Hell' around the tip of the lake on I-80/94 in one of the season's heaviest rainstorms. Needless to say they were not 'happy bikers' upon arrival in Milwaukee. However, they met the challenge in true patroller fashion and in shape to participate in the Harley Ride on Friday.

The Ohio Region Fall Meeting is being held on Sunday, Sept. 21. We will be reviewing plans for the upcoming season including refreshers, open houses / ski swaps, OEC classes, on-hill training

and our SEM in early December. We are also planning to hold an Awards and a Treasurer's workshop that will be designed to help patrol staff in each of those respective areas better fulfill their roles. We are committing a large number of resources to our ski/board and toboggan training events in the upcoming season with the goal of enhancing our patroller's skills and image in the eyes of area management and the customers who visit them. See the Ohio Region calendar on the Division web site for details.

We are looking forward to a great 2008/2009 season and hope to see many Central Division patrollers at the various events that we have planned. Have a safe and successful 2008 / 2009 season.

### Western

By: John Thomas, Western Region Director

Greetings from the Western Region, Wow, it seems as though I was just putting my skis away for the summer and putting new fishing lines on my fishing reels a month ago. How time flies. The Western Region is in full swing of the OEC refresher season and the planning for the Region events is happening. The Western Region Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet was a great success with as far as I can remember a record number of members in attendance. Thanks to the Welch Village Ski Patrol for putting on a great meeting. I'm looking forward to the Division STW that will be held in the Western Region. It should be a great learning and sharing experience. As you prepare for the 2008-2009 season, challenge yourself to improve one or more skills related to ski patrolling.

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# Central Division Awards 2007 - 2008

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol Name
Steve Konkel	Outstanding Nordic Patrol Representative	North Central Region	Nine Mile Nordic
Mary Gaffney	Outstanding Administrative Patroller	Eastern Michigan Region	Mt Holly
Timber Ridge Ski Patrol	Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol	Western Michigan Region	Timber Ridge Ski Patrol
Greg Kerwin	Outstanding OEC Instructor	North Central Region	Marquette Mountain
John Keating	Outstanding Non-OEC Discipline Instructor	North Central Region	Marquette Mountain
Pam King	Outstanding Alpine Patrol Representative	Eastern Michigan Region	Pine Knob
Blue Mound Nordic	Outstanding Nordic Ski Patrol	South Central Region	Blue Mound Nordic
Joseph Bickerstaff	Outstanding Young Adult Patroller	Eastern Michigan Region	Mt. Brighton
Lynnann Hunt	Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller	Eastern Michigan Region	Mt. Holly
Mt Holiday Ski Patrol	Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol	Northern Michigan Region	Mt Holiday Ski Patrol

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol Name
Mt Holly	Central Division Outstanding 1st Runner Up	Eastern Michigan Region	Mt Holly
Steve Werner	Central Division Outstanding 1st Runner Up	Eastern Michigan Region	Pine Knob
Tom Ciranna	Central Division Outstanding 1st Runner Up	Ohio Region	Boston Mills / Brandywine
Phyllis Mauntel	Central Division Outstanding 1st Runner Up	Ohio Region	Perfect North
Laura McCabe	Central Division Outstanding 1st Runner Up	Ohio Region	Mad River Mt
Pat McCabe	Central Division Outstanding 1st Runner Up	Ohio Region	Mad River Mt
Cindy Soter	Central Division Outstanding 1st Runner Up	Ohio Region	Mad River Mt
Jim Vickroy	Central Division Outstanding 1st Runner Up	Ohio Region	Mad River Mt
Heiliger Hugel	Central Division Outstanding 1st Runner Up	South Central Region	Heiliger Hugel

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol Name
Jay Zedak	Central Division Outstanding Supervisor	Ohio Region	Boston Mills / Brandywine
Lori Cobble	Central Division Outstanding Instructor Trainer	Southern Region	Wilmot

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol Name
Ty Damon	Central Division Program Award	Eastern Michigan Region	Pine Knob
John Keating	Central Division Program Award	North Central Region	Marquette Mt
Guy Day	Central Division Program Award	Ohio Region	Boston Mills / Brandywine
Darcy Hanley	Central Division Program Award	Ohio Region	Perfect North
Phyllis Mauntel	Central Division Program Award	Ohio Region	Perfect North
Neil Olson	Central Division Program Award	South Central Region	Alumni
Tony Ortega	Central Division Program Award	South Central Region	Alpine Valley West
Lori Cobble	Central Division Program Award	Southern Region	Wilmot
Noel Derr	Central Division Program Award	Southern Region	Snow Creek
Bill Dick	Central Division Program Award	Southern Region	Grand Geneva
Nancy Fudali	Central Division Program Award	Southern Region	Grand Geneva
Ken Meldahl	Central Division Program Award	Southern Region	Wilmot
Jeff Schmidt	Central Division Program Award	Southern Region	Glacial Park
Bob Iverson	Central Division Program Award	Southern Region	Viking Nordic
Britt Gustafson	Central Division Program Award	Western Region	Timber Ridge

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol Name
Linda Barthel	Division Director Award	Eastern Michigan Region	Brighton
Mary Green	Division Director Award	Ohio Region	Perfect North
Chris Raudabaugh	Division Director Award	Ohio Region	Mad River Mt
Deb Endly	Division Director Award	Western Region	Hyland

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol Name
Jim DeWeerd	Distinguished Service	North Central Region	Granite Peak
Tom Gilbreath	Distinguished Service	North Central Region	Granite Peak
Larry Murton	Distinguished Service	Northern Michigan Region	Schuss
Ron Frank	Distinguished Service	South Central Region	Cascade
Dennis Kennedy	Distinguished Service	South Central Region	Cascade
Steve Nelson	Distinguished Service	Western Region	Welch Village
Ray Rigles	Distinguished Service	Western Region	Welch Village
Chip Knappen	Distinguished Service	Western Region Michigan	Timber Ridge

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol Name
Julie Knapp	Leadership Commendation Appointment	North Central Region	Granite Peak
Rose DeJarnette	Leadership Commendation Appointment	Ohio Region	Perfect North
Cathy Rausch	Leadership Commendation Appointment	Southern Region	Chestnut

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol Name
Roger Perreault	Meritorious Service	Northern Michigan Region	Nubs Nob
Mary Engstrom	Meritorious Service	Western Region	Giants Ridge
Bonnie Schlank	Meritorious Service	Western Region	Buck Hill

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol Name
Larry Acton	National Appointment	Eastern Michigan Region	Snow Snake
Jan Hanczaryk	National Appointment	Eastern Michigan Region	Mt Holly
Mark Karell	National Appointment	Eastern Michigan Region	Alpine Valley East
Jon O'Dell	National Appointment	Eastern Michigan Region	Mt Holly
Mike Schons	National Appointment	Eastern Michigan Region	Pine Knob
Gary Horwood	National Appointment	North Central Region	Marquette Mt
James Jehn	National Appointment	North Central Region	Granite Peak
Mike Lynch	National Appointment	North Central Region	Marquette Mt

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# Central Division Awards 2007 - 2008

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol Name
Rod Kivell	National Appointment	Northern Michigan Region	Mt Holiday
Darcy Hanley	National Appointment	Ohio Region	Perfect North
Ray Martodam	National Appointment	Ohio Region	Perfect North
Robert Smith	National Appointment	Ohio Region	Perfect North
Mike Cahill	National Appointment	South Central Region	Tyrol Basin
Kevin McQuillan	National Appointment	Southern Region	Four Lakes
Julie Timmons	National Appointment	Southern Region	DesPlaines R Nord
Terrie Brandt	National Appointment	Western Region	Coffee Mill
Peter Wollen	National Appointment	Western Region	Hiawatha Nordic
Tom Fisher	National Appointment	Western Region Michigan	Crystal Mt
Gregg Hoppe	National Appointment	Western Region Michigan	Crystal Mt

