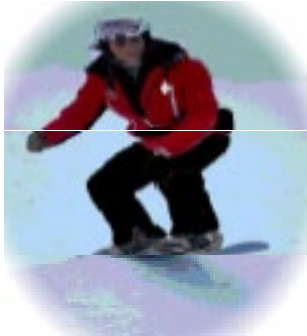




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Division Director's Report



John Thomas
Division Director

Another season is off to a great start- the weather is quite a bit different from last season, not as much snow and warmer temperatures. I hope whatever you are working on for personal improvement of your ski patrol activities is successful. Remember that it is not about the badge or the pin; it is about the *Journey*. The journey of learning and improving your skills. We owe it to our industry partners and the skiing public to make sure our skills are the best they can be. The only way we can improve our skills is if we consciously set improvement plans for ourselves.

The National Board elections did not go as well as I had hoped. The number of Central Division patrollers voting continues to decrease. It's important to note that we are voting for our National Board and this board makes decisions that affect each and every one of us in our patrolling activities. The operation of the board controls our dues, office staff, our information development systems and the programs that the NSP has to offer. By not using your option to

vote, we are telling the board members that we really don't care what the board does. I truly don't believe that is what you as members believe. If you have ideas on how to increase the voting participation of the Central Division, please let me know.

If you have been trying to access your data on the NSP website, you know as well as everyone else, that we are having major issues with the information that is posted. The National Office and the IT committee are working on these issues as fast as they can. I do know some people would state that it is not fast enough. However, it's a monumental task to fix the issues and they are working off a priorities list. I know that this is very frustrating - please be patient.

Parka Picks

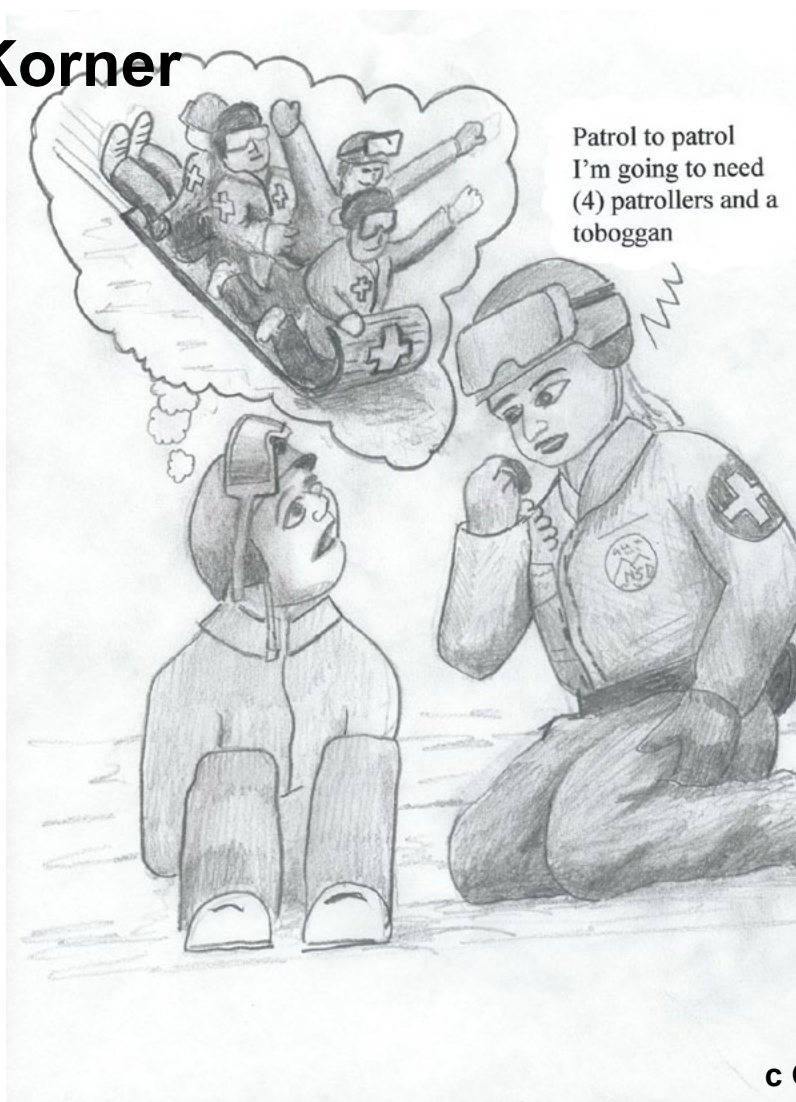
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Did you know that the Central Division, as well as many Regions and Patrols, have a Facebook page? If you are a Facebook user, "Like" us on Facebook (Central Division National Ski Patrol) and get updates of what is going on within the ski patrol family. We also now have an Instagram and Twitter account. Please be cognizant that social media can be very dangerous. Make sure when you are posting data on social media, that you want everyone out there to really know the information and see the photographs that you are posting. Social media is not as safe as many people believe it is. For example, spend some time doing some searches in your favorite social media application. It's great that people want to post their toboggan run or chair evacuation experience; however make sure that what you're posting will not raise questions of your training or skill level. Remember that this data can be used against you, so please be careful in what you post for everyone to see. Please remember to be respectful and civil as you make comments on posts. The above-mentioned Facebook page is "public"; we want to draw people to the National Ski Patrol and our Division.

PowderFall is coming up this April. The dates are April 9-12, 2015 at The Canyons Resort. The Planning Committee has pulled a great program together. Please take the time to review the agenda that is posted on the various websites, Ski Patrol Catalog and in your Ski Patrol Magazine. I hope you make the commitment to attend this year's PowderFall at The Canyons Resort. We hope to have a fantastic time learning and networking.

In closing, thank you for all you do to make the National Ski Patrol of the Central Division successful. You are what make this organization such a great one.

Kasten's Korner



c Gary Kasten 2015



Journey of Discovery

What is your Journey of Discovery as a Patroller? I have the opportunity, as your Assistant Division Director, to share a few thoughts with you from time to time. Actually, I'm happy to share my point of view at any time - I would love to have you contact me.

Dr. Julie Stone ADD

But first, let me introduce myself. I am a CRNA (nurse anesthetist) with a doctorate in education. I currently work in outpatient surgery centers, although I have also spent considerable time in in-patient settings and education/administration. I joined the Ski Patrol based on the recommendation of one of my grad students, who grew up skiing at Hidden Valley in Saint Louis, MO. To me, this was like a (no pun intended) breath of fresh air !! and after nine years, I feel this way more than ever. I immediately became involved in the OEC program teaching, evaluating, and having fun. I am finishing my 4th year as Patrol Rep at Hidden

Valley. I am an NSP instructor in OEC, MTR, and toboggan; and a PSIA Level 1. I love, love, love the Ski Patrol and the opportunities I have had, and continue to have. The relationships I have cultivated during this time are incredible. I have been blessed to have some tremendous support at home and couldn't have had a better response from my GM Bill Brandes and Peak Resorts owner Missi Boyd when I told them I was accepting a position that will occasionally take me out of town during the ski/tube/ride season. They, and our 110+ Patrollers pull together to support me and make things happen at home. In addition, I have been blessed with great mentors from around the Division. As I have told them, they have been my role models and I have learned much from them along the way - and plan to continue to do so. These relationships have happened because I travel to Region, Division, and national events to the fullest of my capability. This is MY Journey.

What is YOUR journey? I hope each of you chooses to participate and share in some way either at home or away (even better - both) because I know for a fact that my capability as a Patroller and leader is at a higher level than had I not participated - and the rewards have been more than I ever expected. My training and travel buddies are my absolute foundation. Each Patroller has the opportunity to be part of this Patrol family in a rich and rewarding fashion. Here are some of the things you can put on your personal calendar: your Region banquet this spring, NSP's Powderfall at The Canyons in April, and our Division banquet in September. I look forward to meeting many of you at these events - hearing your stories, receiving your suggestions, and learning about YOUR Journey.

I so look forward to working with the entire Division leadership and your great Division Program Advisors (go check out their articles!) who spend a lot of time in and out of the Snowsports season to make sure there are great opportunities for you. Recently, the 3 December STW's provided Patrollers at all skill levels the chance to network with their colleagues and provide for personal and professional growth. We all had a great time while learning. There is always a lot of fun by being involved - come join in so this becomes OUR Journey.

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Much Accomplished, More to Come

Season is well underway, and a lot of NSP activity has been around...starting early in the season. There were three well-attended Division Ski Trainer Workshops (STW) starting in December.

Hats off to the Area Management and Ski Patrol Leadership that hosted these events: Afton Alps, Boyne Highlands, and Cascade Mountain. It takes a lot of planning (and patience) to coordinate these events. These are the type of activities that help make us, as ski patrollers, retain our importance and viability to our Ski Area Management.

Chris Raudabaugh ADD

I've also witnessed a variety of Region STWs, Certified Qualifications (Recertifications), Ski Enhancement Seminars, and Toboggan Enhancement Seminars.

All have been well organized, and patrollers leaving the events are excited about their improved skills and learning. Many of the events were attended by patrollers and patroller instructors from multiple Regions. The cooperation aimed at enhancing learning in our division is tremendous.

There is still plenty of season left; so take a look at the Central Division Calendar and see what you might be missing!

The Daniel Somalski Memorial Fund



Our *Central Division* is proud to maintain and grow a memorial fund honoring a very special friend and patroller. Dan, as many of us know, dedicated much of his 25 year patrol career to helping others attain their goals both on and off the slopes. As a long time "Certified" patroller #426 and a "PSIA level 3" he was a force to be reckoned with both inside and outside of the traces. It is in memory of Dan's example that his fund will sponsor an annual award to a current or aspiring NSP alpine trainer. In accordance with his family's wishes, the annual monetary award will be tailored to assist a worthy patroller in pursuit of their chosen alpine credential(s).