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol Name
Steve Albert	Purple Merit Star	Eastern Michigan Region	Pine Knob
Cheryl Nickolaou	Purple Merit Star	Eastern Michigan Region	Pine Knob
Jim Hughes	Purple Merit Star	North Central Region	Indianhead
Richard Lillich	Purple Merit Star	North Central Region	Blackjack
Dave Schaller	Purple Merit Star	Western Region	Welch Village
Jamie Roell	Blue Merit Star	Eastern Michigan Region	Pine Knob
Nancy Trout	Blue Merit Star	Eastern Michigan Region	Pine Knob
Alex Belding	Blue Merit Star	North Central Region	Ripley
Allyson Diola	Blue Merit Star	North Central Region	Ripley
Melanie Johnson	Blue Merit Star	North Central Region	Ripley
Larry Gray	Blue Merit Star	Northern Michigan Region	Schuss
Dusty Kiel	Blue Merit Star	Northern Michigan Region	Schuss
Nathan Williams	Blue Merit Star	Northern Michigan Region	Schuss
Sue Cline	Blue Merit Star	Ohio Region	Snow Trails
Susan Stimpert	Blue Merit Star	Ohio Region	Snow Trails
Bill Dick	Yellow Merit Star	Southern Region	Grand Geneva
Richard Loisel	Yellow Merit Star	Southern Region	Wilmot
Mark Cross	Yellow Merit Star	Western Region	Ski Gull
Mary Sapp	Yellow Merit Star	Western Region	Steeplechase
Sean Fitzgerald	Green Merit Star	Eastern Michigan Region	Pine Knob
Doug Young	Green Merit Star	Eastern Michigan Region	Pine Knob

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol Name
Rich Hansen	Patroller's cross	Eastern Michigan Region	Mt Holly
Steve McLean	Patroller's cross	Eastern Michigan Region	Pine Knob
Ernest Navarro	Patroller's cross	Eastern Michigan Region	Apple Mt
Jane Williford	Patroller's cross	Eastern Michigan Region	Alpine Valley Eas
Carrie Butt	Patroller's cross	North Central Region	Granite Peak
Mike Jones,	Patroller's cross	Northern Michigan Region	Boyne Highlands
Kathy VanKlompsonberg	Patroller's cross	Northern Michigan Region	Boyne Highlands
Ed Humphrey	Patroller's cross	Ohio Region	Perfect North
Matt Silvati,	Patroller's cross	Ohio Region	Perfect North
Rosemary Bengal	Patroller's cross	Western Region	Coffee Mill
Colin Sullivan	Patroller's cross	Western Region	Como

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol Name
Eric Gresock	Critical Care Recognition	Eastern Michigan Region	Mt Brighton
Gerald Haslet	Critical Care Recognition	Eastern Michigan Region	Brighton
Sean Howell	Critical Care Recognition	Eastern Michigan Region	Mt Brighton
Jeff Jurcak	Critical Care Recognition	Eastern Michigan Region	Pine Knob
Bruno Molin	Critical Care Recognition	Eastern Michigan Region	Mt Brighton
Suzu Poniatowski	Critical Care Recognition	Eastern Michigan Region	Pine Knob
Rae Ann Ruddy	Critical Care Recognition	Eastern Michigan Region	Pine Knob
Bob Schwartz	Critical Care Recognition	Eastern Michigan Region	Pine Knob
George Balach	Critical Care Recognition	Western Region	Spirit Mt
Garth Bergman	Critical Care Recognition	Western Region	Welch Village
Michael Bowers	Critical Care Recognition	Western Region	Welch Village
Tony Churchill	Critical Care Recognition	Western Region	Welch Village
Robert Gamble	Critical Care Recognition	Western Region	Spirit Mt
Jim Gearns	Critical Care Recognition	Western Region	Spirit Mt
Bruce Johnson	Critical Care Recognition	Western Region	Spirit Mt
Andrew Lawler	Critical Care Recognition	Western Region	Welch Village
Fred Lust	Critical Care Recognition	Western Region	Welch Village
Erick Nelson	Critical Care Recognition	Western Region	Welch Village
Colin Sullivan	Critical Care Recognition	Western Region	Welch Village
Tom Sullivan,	Critical Care Recognition	Western Region	Spirit Mt
John Thomas	Critical Care Recognition	Western Region	Welch Village

Patroller	Award	Region	Patrol Name
Kathy VanKlompsonberg	Central Certificate of Appreciation	Northern Michigan Region	Boyne Highlands
Brad Bailey	Central Certificate of Appreciation	South Central Region	Little Switzerland
Mike Bernico	Central Certificate of Appreciation	South Central Region	Highlands of Olympia
Cliff Carlson	Central Certificate of Appreciation	South Central Region	Highlands of Olympia
Carolyn Frick	Central Certificate of Appreciation	South Central Region	Sunburst
Bob Guenther	Central Certificate of Appreciation	South Central Region	Little Switzerland
Mike Husar	Central Certificate of Appreciation	South Central Region	Sunburst
Neil Olson	Central Certificate of Appreciation	South Central Region	Alumni
Tony Ortega	Central Certificate of Appreciation	South Central Region	Alpine Valley West
John Powalisz,	Central Certificate of Appreciation	South Central Region	Sunburst
Jim Stein	Central Certificate of Appreciation	South Central Region	Alumni
Tom Wright	Central Certificate of Appreciation	South Central Region	Devils Head

## Bickerstaff Named Nat'l Outstanding Young Adult Patroller



Joseph Bickerstaff was born in 16 years ago and has been a patroller since 2006.

During this time, he has attained patroller status and been actively involved with his patrol for the past two years as its Young Patroller Representative to his patrol Board of Directors.

This past winter, Joseph also volunteered to teach four sections of the Outdoor First Course, put in almost 250 on hill hours and 150 off hill hours and maintain a school grade point average of 3.8.

For the year 2007-2008, the Central Division is proud to honor Joseph as Central Division Outstanding Young Adult Patroller.

In addition, we are also honored to announce that for the 2007-2008 season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Joe as the **National Ski Patrol's Outstanding Young Adult Patroller**. For this outstanding accomplishment, Joe has been awarded with the National Outstanding Trophy and Gold Merit Star.

## Hunt Named National Outstanding Auxiliary



Lynnann Hunt joined the NSP 1n 1972, became a senior Alpine patroller in 1976, and received her National Appointment in 1992.

She is currently an OEC Instructor, Instructor Development Instructor, and OEC IT.

Lynnann has been elected patrol representative of her patrol of 134 patrollers three times including the year her patrol was selected National Outstanding First Runner-Up.

Due to knee replacement surgery, rather than retire she switched status to Senior Auxiliary and still puts in over 400 hours per season providing patrol room care.

For her outstanding accomplishments and dedication, the Central Division is proud to honor Lynnann Hunt as 2007-2008 Central Division Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller

Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are further pleased to announce that the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Lynn as the 2007-2008 **National Ski Patrol's Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller**.

For this outstanding accomplishment, Lynn has been awarded with the National Outstanding Trophy and a Gold Merit Star.

## Zierden Named National Outstanding Alpine Patroller



Vicki Zierden joined the NSP only six years ago, but over the past six years has accomplished more than many patrollers accomplish in a career. She is an OEC Instructor, Instructor Development Instructor, and OEC IT.

Vicki has been a member of the National Committee that develops and writes the Basic OEC Standardized test, has developed and written basic and senior level OEC scenarios to be included in the OEC test bank, and was recognized by the National Ski Patrol with merit stars in 2006 and 2007 for her outstanding service.

The Central Division is proud to recognize Vicki Zierden as the Central Division Outstanding Alpine Patroller for the 2007-2008 season.

We are also honored to announce that for the 2007-2008 season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Vicki as the **National Ski Patrol Outstanding Alpine Patroller**.

For this exceptional accomplishment, Vicki has been awarded with the National Outstanding Trophy and a Gold Merit Star.

## Mt Holiday National Small Alpine Patrol



The Mount Holiday Ski Patrol of 31 members was activated in 1980 to serve a small non-profit com-

munity resort. As such, this patrol has dedicated itself to three goals: 1. serve the winter snow sports public at their resort, 2. help their non-profit organization owners sponsor year round events at their resort in order to keep this community resort functioning, and finally 3. To do what they call "feed" patrollers to the major resorts in their region.

In serving the public, this patrol, actively working with the resort has succeeded in lowering the daily accident rate by 30%. Half of their patrol members have logged over twice their required on hill hours and five of their members pull regular duty shifts at other resorts.

As a patrol working with their community to keep their area open, they provide emergency assistance and other civic involvement at 8 to 10 off-season events annually.

Actively embracing the idea of being a feeder patrol is a novel concept. They are proud that they can transfer approximately 15% of their patrollers to larger patrols each year and this patrol takes pride in being considered by the large patrols in their area as highly motivated, skilled, and a patrol of character.