Please consider donating to this important fund just as many have already. By contributing you'll advance the goals of our organization and promote Dan's legacy. Visit www.nspcentral.org to donate online or contact Tom Anderson at tpanderson@charter.net for more information.





Cheryl Raudabaugh
Admin Ass't

NSP 365 Days a Year

Friends and family often ask me why I am still doing that “ski patrol” stuff when it’s not snowing. I guess the simple answer is because it is So Much More – it’s a way of life for us. The NSP runs through our family from my very active patrolling husband up to his parents, then forward to the next generation with our youngest daughter, who first began as a junior patroller at age 10. The examples set forth for me to follow were to step up and volunteer, and not be afraid to jump up to leadership positions – that the rewards would be worth the work.

So when I joined Mad River Ski Patrol I volunteered for pretty much everything in the early years, from ski swap to banquet planning, to patrol room early clean up. I met great people along the way, and knew I was helping, but didn’t feel all that “rewarded”. Then I started teaching. First OEC, then Instructor Development, and more recently skiing. This is when the NSP truly came alive for me. First was the satisfaction of instructing, finding ways to turn the light bulb on, and get people excited about learning these important subjects, to feel the happiness of

their successes along the way, to be part of broadening others’ scope of learning.

The next stretch was finding a way in my already busy life to take on more leadership opportunities. I became part of the Ohio Region first as Treasurer, and as a senior program evaluator and Instructor Trainer, then as region advisor for the OEC program, which introduced me to the next layer with the Central Division for many projects and events, where I met folks from other regions and from national. That involvement beyond my local patrol activities is what really opened my eyes. I met some of the most incredible people and formed relationships that integrated throughout my daily life. These are the people that are not only the most dedicated to excellence in all they do, but most willing to go the extra mile to help others.

Now I encourage you! Go out and make a difference in someone else’s life. Become a teacher, a mentor, and a friend to people you most likely would have never met otherwise. Join the women’s program and seek mentors to help you find your way. Inspire yourself, and thus inspire others. If you have only been at your local area, then this year do even one event at another

area in the region, such as one of the ski enhancement programs offerings – meet others that have similar interests as well as common challenges, make new connections. Expand your world just a bit this year – who knows where it might take you, 365 days a year!



<http://www.ohionsp.org/programs/ohio-region-womens-program>

Central Division Electronic Communication

The Central Division is now responsible for our own email communications to our membership. This has been a process of setting up the hardware, software, and internet access so we can communicate with the Central Division membership. This service will also be utilized by your Region organization as well.

You can help by making sure that news@nspcentral.org (or nspcentral.org) is on your email 'whitelist' or 'safe sender' list. Make sure to scan your junk or spam folders to make sure that any messages from NSP Central Division have not been filtered to these folders. PLEASE do not report email from the Central Division (news@nspcentral.org) as spam, this could potentially disrupt our communications to other Central Division members.

We use the National database as our resource for membership email addresses. If you wish to use a different email address, then make sure you update your profile at <http://www.nsp.org>. If you have any questions or wish to 'opt out' of receiving email, please contact Kent Anderson (Central Division Webmaster) or Chris Raudabaugh (Assistant Division Director) for more information.

Region Reports



N Michigan Region

Michigan's oldest ski resort returns to NSP Membership.

When it opened in 1929 as the Grayling Winter Sports Park, Hanson was the first downhill ski area in Michigan and the second in the Midwest. In those days the "Snow Trains" brought people to Grayling where they boarded flatbed trucks for a ride to the park. In addition to skiing the park featured a toboggan run that thrilled many. In 1934 the area constructed a 66 foot ski jump that functioned for several years.

Richard Jacques
N MI Region
Director

Hanson Hills is part of a large parcel willed to the State of Michigan by Rasmus Hanson for military or recreational use and is still controlled by the State of Michigan Military Board.

From the mid 60's to mid 70's the resort was operated as "Bear Mountain" by Fred Bear, a local businessman. During this time the operation grew to 22 slopes for downhill skiing, had a unique Polyhedron Hotel, the "Little Smokey Railroad" and the "Fred Bear Museum". The heirs of the Hanson Estate asked for the property back when they learned that private individuals were making money on the property that had been donated "for use on a non-profit" basis. In 1973 Michigan Courts ordered the operation be closed. The hotel and lifts were dismantled and other facilities closed.

Several community volunteers came forward the next winter to keep a few hills open for children to downhill ski. This group led to the formation of the Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA), a consortium made up of County, School District and Township representatives plus three members at large. The GRA now operates the area with year round sports programs for children and adults.

The Hanson Hills Ski Patrol was affiliated with the NSP until the late 1990's at which time local fire and EMS personnel took over providing emergency services. Current Patrol Director Dianne Knapp saw an article about the Northern Michigan Region Ski Patrols in a local paper last winter and inquired about her patrol becoming a member. Several meetings with Dianne and the Hanson Hill Management ensued resulting in reactivation of the Hanson Hills National Ski Patrol in December of 2014.

Dianne Knapp, is an EMT-P and EMS Instructor at multiple levels. She took the NSP OEC Class in Traverse City last spring and is looking forward to becoming an OEC Instructor this year.

NMR is helping with a ski patrol awareness and recruiting activity at the Hanson Hills Winter Fest on January 31st and is training the area's existing patrollers to use a rescue toboggan that is not attached to a snowmobile.

Special thanks to ARD Don Desautels, Section Chief Peter Toundaian, ROA Rod Kivell and Schuss Mountain's Larry Murton for their contributions in bringing Hanson Hills back to the NSP.

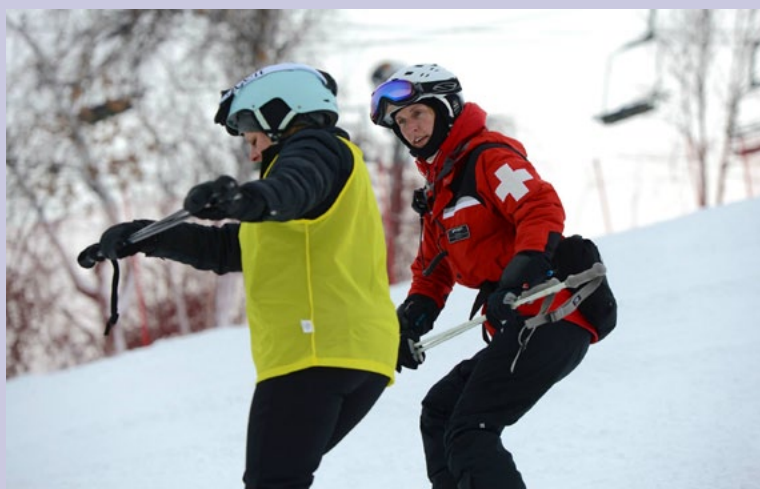
Scenes from CD Afton Alps December STW

Photos Courtesy Charles Laughton



More Photos from Central Division STW's

Photos Courtesy Myron Jacobson



2013 - 2014 Central Division Awards Recap

Submitted by Gregg Reese, CD Awards Supervisor

2013-2014 CD AWARDS

Patroller	Award	Year	Region	Patrol Name
Knox, Robert	National Cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Mt Holly
North, Gary	PMS	2013-14	Ohio	Perfect North
Petry, Roger	YMS	2013-14	Western	Giants Ridge
Ellis, Maurice	DSA	2013-14	South Central	Devils Head
Petry, Roger	MSA	2013-14	Western	Giants Ridge
Haugen, Eric	PMS	2013-14	South Central	Alpine Valley West
Bresson, Bob	PMS	2013-14	South Central	Alpine Valley West
MvCaigue, Tim,	PMS	2013-14	South Central	Alpine Valley West
Riegelman, Dan	YMS	2013-14	South Central	Alpine Valley West
Fisco, Ron	YMS	2013-14	South Central	Alpine Valley West
Myszewski, Dale	YMS	2013-14	South Central	Alpine Valley West
Cridelich, Mark	YMS	2013-14	South Central	Alpine Valley West
Clements, Lori	YMS	2013-14	South Central	Alpine Valley West
Cary, Doug	N Appointment	2013-14	NMR	Otsego
Bailey Fred	N Appointment	2013-14	NMR	Nubs Nob
Wiley, John	N Appointment	2013-14	NMR	Boyne Highlands
Thompson, Megan	Patrollers Cross	2013-14	NMR	Schuss Mt
Throop, Pat	PMS	2013-14	NMR	Schuss Mt
Woodcock, Carl	N Appointment	2013-14	NMR	Boyne Highlands
Desautels, Don	N Appointment	2013-14	NMR	Otsego
Toundaian, Peter	N Appointment	2013-14	NMR	Otsego
Collins, Marty	YMS	2013-14	Ohio	Perfect North
Chapman, Elizabeth	YMS	2013-14	Ohio	Snow Trails
Fay, Daniel	YMS	2013-14	Ohio	Snow Trails
Ashcroft, Chris	BMS	2013-14	Ohio	Snow Trails
Durbin, Tim	PMS	2013-14	Ohio	Snow Trails
Vickroy, Jim	Patrollers Cross	2013-14	Ohio	Mad River Mountain
Martin, Amanda	Patrollers Cross	2013-14	Ohio	Mad River Mountain
Howe, Jim	Patrollers Cross	2013-14	Ohio	Snow Trails
Fay, Daniel	PMS	2013-14	Ohio	Perfect North
McCabe, Pat	Patrollers Cross	2013-14	Ohio	Mad River Mountain
Locher, Marcia	YMS	2013-14	North Central	Granite Peak
Rohling, Joe	DSA	2013-14	North Central	Granite Peak
Adams, Betty	DSA	2013-14	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park
Muma, Steve	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	Western Michigan	Pando
Kirch, Tim	N Appointment	2013-14	Western Michigan	Caberfae Peaks
Dawson, Merri Jo	Patrollers Cross	2013-14	Western Michigan	Caberfae Peaks
Outman, Richard	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	Western Michigan	Pando
Johnson, Dave	YMS	2013-14	Western Michigan	Cannonsburg
Cameron, Laura	N Appointment	2013-14	Western Michigan	Cannonsburg
Pegelow, Samantha	N Appointment	2013-14	South Central	Tyrol Basin
Riedemann, James	YMS	2013-14	South Central	Cascade
Medla, Michelle	Patrollers Cross	2013-14	South Central	Little Switzerland
Cassens, Martha	Patrollers Cross	2013-14	South Central	Devils Head
Butler, Peggy	Patrollers Cross	2013-14	South Central	Devils Head
Walters, Mary	GMS	2013-14	South Central	Devils Head
Jarvi, Marty	DSA	2013-14	South Central	Sunburst
Homstad, Wayne	DSA	2013-14	South Central	Sunburst
Homuth, Jan	DSA	2013-14	South Central	Devils Head
Johnson, Joe	N Appointment	2013-14	EMR	Mt Holly
Gilin, Marilyn	N Appointment	2013-14	EMR	Alpine Valley East
Uswick, Roxanne	N Appointment	2013-14	EMR	Mt Holly