For this, the Central Division is honored to recognize as 2007-2008 Central Division Outstanding Small Alpine Ski Patrol Mount Holiday Ski Patrol.

We are also very pleased to announce that for the 2007-2008 ski season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Mt Holiday as the **National Ski Patrol Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol** and for their outstanding efforts, they have been awarded the Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol Trophy, a Unit Citation, National Pins for each member of this outstanding patrol and a Yellow Merit Star for Mt Holiday's Patrol Representative Rod Kivell.

## Kerwin National Runner Up OEC Instructor



Greg Kerwin has been active in the NSP since 1991. He became a senior in 1994, a Certified patroller in 2003, and received his National Appointment in 2004.

For over 10 straight years this Greg has been highly involved in local as well as region and division OEC testing, training, and refreshing. For each of the past three years, this patroller has also put in over 200 on hill duty hours.

For his many and continuing contributions to the Central Division and the National Ski Patrol, The Central Division is proud to honor Greg Kerwin as 2007-2008 Central Division Outstanding OEC Instructor.

We are also honored to announce that for the 2007-2008 season, the National judging committee selected Greg as the **National Ski Patrol First Runner-up Outstanding OEC Instructor**.

For those efforts the National Ski Patrol has awarded him a silver merit star.

## Keating National Runner Up Instructor



John Keating has been active in the NSP since 1986, became a senior in 1991, a Certified patroller in 2004, and received his National Appointment in 1995.

John is a Division Toboggan Instructor, Toboggan IT, Level III PSIA Instructor, member of the Central Division Alpine leadership for many years, and most recently creator of the video and written presentation of the all new alpine toboggan training instruction guide.

For his many and continuing contributions to the Central Division and the National Ski Patrol, The Central Division is proud to honor John Keating as 2007-2008 Central Division Outstanding Instructor.

We are also honored to announce that for the 2007-2008 season, the National judging committee selected John as the **National Ski Patrol First Runner-up Outstanding Instructor**. For those efforts the National Ski Patrol has also awarded John a silver merit star.

## King Named National Runner Up Alpine Patrol Representative



Pam King joined the NSP in 1986, achieved senior status in 1993 and received her National Appointment in 1997.

For the past six years, this patroller has been her area's patrol rep while actively instructing OEC and Toboggan from Patrol to Region levels. She has also been extremely active in training patrollers in volunteer emergency response for Homeland Security.

For all of her outstanding work, the Central Division is proud to honor Pam King as 2007-2008 Central Division Outstanding Alpine Patrol Representative.

We are further honored to announce that for the 2007-2008 season, the National judging committee selected Pam as the **National Ski Patrol First Runner-up Outstanding Patrol Representative** and for those efforts the National Ski Patrol has also awarded her a silver merit star.

## Blue Mound is National Runner Up Nordic Patrol



Blue Mound Nordic is only 11 years old. This relatively new Nordic patrol of 23 volunteers serves an area of 14 ½ miles.

During the past few years, the Blue Mound Nordic has supplied a National Awards judge, Division Awards Advisor, Division MTR Instructor, Division Nordic Advisor, Division Senior Advisor, and past Region Director.

For their dedication and efforts, the Central Division is proud to honor Blue Mound Nordic as Central Division Outstanding Nordic Patrol.

We are also very pleased to announce that for the 2007-2008 ski season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Blue Mound Nordic as the **National Ski Patrol First Runner-Up Outstanding Nordic Patrol**. For their outstanding efforts, they have been awarded a Unit Citation.

## Konkel Outstanding Nordic Patrol Rep



Steve Konkel has been a member of the NSP as a Nordic patroller for 16 years. He has held the position of Patrol Representative at his Nordic patrol for 13 of those years has also found the time and energy to patrol secondarily for over 10 years on an alpine patrol where he continually puts in over 150 hours yearly.

For his outstanding dedication to his patrols and the NSP, the Central Division is pleased to honor as the Central Division Outstanding Nordic Patrol Representative for the 2007-2008 season from the North Central Region

## Gaffney is Outstanding Administrative Patroller



Mary Gaffney joined the NSP in 1993, became a senior in 2001 and received her National Appointment in 2005.

She is an OEC Instructor, an OEC IT, Alpine Toboggan Instructor, and Instructor Development Instructor. She has been continuously involved in testing, training and enhancing at section, region, and division clinics.

Along with this heavy involvement, this patroller has also served as section chief since 2004

The Central Division is pleased to honor Mary Gaffney as the Central Division Outstanding Administrative Ski Patroller for the 2007-2008 season.

Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are further pleased to present Mary with the yellow merit star awarded by the National judges in recognition of her outstanding service as Central Division Outstanding Administrative Patroller

## Timber Ridge Named Outstanding Large Patrol



Timber Ridge Ski Patrol was activated in 1968. Its 105 patrollers serve an area of four chairlifts and four rope tows

This patrol has six toboggan ITs and 18 instructors as well as three OEC ITs and 22 OEC instructors. The full impact of the character of this patrol is evidenced by the intensive volunteerism of its members within all levels of the NSP- with twelve members of this patrol holding section, region, and division staff positions.

We can safely say this patrol unselfishly meets the expectations of management, and then gives more to the NSP, the sport of skiing, the local community, and anywhere it finds a need.

For this, the Central Division is honored to recognize Timber Ridge Ski Patrol as 2007-2008 Central Division Outstanding Large Alpine Ski Patrol.

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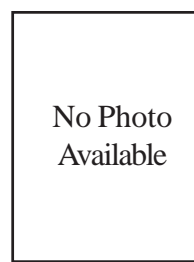


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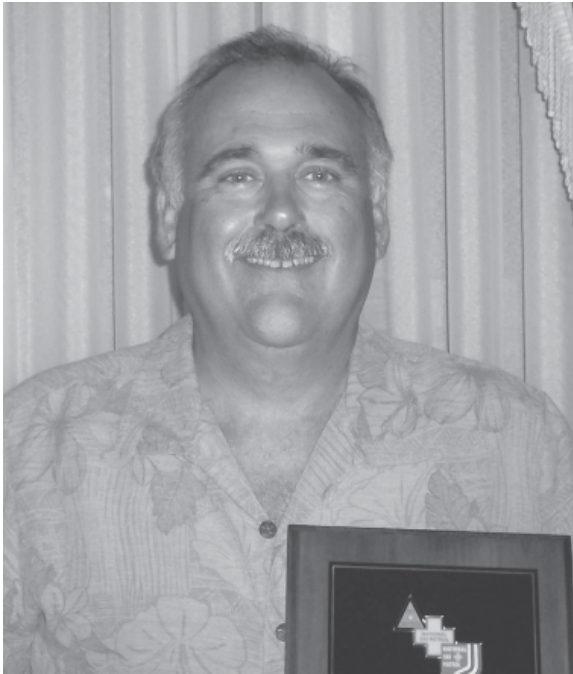
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# Central Division Awards 2007 - 2008



## Extended Coverage



Chris Raudabaugh Division Director's Outstanding Award for Service as Ohio Region Director



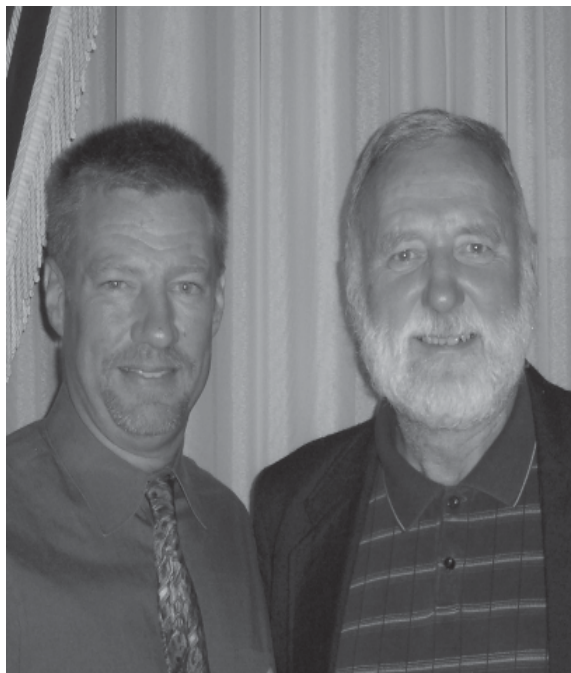
Kathy Van klompenberg Division Director's Outstanding Award for Support of Division Regsitraton.



Mary Green Division Director's Outstanding Award for Service as Division Treasurer.