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Patroller	Award	Year	Region	Patrol Name
Mallard, Darrin	N Appointment	2013-14	EMR	Pine Knob
Cousineau, Ron	DSA	2013-14	EMR	Pine Knob
Nickolaou, Cheryl	Patrollers Cross	2013-14	EMR	Pine Knob
Couture, Cheryl	Patrollers Cross	2013-14	EMR	Pine Knob
Wark, Charlene	Patrollers Cross	2013-14	EMR	Mt Holly
Stone, James	Patrollers Cross	2013-14	EMR	Mt Holly
Fuller, Steve	YMS	2013-14	EMR	Mt Holly
Chapman, David	PMS	2013-14	EMR	Mt Brighton
Cypert, Darcy	PMS	2013-14	South Central	Alpine Valley East
Nahn, Anne	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	South Central	Devils Head
Allison, Deb	N Appointment	2013-14	Southern	Chestnut Mt
Mueller, Ernie	N Appointment	2013-14	Southern	Hidden Valley
Johnston, Randy	DSA	2013-14	Southern	Villa Olivia
Vaerewyck, Lauren	YMS	2013-14	Southern	Swiss Valley
Bowen, Dan	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	North Central	Alumni
Salonen, Bob	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	North Central	Ski Brule
Krol, Erica	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	Western Michigan	Timber Ridge
Maci Ron	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	South Central	Alpine Valley West
Thalacker, Dan	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	EMR	Mt Brighton
Tedesco, Jodie	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	EMR	Alpine Valley East
Bickerstaff, Jane	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	EMR	Mt Brighton
Bickerstaff, Joseph	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	EMR	Mt Brighton
Carpenter, Rob	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	EMR	Mt Brighton
Thiry, Phil	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	EMR	Mt Brighton
Krabach, Sean	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	EMR	Mt Brighton
Thorsby, Dale	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	EMR	Mt Brighton
LaVene, Allison	PMS	2013-14	EMR	Mt Holly
Mt Bohemia	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	North Central	Mt Bohemia
Waddell, Scott	N Appointment	2013-14	Western Michigan	Crystal Mt.
Luoma, Tim	BMS	2013-14	Western	Afton Alps
Thompson, Edward	L.C. Appointment	2013-14	Western	Coffee Mill
Urich, Brian	N Appointment	2013-14	Western	Three Rivers
Hobday, Thomas	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	Western	Afton Alps
Schaller, Dave	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	Western	Welch Village
Schaler, Jane	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	Western	Welch Village
Rees, Craig	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	Western	Welch Village
O'Connor, Jeff	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	Western	Welch Village
Hiddinga, Jay	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	Western	Welch Village
Hale, Joseph	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	Western	Welch Village
Wolfe, Jason	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	Western	Welch Village
Vickerman, Mark	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	Western	Welch Village
Yasis, Joe	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	Western	Afton Alps
Skiba, Steven	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	Western	Coffee Mill
Willwerscheid, Steve	YMS	2013-14	Western	Afton Alps
Iverson, Robert	D D Program Award	2013-14	Western	Three Rivers
Lucht, Alane	D D Program Award	2013-14	Western	Afton Alps
Gerdes, Ron	D D Program Award	2013-14	Ohio	Perfect North
Gesteland, Eric	D D Program Award	2013-14	South Central	Cascade
Ulrich, Brian	D D Program Award	2013-14	Western	Three Rivers
Mogan, Jeannine	D D Program Award	2013-14	Western	Three Rivers
Kim, Matthew	D D Program Award	2013-14	Ohio	Snow Trails
Barthel, Linda	D D Program Award	2013-14	EMR	Mt Brighton