John Keating (r) Division Director's Program Award for Alpine Training. Jay Zedak congratulates John.



Noel Derr(r) Division Director's Program Award for NSP-S Ski School. Jay Zedak presents award.



Darcy Hanley(r) Division Director's Program Award for Avalanche Program. Dale Mihuta presents award.



Lisa Cobble Division Director's Program Award for Women's Seminar.



Tony Ortega Division Director's Program Award for Toboggan. Tom Worley congratulates Tony.



Ken Meldahl Division Director's Program Award for Patroller 101. Jeannine Mogan presents.

# Central Division Awards 2007 - 2008



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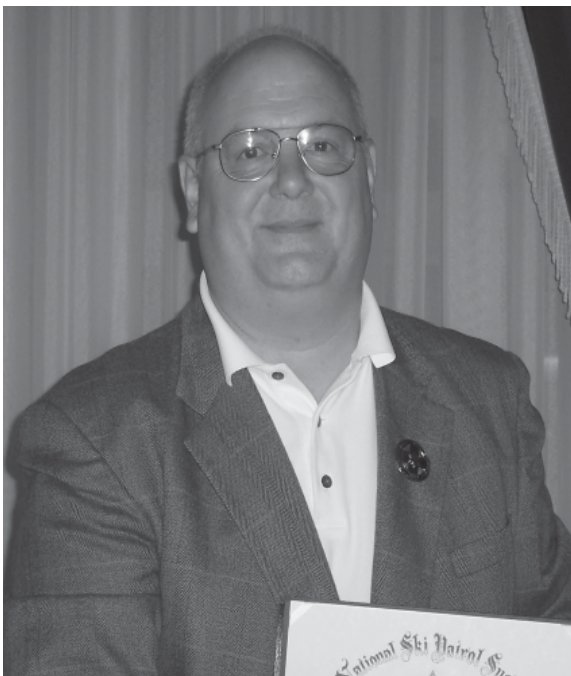
Lisa Cobble is named Central Division Outstanding Instructor Trainer for 2007-2008.



Jay Zedak is named Central Division Outstanding Supervisor for 2007-2008.



Jerome Beaudry receives his 50 year service pin at the Central Division Fall Awards Banquet.



Rod Kivell receives his National Appointment at the Central Division Fall Awards Banquet.

## *Central Division Awards Selection Process*

**Central Division is composed of approximately 6,600 active patrollers serving 140 Alpine patrols and 23 Nordic patrols**

**Each year, all Regions of the Central Division are invited to send in submissions for 11 Traditional Outstanding categories ranging from Outstanding Young Patroller to Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol.**

**Each Region supplies two judges to judge our submissions.**

**Each Outstanding Submission is graded by seven different judges and the submission in each category with the overall highest score is chosen as our Central Division Outstanding.**

**Our winners are then sent to National where a judging committee composed of two judges from each Division eventually selects the National Outstandings.**

**This year the Central Division Awards Program started a new tradition by recognizing our Central Division Outstanding First Runners-Up. You may find the list of runners-up on page eight of this issue of the Rusty Parka News.**



# Is PSIA For You?

By: Don Loerch, Division Skills Development Supervisor

Many of us involved in Region and Division training programs have one overriding interest; **Advance and improve the skills of our patrollers.** No matter what your interest and level of involvement, PSIA/AASI might be for you!

What is PSIA/AASI (Professional Ski Instructors of America/American Association of Snowboard Instructors)?

1. PSIA/AASI has developed standards through which proper ski/board techniques and practices can be identified, introduced, quantified and reinforced to maximize performance and enjoyment on the snow.
2. PSIA/AASI is the industry standard for snow ski & board instruction in the United States.
3. PSIA/AASI has developed educational materials to aid and facilitate the learning/training/certification process.
4. PSIA/AASI has established standardized criteria for evaluating and certifying ski/board instructors.

What does PSIA/AASI offer you as an individual and Patrol Trainer?

1. A deeper understanding of the current skills and movement patterns required to produce the right turn in any condition.
2. A common language and understanding enabling you as an instructor the ability to identify positive skills and movement patterns while gaining the tools needed to correct ineffective patterns.
3. Skill improvement and the personal satisfaction certification provides. Not only do you as a patroller benefit but, the "Brain Trust" of our organization is advanced.

If you are interested in a new challenge, please consider joining PSIA/AASI. Numerous educational clinics and certification exams are offered throughout our division each season. Please take a few minutes today to contact your Region Ski School, Division Ski School or any member of the Division Skills Development staff for help getting started.

## See Application



## Page 5 Apply Today



# The Senior Program: Take the Challenge

By: Darcy Haney, Division Senior Program Supervisor

Your Senior Program continues the journey of bringing the very best in toboggan and alpine programs to you. This year there will be three STW's offered: Welch, Boyne and Granite Peak! Each venue will provide senior skills for alpine and toboggan. Each location will meld all senior alpine skills at various levels with senior toboggan level skills. The challenge is to offer this opportunity to senior advisors, senior evaluators, region directors, toboggan IT's and patrol representatives.

Extend the invitation to those on your patrol that are involved with the senior test, working with senior candidates or in the mentoring side of becoming a senior evaluator. Each region can make sure that they are offering the very best program and all the latest information to their local patrol senior candidates. The senior evaluators can be equipped with the tools necessary to have a successful se-

nior test and a 100% passing rate for their senior candidates. Which region will take the challenge? The numbers will tell!

voice over and new footage. The release of this version will not be until next season.



On training note, please continue to use the DVD and discussion guide. It is a valuable tool to make sure your senior candidates meet the standard. If you need additional copies please contact Linda Murphy Jacobs so these will be available at the respective STW's throughout the Division. The Board also heard your response to the DVD and is working on release 2.0. This version will have a

A successful senior test depends on many qualified people. The Quality Assurance Feedback given by the visiting QA is vital to each region. The QA staff is responsible for attending each region's senior test outside of their own region. This typically involves traveling and time! However, it is a wonderful opportunity to visit other regions and gain new friendships. This year at the STW's the QA Mentoring process will be rolled out in a pilot form. If you are a senior evaluator, an IT in any program then you may want to consider being a QA! Think about it!

A very special thank you to the South Central Region for a great Division meeting in Milwaukee. As

a part of that meeting those regions who had two consecutive successful QA reports will have a by year! This is a way of supporting those regions who hold a successful senior test and the Division's way of recognizing successful Region evaluations. I am looking forward to skiing with many of you throughout the Division. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me.



# Memorial to Lew Krimen

I've just said goodbye to our friend, Lew

In my own private, personal way, I've just finished saying goodbye to my friend, Lew Krimen.

I've been asked to tell you about him and now, I can.

A lot of people thought he was eccentric. And, he was. He thrived on being thought of that way, but there was far more to him than that.

Lew Krimen was a basically good man.

If you needed a friend, you could always count on Lew. If you asked something of him, there was never any doubt as to his response.

To sum up any man's life in one short note is difficult, but let me do it in one sentence...

Lew Krimen was a good man.

What more can you say about anyone? He was a good man. A man with a never ending intellectual curiosity. A compassionate man who never forgot any detail of your life and always wanted to know about you... and your opinions... and your thoughts. Oh, sure, he could drive you crazy... he'd rush up to you, in the Patrol Room, hustle you into the back room with a conspiratorial gleam in his eye, pull you close and then whisper in your ear "So, how are you?" And, the funny thing was, he really wanted to know! It wasn't a cliché "How are you?", Lew really wanted to know. And, six or seven years later, he'd remember what you said and he'd ask follow-up questions!

Lew was dedicated to the Patrol. When his health was failing and he was no longer able to ski, he'd still appear for his duty shift to help in the Patrol Room.

He was, simply, "Mr. Avalanche" in the Central Division. Who knows how many Patrollers he introduced to the science of avalanche in the classrooms here and in the snow pits and shoots of Utah's mountains. He taught first aid and mountaineering and avalanche and lots of other things... like how to live your life as a gentleman... as a purely good man.

He wore a whole constellation of stars on his name bar, but he most treasured the one he received for a high altitude rescue on one of the many mountains he climbed. He was an advocate for mountaineering. It's because of him that I found myself on the slopes of Mt. Rainier, with *his* crampons on my boots, *his* ice ax in my mittened hands not once, but twice. He had an evangelical zeal for mountaineering.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and never laughed at any joke as hard as one where he was the butt of the joke. I teased him about being a "Rooky" because even though he had 40 years of service in the Patrol, we both received our National numbers the same night... and mine are 53 digits ahead of his! He always had the grace to allow me to be satisfied by pretending to be offended by the "Rooky" reference.