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Patroller	Award	Year	Region	Patrol Name
Boboltz, Dave	D D Program Award	2013-14	EMR	Independence Oaks
Park, Herold	D D Program Award	2013-14	Ohio	Perfect North
White, Chuck	D D Program Award	2013-14	EMR	Mt Holly
Randall, Frank	D D Program Award	2013-14	Southern	Chestnut Mt
Robinson, Les	C D Outstanding	2013-14	North Central	Granite Peak
Robinson, Les	Gold Merit Star	2013-14	North Central	Granite Peak
Chestnut Mountain	Gold Unit Citation	2013-14	Southern	Chestnut Mt
Chestnut Mountain	C D Outstanding	2013-14	Southern	Chestnut Mt
Lechtanski, Tena	C D Outstanding	2013-14	NMR	Boyne Highlands
Lechtanski, Tena	Gold Merit Star	2013-14	NMR	Boyne Highlands
Sinkus, Wendy	YMS	2013-14	NMR	Treetops Sylvan
Treetops Sylvan	Silver Unit Citation	2013-14	NMR	Treetops Sylvan
Treetops Sylvan	C D Outstanding	2013-14	NMR	Treetops Sylvan
Cobble, Brian	C D Outstanding	2013-14	Southern	Wilmot Mt
Cobble, Brian	Silver Unit Citation	2013-14	Southern	Wilmot Mt
LaVene, Leon	Silver Merit Star	2013-14	EMR	Mt Holly
LaVene, Leon	C D Outstanding	2013-14	EMR	Mt Holly
Busche, Kelly	Silver Merit Star	2013-14	Western	Powder Ridge
Busche, Kelly	C D Outstanding	2013-14	Western	Powder Ridge
Glacial Park Nordic	C D Outstanding	2013-14	Southern	Glacial Park Nordic
Glacial Park Nordic	National Unit Citation	2013-14	Southern	Glacial Park Nordic
Schauer, Laura	YMS	2013-14	Southern	Chestnut Mt
Norris, Annaka	C D Outstanding	2013-14	NMR	Nubs Nob
Norris, Annaka	YMS	2013-14	NMR	Nubs Nob
Corrigan, Kim	C D Outstanding	2013-14	Ohio	Perfect North
Corrigan, Kim	YMS	2013-14	Ohio	Perfect North
O'Dell Jon	C D Outstanding	2013-14	EMR	Independence Oaks
O'Dell Jon	YMS	2013-14	EMR	Independence Oaks
Chen, Cathy	PMS	2013-14	Western	Afton Alps
Currier, Bill	YMS	2013-14	Ohio	BM/BW
Riley, Joe	YMS	2013-14	South Central	Cascade
Mogan, Jeannine	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	Western	Three Rivers
Schmid, Brianna	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	Western	Buena Vista
Park, Herold	C D Outstanding Supervisor	2013-14	Ohio	Perfect North
Lucht, Alane	C D Outstanding I/T	2013-14	Western	Afton Alps
Schmid, Matt	PMS	2013-14	Western	Buena Vista
Larson, Phillip	PMS	2013-14	Western	Lutsen
Chlebeck, Dave	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	Western	Buck Hill
L'Esperance, Anne	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	Western	Buck Hill
Gary Nichols	Critical Care Recognition	2013-14	Western	Buck Hill
Currier, Bill	Division Director Award	2013-14	Ohio	BM/BW
Thompson, Mitchel	C D 1st Runner-up	2013-14	EMR	Pine Knob
Moonen, Alida	C D 1st Runner-up	2013-14	Ohio	BM/BW
Worfel, Dave	C D 1st Runner-up	2013-14	WMR	Caberfae Peaks
Morgan, Leah	C D 1st Runner-up	2013-14	Ohio	Paoli Peaks
McNitt, Rich	C D 1st Runner-up	2013-14	Ohio	BM/BW
Timmons, Julie	C D 1st Runner-up	2013-14	Southern	Des Plaines Nordic
Big Powderhorn	C D 1st Runner-up	2013-14	North Central	Big Powderhorn
Rodeman, Jerry	C D 1st Runner-up	2013-14	NMR	Schuss Mt
Hammons, Sandi	C D 1st Runner-up	2013-14	Ohio	Perfect North
Mt Holly	C D 1st Runner-up	2013-14	EMR	Mt Holly
Independence Oaks	C D 1st Runner-up	2013-14	EMR	Independence Oaks

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Fuller, Jodie	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Mt Holly
Johnson, Joe	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Mt Holly
King, Pam	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Pine Knob
Damon, Ty	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Pine Knob
Hazen, Sharon	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Pine Knob
Jurcak, Jeff	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Pine Knob
Krabach, Sean	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Mt Brighton
LaVene, Allison	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Mt Holly
LaVene, Leon	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Mt Holly
Livermore, Russ	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Pine Knob
O'Dell, Jon	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Independence Oaks
Povlitz, Chuck	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Pine Knob
Loula, Marge	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Alpine Valley East
Parkins, Carl	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Pine Knob
Rayl, Gustave	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Alpine Valley East
Roell, Jamie	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Pine Knob
Sutton Chris	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Boyne Mountain
Werner, Derek	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Pine Knob
Ruddy, Rae Ann	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Pine Knob
Thomas, Chuck	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Alpine Valley East
Newton, Mark	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Blizzard Metro
Cousineau, Ron	C D cert of Appreciation	2013-14	EMR	Blizzard Metro

Mid Season Certified Update



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Supervisor

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Anyone interested in learning more about the Certified program is welcome to join us at Lutsen or any of the events. If you have any questions you please contact me or any of the region advisors.