Lew left behind, a life long soul mate, Lenora, two children, Lisa (a member of the Wilmot Mountain Ski Patrol) and Mark, a son-in-law, Max, and two grandchildren, and ... and a hellava lot of Patrol friends who will miss him and think about him... and when that angry freezing wind comes charging over the crest of the winter laden hill and the wind chill drops off the charts... we'll think of Lew, laugh at the weather's feeble attempts to dissuade us and then go out to do our duty shift in Lew's memory and honor.

Submitted by,  
Sam Frank



Lew Krimen at living large and not being shy about participation.

Photo Courtesy: Ken Meldahl

# Wilmot Patrol Director Offers Comments on Lew Krimen

Lew Krimen has been many things to Wilmot Mountain Ski Patrol, as recently as Slope Leader for one of our Day Shifts and the Patrol's "Alumni Liaison." Lew's passing marks an era of dedicated teachers from a day when personal experience meant respect.

A very active Patroller since joining in 1968, he brought authority and personal, first-hand knowledge to his patrolling and teaching. According to



some of the details in his profile per the National Ski Patrol database:

- Level 1 Avalanche course: 1969
- Mountain Travel & Rescue: 1971
- Level 2 Avalanche course and Mountain Travel & Rescue 2: 1973
- Phase II Training: Global Phase 2 and Avalanche Phase 2: 1995
- Mountain Travel & Rescue Instructor is active through 2010
- National Appointment # 4665.

Lew was never shy about participating and would not be shy about providing a piece of his experience. And he was always an active participant. As a Basic Patroller, I was a student in some of his classes, which were extraordinary and rich with embellishment from his personal experiences. He leaves a legacy in Lisa, his daughter, an Active Patroller at Wilmot.

Dare I say, his experiences will live on. And Lew will certainly be missed.

Respectfully,

Christopher Morris  
Patrol Director/Rep.  
Wilmot Mountain Ski Patrol  
Wilmot, Wisconsin



# Region Reports continued from page 7

Pick a subject (OEC, skiing, tobogganing, MTR, or avalanche) and either learn a new skill or refresh an old skill. Sealing a quote from a song we need to remember "We are never going to survive unless we get a little crazy" Have a safe, fantastic and fun ski season.

## North Central

By: David Dahl, North Central Region Director

The Fall Region Board meeting was held at Brule on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Brule Ski Area for once again hosting this event.

We are looking for people to fill the position of Region Senior Ski and Toboggan Advisor. If you are interested or know of anyone you would like to recommend, please contact me. The rewards are great, even if they are not monetary! We welcome back Jim DeWeerd as Region Medical Advisor.

December 1

Senior Applications due to Don Close

December 20-21

Division Ski & Toboggan Clinic at Granite Peak. See Registration information in Rusty Parka News. Senior Evaluators should attend this clinic.

January 17-18

Ski and Toboggan Clinic and OEC will be held at Brule – candidates/patrollers/trainers/evaluators encouraged to attend.

February 21-22

Senior Ski & Toboggan & SEM Evaluation at Granite Peak

Trainers, please be sure that any training classes are registered under Patroller 101 so they are covered by insurance.

Registration this year will be accomplished electronically for the first time. By now all PR's should have received instructions from Sherwin Von Klombenberg, Division Registration Coordinator. It is important to note that dues must be remitted from the Patrol's, not an individual's, bank account.

Many thanks to all area Patrol Reps for their cooperation in embracing this new technology.

The Division meeting was held in Milwaukee September 5-7. During Saturday's general business meeting, Jim Woodrum, Division Director, gave an update on the state of the NSP and where Central Division is headed. Sixteen candidates, including three from Central Division are on the National BOD election ballot this fall. Please exercise your right to vote.

A National Education Event (replacing Powderfall) will be held at Snowbird, Utah, April 14-17, 2009. (

Focus areas for the Central Division in 2008-2209 include 1) practicing ethical behavior on the part of all Patrollers and Patrols, 2) increasing the presence and improving the image of patrollers on the hill (a request of area managers) through participation in programs, such as SES's to improve our skiing and boarding skills and 2) being innovative in recruiting new members.

I hope we can have another great contingent of candidates this year – both basic and senior, and I look forward to working and skiing with many of you.

# The Avalanche Program Has Changed

By: Dale Mihuta, Division Avalanche Supervisor

The new Avalanche Instructor Manual and the redesigned courses will be voted upon by the NSP board members. The new manual should be available for purchase by October or November. Some of the significant changes in the manual are:

- Very specific job descriptions and administrative policies.
- The Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue course was discontinued and replaced with Avalanche Safety and Rescue.
- The ASR course will not serve as a prerequisite for the Level 2 course. The ASR course is designed to provide education to casual backcountry users, area personnel and ski patrollers with a desire for general information about avalanches. The ASR course is a senior elective.
- The Level 1 course comes in two subsections. The **Level 1 course** is designed for search and rescue affiliates that routinely may take part in avalanche rescue. The **Level 1 course for Rescue Personnel** is designed for ski patrollers and other personnel that not only rescue but also mitigate and forecast avalanches.
- The supportive manuals (rescue manuals) are also being reworked.

The Level 1 course for Rescue Personnel is the only conduit to the Level 2 course. A major change to this course is the addition of significant time learning the skills and snow science that is necessary for the backcountry. The L1 for RP has a field session of 14.5 hours. This field session is designed to teach you the backcountry tests, snow analysis, the use of the **Snow and Weather Avalanche Guide** to produce an effective predictability of the avalanche hazard.

This will be a transition year. The way I envision the administration of the new program is to provide the classroom session just as we have with the Avalanche Fundamentals course. It will be regionally directed. In fact the classroom session for the Level 1 for Rescue Personnel is very similar to the old AFR course. Our preliminary plans are to

offer the field session at Mt. Bohemia or other area with significant snow on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009. If necessary we will schedule another event. The classroom sessions will be regionalized with convergence on the field session. It is imperative that I get a class list from each course so that I can coordinate the class completion with the classroom IOR. If you complete only the classroom session you will get an incomplete for the course but you are entitled to the senior elective credit.

If you have already completed the **Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue** course you are grandfathered if you wish to continue your education to the Level 2 course. The Level 2 Avalanche course will again be in Utah March 7<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible. There is an enrollment form enclosed and one will soon be on the division web-site. You can also contact me for more information.

**Central Division NSP  
Level 2 Avalanche Enrollment Form  
March 7<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Utah**

Course fees are \$850 for students and \$750 for instructors. The fee includes transportation to and from the airport, lodging and lift tickets. Deposit of \$350 is due by January 31, 2009. There are limited spaces so respond early.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

NSP # or PSIA# or SSN for non-NSP participants \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Primary Patrol /Ski School \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

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Circle: Ski Snowboard Telemark Alpine Touring Other

Are you enrolling to complete an Avalanche Instructorship? Y N

Circle: Level 1 Level 2

Date of AFR or Level 1 for Rescue Personnel \_\_\_\_\_

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# A 'Perfect' Women's Weekend! Come Join Us

By: Anne Blaedow, Women's Seminar Supervisor

The 2009 Division Women's Clinic is heading to Ohio Region on January 10-11th, 2009. We want you to join us for a "Perfect" weekend for women, by women at Perfect North Slopes. Our staff of dynamic women has been running these clinics for 8 years and participants rave over the female oriented weekend. We ski, toboggan, talk, eat and learn from each other. There are many techniques that we will share with you to help give you more skill confidence on skis and with a toboggan. Finesse, strategy and technique rule here. Most importantly, we learn that other ladies love the National Ski Patrol too. There are "ladies in high places" that attend this clinic along with brand new Patrollers! Whether you are an Auxillary, Basic or Senior patroller, you'll have a wonderful learning

experience and we encourage you to join in the fun! Snow time is part of what this weekend has to offer. Our Saturday night program includes dinner, fun prizes and a presentation on Women's Ski equipment by "The Vertical Drop" Ski Shop. Chocolate is among the favorite topics for the weekend. Participants can choose to spend their two days in PSIA lessons or Toboggan handling. You can earn both a Ski Enhancement and Toboggan Enhancement seminar credit if you do a day in each area. Some participants spend two days with our "All Girl Staff" either skiing or toboggan handling. The choice is yours!

When asked what past participants like most about weekend, the responses included:

1. Camaraderie
2. It's awesome attending an all women event

3. I gained confidence boarding with a toboggan and I met lots of excellent patrollers
4. All the helpful tips and friendly "laid back" feeling
5. I felt inspired to improve and actually believe that it's possible.

This event is open to skiers, telemarker and boarders. Registration is a first come basis. Send in your registration form and \$60.00 fee. Clinic fee includes the two day lift ticket, PSIA/ NSP instruction and materials. The Saturday night dinner is a "potluck" style with the main entree provided by the staff. Lodging is on your own and information will be e-mailed when registration is received. Please include your check with your registration made payable to NSP Central Division. We can help you find roommates if necessary. Optional Long sleeved shirt is available for \$25.00. (2.00 more for XXL) Clinic hours are 8am - 8pm Sat and 8am - 2pm on Sunday

## Calling All Ladies in Central Division

**Women's Seminar 2009**  
**Registration Form Join us at Perfect North Slopes on January 10-11th, 2009**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Name: \_\_\_\_\_

NSPS #: \_\_\_\_\_

Skiing terrain you want this weekend: Circle One Groomed Steep Bumps

Patrol Level: Circle One Auxillary w/5 yrs patrolling exp. Basic Senior Senior Candidate

I plan to: Circle One Ski Snowboard Telemark

Roommates planned: \_\_\_\_\_

My personal goal for the weekend is: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Shirt Size: Circle One Med Large XLarge XX Large for \$25.00  
 (Long sleeve embroidered shirt)

**Send registrations to Anne Blaedow W258N6882 Victoria Circle Sussex, WI 53089.**  
**Questions? Please call Anne at 262-617-8809.**

# Women's Seminar 2009

## Perfect North Slopes

### Jan. 10 - 11

# Register Today!



Rusty says:



**NATIONAL SKI PATROL ALUMNI**  
 133 S. Van Gordon Street, Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80228-1700  
 Phone (303) 988-1111



Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If re-registering as an Alumni member, provide Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW ALUMNI MEMBERS PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**

Last NSP Affiliation: Ski Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_

Region \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_ Last Yr. Registered \_\_\_\_\_

Alpine Nordic National Appointment # \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to associate with a specific ski patrol, please provide that information here \_\_\_\_\_

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# Three Generation Central Division Patrol Families

70 Years



1938 - 2008



From left to right: Denise Jones, Bill Jones, Liz Jones, Elizabeth Grabowski, John Grabowski. Bill and Elizabeth are the children of Liz Jones and John is the son of Elizabeth. Denise is the wife of Bill. Elizabeth Grabowski patrols at Mt. Brighton, Michigan and the rest patrol at Wilmot Mountain, Wisconsin.



From left to right: Morgan Morris, Tom Neukam, Fritz Neukam, Trevor Morris, Christine Morris and Christopher Morris. Morgan and Trevor are the children of Christine and Christopher, Christine and Tom are the children of Fritz Neukam. Fritz patrols at Indianhead Mountain, Michigan, Tom, Christine, Christopher and Trevor patrol at Wilmot Mountain in Wisconsin and Morgan patrols at both Wilmot Mountain and Marquette Mountain, MI.

*The NSP is spotlighting multi-generational patroller families as it celebrates 70 Years of Service*

*RD's from Central Division found photos of three generation CD families. Here are three you should get to know.*



Ben Olson poses with a plaque and pillow presented to him in 2007 following 56 years of active patrolling. He, his daughter Laura Olson-Davig and his grandson Ryan Olson patrolled at Blackjack Mountain in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

*The Rusty Parka News wants to highlight multi-generational families during the 2008 - 2009 season. Patrol Representatives, please send a list of two generation patrol families on your patrols to the RPN for publication in an upcoming issue. Photos of other three generational families, including names and areas patrolled are requested.*

*Help us celebrate the NSP's 70 years of safety and service to the snow sports industry by recognizing families that patrol together.*

Special thank you to Ken Meldahl for assistance with this issue's feature.

# Special Request of All Patrollers!



## Tail Rope

*Remember to Look Back*



**Send Your Favorite Old Photos  
to the RPN to be Featured in our  
Tail Rope Back Page Special.**

*See Page 24 for More  
Information*

### **FREE SKI VACATION AT MOUNT BOHEMIA or THE PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS SKI AREA**



**Mount Bohemia located in  
Upper Michigan features:**

- **The Midwest's highest vertical**
- **Deepest powder**
- **And most adventure!**



Choose to patrol at Mount Bohemia or the Porcupine Mountains Ski Area for a few days and we will pay for your lodging, give you \$50 a day per diem and give immediate family up to four members free skiing!

All you have to do is commit to guest patrolling with our patrol during this time period.

Mount Bohemia guest patrol would be required to patrol  
Monday—Friday; 10:30am-4:30pm.

Porcupine Mountains guest patrol would be required to patrol  
Friday—Sunday 9:30am-5pm

Advanced reservations are required please call now!