The Certified annual evaluation will be held March 5th - 8th at Lutsen. We are pleased to welcome nine new candidates into the program; Mark Angell, Mark Branham, Tracy Buchanan, Stephen Jarboe, Matthew Kim and Michael Langley. Please wish these members success as they begin their certified journey.

One qualification and recertification clinic has already been held at Perfect North Slopes. Others will be held in the next several weeks at Nubs Nob, Marquette Mountain, Lutsen and Chestnut Mountain.

A pilot program that offers evaluation of certified modules will be happening in February at Tyrol Basin and Mount Brighton.



2015 Division Nordic Workshop at Minocqua



Peter Wollan
Nordic
Supervisor

As we gathered at Minocqua Winter Park the morning of Saturday, January 10, the snow was deep, the trails were perfectly groomed, and the sun was peeking over the hills to glisten off the sharp snow crystals. Sharp and glisten-y indeed, since it was 10 below zero — that's degrees F, not C. Northern Wisconsin weather had been at its usual extreme variability, and it was a beautiful day, just very cold. So, we wore more layers than we usually do, and had a grand time, as usual. At those temperatures, waxable classic skis work dramatically better than no-wax, so those of us with wax got to feel vindicated — in contrast to those years when it's warm and wet, and the no-waxers sail past us as we slip and slide.



Participants explore deep powder on the precipitous slopes of Squirrel Hill.

We followed our traditional program of devoting Saturday to Senior testing and clinic run by patrollers, with good success: we had two candidates pass their Senior skiing exam, Wrick Dunning and Julie Timmons.



Workshop participants, wearing many layers and looking rather round.

Sunday we came back to temps a couple degrees warmer, though without the brilliant sunshine, for a session with Dan Clausen. This year he had a running theme of body position, working through both classic and skate skiing technique. He also took us up to the summit of Squirrel Hill, which had been left mostly ungroomed. Wrick demonstrated telemark turns coming down the deep powder, which he had learned in Indiana, of all places.

On Monday half of us, plus a couple of others, met at Indianhead ski area, an hour farther north, for a Telemark clinic by Dan. Conditions continued to be cold but otherwise great. There was an inch or two of fresh snow, which was cold and slow — which was very helpful for learning, giving some extra time to get things right. I think everyone improved significantly, but I made tremendous progress, going from barely able to do anything to completing some well-formed tele turns on fairly steep slopes. I smiled a lot. But then, we all smiled a lot.

All in all, it was a very satisfying weekend.

A Different Approach, Instructor Development



Virginia Rodeman
Instructor
Development
Supervisor

I thought I'd take a different approach this time.

The Instructor Development Program doesn't magically make good instructors. Good instructors share a number of characteristics. They have a passion for what they teach, they make teaching seem effortless, they really know and understand their subject matter, they make teaching and learning fun, and they focus on their teaching and try to continually improve. How did that happen? Many NSP Instructors did not have formal education in teaching, but through their personal experiences, invisible time working on teaching, and the NSP programs, they have become successful, dynamic instructors. This brings us to the "buzz".

In all NSP Disciplines, Continuing Education by Instructors seems to be the buzz. This Continuing Education provides the instructors with new information as well as reminders. It is usually made up of a review of a part of the Instructor Development Course and Discipline specific information. New information from new books like OEC 5th edition, revised information sometimes a clarification and other times a better way to do something, and a review of information like record keeping or communications are just some of the topics which can be covered in Continuing Education. Continuing Education should be completed once every three years to renew Instructor Credentials. In this three year cycle, the instructor also needs to be reviewed by an Instructor Trainer and yearly an Instructor should turn in the Instructor log to the Region Administrator for the NSP discipline.

If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Rodeman, Central Division Supervisor for Instructor Development rodewoman@yahoo.com .

Get Your New ATM Today!



Dan Moss
PSIA / AASI
Liaison

Greetings fellow Snowsport Instructors! I hope by now you have already purchased your new ATM...Mmmh, what's that? Uh oh.

The new Alpine and Snowboard Technical Manuals are available for purchase on PSIA website:<http://www.thesnowpros.org/>. This is fantastic news and I really encourage you to gobble them up quickly.

Want more? You can purchase them with a digital download for your smartphone for \$5 more. Not only do you have the manual available to you wherever your phone is (let's admit it...always), but it also has play-back video linked embedded in many of the photos!

The text is up to date with the latest and greatest understandings of modern day skiing and riding: and the national standards and the exam standards are all aligned.