***Please call:  
Lindsey  
231-420-5405***



# 2008 - 2009 Central Division Calendar

Date	Program	Region	Location	Description	Contact
2008-11-29	AVALANCHE	EM	Pine Knob	Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue	Derek Werner
2009-03-02	AVALANCHE	OH	Mt. Bohemia, MI UP	Avalanche Level I	Jay Zedak
2009-03-20	AVALANCHE	EM	Utah	Avalanche II Course	Dale Mihuta
2009-03-20	AVALANCHE	OH	Utah	Division Avalanche II Course	Dale Mihuta
2008-12-01	AWARDS	OH		NSP Appointment Nominations, Postmark Deadline	Greg Schoenman
2009-01-19	AWARDS	WM		Awards to Section	Patrick Mulvihill
2009-01-26	AWARDS	WM		Awards to Region	Patrick Mulvihill
2009-01-28	AWARDS	WM		National Appointments due	Tom Norton
2009-02-14	AWARDS	OH		Deadline Region Awards	Lori Ringley
2009-02-15	AWARDS	NC		Awards Deadline Outstandings, Appointments, Stars	Marcia Locher
2009-02-28	AWARDS	NC	Granite Peak	Region Awards Meeting	Marcia Locher
2009-04-07	AWARDS	OH		DEADLINE for Region Outstanding Awards to Division	Lori Ringley
2009-01-01	CERTIFIED	EM	mjones@ford.com	Deadline for Certified Applications.	Mike Longfellow
2009-01-04	CERTIFIED	OH	Dan Moss	Certified Pre- & Re-Qualification Clinics	PNS
2009-01-11	CERTIFIED	OH	BMBW	Certified ACT Training (TENTATIVE)	Jay Zedak
2009-01-18	CERTIFIED	NM	Nubs Nob	Certified Qualification and Re-Certification Clinic.	Dan Somalski
2009-01-31	CERTIFIED	NC	Marquette Mtn.	Certified Qualification and Re-Certification Clinic.	Tom Anderson
2009-02-20	CERTIFIED	S	Chestnut, IL	Certified Awareness and Qualifications Clinic.	Chuck Martschinke
2009-02-26	CERTIFIED	EM	Boyne High & Nubs	2009 Annual Certified Evaluation and Meeting.	Mike Longfellow-Jones
2008-12-01	DEADLINES	EM		CD Registration packets due	Sherwin VanKlompberg
2008-12-02	DEADLINES	OH		DOWNHILL, Winter Issue deadline	Max Davis
2008-12-31	DEADLINES	WM		Section I Section Chief election nominations close	
2009-02-15	DEADLINES	WM		Section I ballots out	Erica Krol
2009-01-08	DEADLINES	CD		RPN Winter Deadline	Tim Zimmerman
2009-02-27	DEADLINES	W		March Awards Deadline	Tom Gray
2009-03-04	DEADLINES	EM		Region Awards Due	Dennis Heeger
2009-03-07	DEADLINES	WM		Section I ballots due	Erica Krol
2009-03-09	DEADLINES	WM		Blue and Gold, info due	Colleen Wolfer
2009-03-17	DEADLINES	OH		DOWNHILL Spring Issue Deadline	Max Davis
2009-04-01	DEADLINES	EM	Email	Annual Region Administrator Reports Due	Derek Werner
2009-04-01	DEADLINES	EM		Annual Region Expense Reports Due	Sharon Hazen
2009-05-05	DEADLINES	OH		DOWNHILL Awards Issue Deadline	Max Davis
2009-05-31	DEADLINES	W		Supervisor Expense Vouchers Due	Jim Irvine
2009-06-01	DEADLINES	NC		Summer issue Powder Lines deadline	Tim Zimmerman
2009-03-16	I.D.	OH	Brandywine	Instructor development Classes	Janet Glaeser/Freddie Shima
2009-04-05	I.D.	EM	Apple Mt.	Instructor Development	Ellen Burchfield
2008-12-13	MTR	OH	Northern OH	MTR II Field Session	Dave Zeager
2009-02-28	MTR	NC	UP of Mich	Advanced MTR	Randy Tufts
2009-03-22	MTR	EM	Mt. Holly	MTR I & Fundamentals	Chuck White
2008-11-29	NORDIC	NM		Division Nordic Telemark Clinic	Dave Squires
2009-01-10	NORDIC	EM	Minocqua Winter Park	Nordic SES	
2009-01-10	NORDIC	W	Giants Ridge	Mesabi East Invitational	
2009-01-17	NORDIC	W	Giants Ridge	Pepsi Challenge	
2009-01-24	NORDIC	EM	Pine Haven	Nordic Ski Clinic	Jon O'Dell
2009-02-07	NORDIC	W		Region Nordic SES	Peter Wollan
2009-02-08	NORDIC	W	Mora, MN	Mora Vasaloppet	Bill Lappen
2009-02-13	NORDIC	W	Giants Ridge	MN State HS League X-C Championship	
2009-02-14	NORDIC	W	Bemidji, MN	Minnesota Finlandia	
2009-02-21	NORDIC	NC		American Birkebeiner	
2009-02-28	NORDIC	NC	MWP	Lakeland Loppet	Betty Adams
2009-03-08	NORDIC	NC	Calumet	Great Bear Chase	Barb Wheeler
2008-11-22	OEC	OH	PNS	OEC Final	Yvette Gerdes
2008-12-06	OEC	OH	Paoli Peaks	OEC Practical Final @E.P. Sawyers State Park	Bruce Heichelbech
2008-12-06	OEC	OH	Snow Trails	Region SEM Evaluation	Jim Vickroy
2008-12-06	OEC	WM	Caberfae	OEC practice clinic	
2008-12-07	OEC	EM	Alpine Valley	OEC Enhancement Seminar - Splinting	Marilyn Gilin
2008-12-07	OEC	W	Caberfae	OEC final exam1	
2008-12-15	OEC	EM	Alpine Valley	OEC Enhancement Seminar - Traction Splinting	Marilyn Gilin
2009-01-11	OEC	EM	Alpine Valley	OEC Enhancement Seminar - Vitals/Oxygen	Marilyn Gilin
2009-01-18	OEC	EM	Alpine Valley	OEC Enhancement Seminar - CPR	Marilyn Gilin
2009-01-29	OEC	EM	Alpine Valley	OEC Enhancement Seminar - Backboarding	Marilyn Gilin
2009-01-31	OEC	OH	MRM	OEC Enhancement Seminar	John Norris / Mac Logan
2009-03-02	OEC	EM	Mt. Holly	OEC Class Begins	Steve Meek
0000-00-00	OEC	W	Christie Mtn.	Christie Mtn. OEC Candidate Final Exam	Paul van Natta
2008-11-23	REFRESHERS	EM	Pine Knob	OEC/CPR Make-up Refresher	Steve & Karen Werner
2009-01-03	REFRESHERS	EM	Mt. Brighton	TES, SES, SBES, Telemark Enhancement	Tim Gaffney
2009-01-04	REFRESHERS	EM	Snow Snake	Make-up Chair Evac	Mark Kuehl
2009-01-20	REFRESHERS	EM	Alpine Valley	OEC Enhancement Seminar - Backboard	Marilyn Gilin
2009-01-21	REFRESHERS	EM	Christie Mtn.	On-Hill Refresher	Dennis Potter
2009-01-23	REFRESHERS	W	Christie Mtn.	On-Hill Refresher	Dennis Potter
2009-01-25	REFRESHERS	W	Christie Mtn.	On-Hill Refresher	Dennis Potter
0000-00-00	REFRESHERS	EM	Mt. Holly	Chair Evac Training Candidates/ Hosts	Keith Hal/John O'Dell
2008-11-22	SENIOR	NC	Ski Brule	Ski Brule, SES	Joe Matuzak
2008-12-01	SENIOR	EM		Senior Application Deadline	Derek Werner
2008-12-01	SENIOR	NC		Senior Ap Deadline	Don Close
2008-12-06	SENIOR	WM	Bittersweet	SEM Clinic	Corey
2009-01-01	SENIOR	S		Senior Application Deadline	
2009-01-01	SENIOR	WM		Senior Hill sign up due	Brit Gustafson
2009-01-03	SENIOR	W	Afton	Senior Alpine Examiners' Clinic	Mike Nies
2009-01-10	SENIOR	SC	Cascade	On hill calibration	
2009-01-10	SENIOR	W	Afton	Senior Alpine Precourse	Mike Nies
2009-01-10	SENIOR	WM	Caberfae	Senior Eval Calibration Clinic	
2009-01-11	SENIOR	EM	Pine Knob	Sr. Candidates Ski & Tob Pre-Test Clinic	Derek Werner
2009-01-11	SENIOR	SC	Cascade	On hill clinic	
2009-01-11	SENIOR	WM	Caberfae	Senior Hill Warm Up	
2009-01-17	SENIOR	SC	Tyrol	OEC clinic	
2009-01-17	SENIOR	W	Lutsen	Senior Alpine Precourse	Mike Nies
2009-01-24	SENIOR	OH		DEADLINE for Senior Ski & Toboggan Ap	Dennis Maslar
2009-01-24	SENIOR	W		SEM Precourse	Mary Pritchett/Kathy Glynn
2009-01-31	SENIOR	W	Wild Mtn	Senior Alpine Precourse	Mike Nies
2009-02-01	SENIOR	EM		Senior ESM Scenario Skill Sign Offs Due	Mike Case
2009-02-01	SENIOR	EM	Bittersweet	SEM final	Dave Corey
2009-02-07	SENIOR	EM	Boyne Mt.	Senior Ski & Tob Evaluation	Derek Werner
2009-02-07	SENIOR	OH		Deadline Senior Event Sign-ups Due	Dennis Maslar
2009-02-07	SENIOR	W		SEM Precourse	Mary Pritchett/Kathy Glynn
2009-02-15	SENIOR	SC	Cascade	On hill eval	
2009-02-20	SENIOR	NC	Granite Peak	SEM Eval Calibration	Greg Kerwin
2009-02-21	SENIOR	NC	Granite Peak	SEM Eval	Greg Kerwin

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2009-02-21	SENIOR	SC	Tyrol	OEC eval	
2009-02-21	SENIOR	S	Chestnut, IL	Senior Hill Evaluation	Bill Dick
2009-02-21	SENIOR	W		Senior Alpine Evaluation	Mike Nies
2009-02-21	SENIOR	WM	Crystal Mtn	Senior Hill Bump Clinic	Brit
2009-02-22	SENIOR	NC	Granite Peak	S&T Eval	Don Close
2009-02-22	SENIOR	NM	Nubs Nob	Senior Ski & Toboggan Exam	Aren Fairchild/JiM Parker
2009-02-22	SENIOR	OH	BM	Region Senior Event	Dennis Maslar
2009-02-22	SENIOR	WM	Crystal Mnt	Senior Hill Final	Brit
2009-03-06	SENIOR	NM		OEC SEM Paperwork Deadline	Tena Lechtanski
2009-03-07	SENIOR	EM	Pine Knob	SEM Evaluation	Mike Case
2009-03-07	SENIOR	S	Hidden Valley, MO	SEM Evaluation	Len Kunkel
2009-03-07	SENIOR	W	Mary Pritchett/Kathy Glynn	SEM Eval	
2009-03-14	SENIOR	S	Grand Geneva, WI	SEM Evaluation	Len Kunkel
2009-03-22	SENIOR	NM	TBA	SEM Evaluation	Tena Lechtanski
2008-12-06	TESTING/TRAINING	EM	Pine Knob	Region STW	Tim Gaffney
2008-12-06	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	Trollhaugen, WI	Central Division S&T Clinic	Don Leorch
2008-12-06	TESTING/TRAINING	W	Minnesota	CD Division STW	
2008-12-13	TESTING/TRAINING	EM	Boyne	CD Division STW Clinic	Don Loerch
2008-12-13	TESTING/TRAINING	EM	EM1 & EM2	Region STW	Tim Gaffney
2008-12-13	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	Boyne	Central Division S&T	Don Leorch
2008-12-13	TESTING/TRAINING	W	Andes Tower Hills	TES	Ron Sluka
2008-12-14	TESTING/TRAINING	EM	EM3	Region STW	Tim Gaffney
2008-12-20	TESTING/TRAINING	EM	Granite Peak	CD Division STW	
2008-12-20	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	Granite Peak	Central Division S&T	Don Leorch
2008-12-27	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	BMBW	TES	Thomas Ciranna
2009-01-03	TESTING/TRAINING	NM	Boyne Highlands	Instructor Calibration Clinic	Aren Fairchild
2009-01-03	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	PNS	Region Ski & Toboggan Workshop,	Greg Schmidt / Amy Arnold
2009-01-04	TESTING/TRAINING	NM	Boyne Highlands	Training Clinic	Aren Fairchild/Jim Parker
2009-01-04	TESTING/TRAINING	WM	TR	TES Section I Toboggan Instructors	Shawn Rhoda
2009-01-10	TESTING/TRAINING	EM	Perfect North Slopes	Central Division Womens Clinic	
2009-01-10	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	BMBW	Region Ski & Toboggan Workshop	Greg Schmidt / Amy Arnold
2009-01-10	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	PNS	Central Division Women's Clinic	Sandi Hammons
2009-01-10	TESTING/TRAINING	SC	Hidden Valley, MO	TES	
2009-01-17	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	Snow Trails	SES/SNES	Dave Baumlein
2009-01-17	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	Paoli Peaks	TES	Bruce Heichelbech
2009-01-17	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	Alpine Valley	TES	Patrick Aquila
2009-01-17	TESTING/TRAINING	WM	Cannonsburg	Tentative SES	Chip Knappen
2009-01-18	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	MRM	SES/SNES	John Norris
2009-01-18	TESTING/TRAINING	WM	Timber	SES	Chip Knappen
2009-01-24	TESTING/TRAINING	NM	Boyne Highlands	Ski Enhancement Seminar	Aren Fairchild
2009-01-24	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	PNS	SES/SNES	Sandi Hammons
2009-01-24	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	MRM	TES	John Norris
2009-01-24	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	Snow Trails	TES	Dave Baumlein
2009-01-24	TESTING/TRAINING	SC	Snow Creek, MO	TES	
2009-01-24	TESTING/TRAINING	WM	Nubs	SES	Chip Knappen
2009-01-25	TESTING/TRAINING	EM	Mt.. Holly	EMR Ladies Clinic	Mary Gaffney
2009-01-25	TESTING/TRAINING	NM	TBD	TES	Aren Fairchild/John Wallace
2009-01-25	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	Paoli Peaks	SES/SNES	Bruce Heichelbech
2009-01-25	TESTING/TRAINING	WM	Boyne Mtn	TES	Shawn Rhoda
2009-01-31	TESTING/TRAINING	EM	Apple Mt.	TES, SES, SBES, Telemark Enhancement	Tim Gaffney
2009-01-31	TESTING/TRAINING	S	Chestnut Mtn. IL	SES & PSIA Level 1 Prep	Natalie Faes
2009-02-01	TESTING/TRAINING	EM	Pine Knob	EM1 Basic Ski & Tob Eval	Mike Schons
2009-02-01	TESTING/TRAINING	NM	Boyne Mn	Section 1 Candidate Eval	Carl Woodcock/Mike Cornell
2009-02-06	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	PNS	TES	Sandi Hammons
2009-02-06	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	Holimont-NY	Telemark SES	Dave Walker
2009-02-07	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	Big Creek	SES/SNES	Dave Walker
2009-02-08	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	Snow Trails	PSIA - Development Training	Amy Arnold
2009-02-08	TESTING/TRAINING	W	Christie Mtn.	Christie Mtn. Candidate Hill Test	Dennis Potter
2009-02-08	TESTING/TRAINING	WM		Candidate Hill test, TBD, Section II and Timber Ridge	Jack Katerburg/John Ritsema
2009-02-15	TESTING/TRAINING	EM	Mt. Brighton	EMR2 Candidate Ski & Tob Eval	Dave Petrak
2009-02-15	TESTING/TRAINING	EM	Mt. Holly	EMR3 Candidate Ski & Toboggan Eval	Mary Gaffney
2009-02-15	TESTING/TRAINING	WM	Pando	TES	Shawn Rhoda
2009-02-21	TESTING/TRAINING	NM	Otsego Ski Club	Section # 2 Candidate Evaluation	John Wallace
2009-02-21	TESTING/TRAINING	NM	Shanty Creek	Section # 3 Candidate Eval	Pat Troop/Jeff Summers
2009-02-21	TESTING/TRAINING	OH	BMBW	SES/STW	Amy Arnold/J. French
2009-02-22	TESTING/TRAINING	EM	Apple Mt.	EMR3 Candidate Ski & Toboggan Eval	Mary Gaffney
2009-02-22	TESTING/TRAINING	W	Christie Mtn	TES	Ron Sluka
2009-03-07	TESTING/TRAINING	WM	Caberfae	Caberfae Candidate Hill	Tim Kirch/Dave Worfel
2008-11-22	OTHER EVENTS	EM	Mt Holly	Mt Holly Ski Swap	Shannon Rains
2008-12-13	OTHER EVENTS	NC		Ski Brule Ski Patrol Ski Swap	Joe Matuzak
2009-01-07	OTHER EVENTS	WM	Branns	Region meeting	
2009-02-15	OTHER EVENTS	OH	BMBW	Meet The Ski Patrol Day	Tom Ciranna
2009-02-21	OTHER EVENTS	OH	Snow Trails	Winter Carnival	Dave Baumlein
2009-03-11	OTHER EVENTS	EM	TBD	Region Awards Review Meeting	Dennis Heeger
2009-03-18	OTHER EVENTS	WM		Region meeting	
2009-03-30	OTHER EVENTS	EM	Email	Downhill Edge Spring Deadline	Russ Livermore
2009-04-03	OTHER EVENTS	EM		Division Spring Meeting	
2009-04-14	OTHER EVENTS	EM	Snowbird, Utah	NSP Education & Leadership Conference	
2009-04-17	OTHER EVENTS	NC	Minocqua, Wi	Region Spring Banquet	David Dahl
2009-04-25	OTHER EVENTS	OH	Alpine Valley	Region Spring Meeting & Awards Banquet	Bill Currier / Pat Acquilla
2009-04-25	OTHER EVENTS	SC		Annual Region Meeting, Section 1	
2009-04-26	OTHER EVENTS	OH	Snow Trails	Patrol Awards Banquet	Dave Baumlein
2009-05-02	OTHER EVENTS	OH	MRM	Patrol Banquet	John Norris
2009-05-02	OTHER EVENTS	WM	Bittersweet	Region Meeting/Banquet, Section 1	
2009-05-06	OTHER EVENTS	EM	Flint, Mich.	Region Spring Meeting	Derek Werner
2009-05-16	OTHER EVENTS	EM	EMR3	Region Awards Banquet	Mary Gaffney

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# Tail Rope

*Remember to Look Back*



*While our Division Director will argue that this is not an old picture by any means, credit for this issue's photo submission goes out to Rose DeJarnette*

*Send a digital copy of your favorite old patrol photo to the RPN  
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## ***A Timeless Tradition of Snow - Fun - Family***

**Central Division Fall Meeting  
Mackinac Island, Michigan  
September 11 - 13, 2009**

The Northern Michigan Region invites you to mark your calendar and plan on attending the Central Division Fall Meeting on September 11, 12, and 13, 2009. Come and join us at the Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island for three days of ski patrol family fun. The theme is "A Timeless Tradition of Snow - Fun - Family. The committee is planning events for educational sessions and family fun, as well as the usual Central Division business meetings and the awards banquet.

Mackinac Island is a get away for the whole family with historical sites, shops, golf and a Butterfly conservatory just to name a few. But remember there are no motorized vehicles allowed. You can see the island by walking, riding a bicycle or horse drawn carriage and you are just a short boat ride away from Mackinaw City and St. Ignace.

Check out these websites on the Mackinac Island area.

Mackinac Island – [www.mackinacisland.org](http://www.mackinacisland.org)

Mackinaw City – [www.mackinawcity.com](http://www.mackinawcity.com)