As you know, your Division and Region snowsport schools have work tirelessly over the last decade to help gain ground on patrollers upping their game in their respective ski/ride disciplines. PLEASE, do not let us fall behind! Lets stay at the forefront of developing excellent skiers and riders, while we serve the paying public.

OEC Update: Winter 2015



Karen Hadden
OEC Supervisor

Happy New Year! The skiing -boarding season is now in full swing and as we know, OEC is an all year program. Here are some updates for you!

PowderFall has some very exciting programs and The Canyons will be a beautiful venue! Please consider signing up to attend. There will be classes about the use of the online OEC resources, whether it's the online hybrid refresher or the Pearson resources.



Fall 2015 OEC refresher will be Cycle B.

Pertinent topics will be:

Common Outdoor Injury Management and Neurological Injury Management.

Cycle B specific topics are:

- Injuries to the Pelvis, Hip, and Femur, and Traction Splinting
- Lifts and Carries
- Adaptive Athletes
- Environmental Injuries
- Water Emergencies
- Allergies and Anaphylaxis
- Plant and Animals
- Review of the Anatomy and Physiology of the Digestive and Genitourinary Systems
- Standing Backboard
- Helmet Removal



Susan Hayes
Assistant OEC
Supervisor

Look for the Refresher information coming out in your Summer Ski Patrol magazine. There will be the online option again this fall. The Refresher committee is working hard to improve the online offering for the hybrid refresher. They anticipate that registering the hybrid refresher will be the same as last year, where you will

select the hybrid refresher for your home area.

OUTDOOR FIRST CARE (OFC):

The revised Outdoor First Care Program, OFC, is available through the NSP store. The OFC certification is good for a period of 2 years and is intended to be used by Mountain Hosts, area maintenance workers or taught to ski instructors. Any OEC Instructor can teach the OFC course which is comprised of an online piece to deliver the info to the student, and then 6-8 hours of hands-on training and testing. In addition to those two pieces, the candidate is also required to take a Heartsaver/AED course prior to the hands-on day. The instructor pamphlet is under OEC Instructor Resources on the Member NSP page. There is also a copy of the modules that make up the online portion. There is now a cost associated with the OFC course as well and minimum age requirements. For more information, contact your Region or Division OEC Supervisors.

NSP OEC RECORDS:

We've had some challenges this season with updated status for OEC Instructors and OEC Refreshers. Please make sure that your email with NSP is updated and CORRECT! Also, look at your Educational Profile to make sure that the correct changes have been made. If you find an issue, please follow the proper chain of command and notify your Region OEC Administrator or Division OEC Administrator and we will work on the problem.

Have a fun and safe 2015 season!

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Central Division Senior Program Notes



Daren Lukes
Senior
Supervisor

2014 has come and gone and the month of December is a blur and January is already history. Despite the above and below freezing temperatures this year, the resorts in the Central Division have been able to make snow and provide us with another great season of skiing.

The Snowsports Trainers Workshops in December were an overwhelming success this year. We had exactly 200 patrollers in attendance between three events. 68 Patrollers or 34% of the attendees participated in one of the offered senior program events. The programs these folks attended are intended to prepare them to bring the information they learned back to each of their respective Regions. If you have not already had a Region Snowsports Trainers Workshop, please watch the schedule for an event near you. If you are an aspiring Senior or Senior Instructor/Evaluator, please reach out to the folks that attended these events and spend some time learning from them.

	Senior Toboggan	Senior Ski/Ride	Senior Eval Re-Cert	Accredited Senior Evaluator Exam
Afton	5	8	4	0
Boyne	5	14	6	9
Cascade	5	10	2	0

It has been a pleasure working with the Central Division Skills Development team putting on these events. Allow me to introduce our team:

Britt Gustafson our Skills Development Supervisor has lead our team through thick and thin. She has a passion for Ski Patrol and that translates to our team.

Harold Park is the Central Division Snowsports Supervisor and recently became a Level III PSIA Alpine Instructor. Congratulations to Harold on all of your success as this is no easy task. Harold has been a positive force on our team and an inspiration to all of us. I look forward to spending any opportunity I can with Harold and our other Level II and III instructors. The PSIA programs and methods work and following the plan can greatly improve your Snowsports skills, your comfort on the hill, your effectiveness as a Patroller, your toboggan handling skills and your enjoyment of the sport.

Dave Bramel is the Central Division Toboggan Supervisor and is having a positive impact on the Outdoor

Emergency Transportation programs in our Division. Dave is a visionary and has the best interest of our toboggan program, skills and training in mind as he steers the transportation ship. Dave has been working closely with other Divisions and our National Supervisor to continue improving our programs.

Tom Anderson is the Assistant Division Director in charge of the Skills Development Team. Tom has been an integral part of the National Ski Patrol in our area for many years. Tom has been a mentor and a friend. Most of the Patrollers in the North Central Region have had the pleasure of being taught by Tom or taught by someone who has been taught by Tom.

The Central Division can be proud of your Skills Development team and know that you are in good hands. This team has taken what was already a good program and continued the good work that came before us. If anyone ever has a question on any of the disciplines, feel free to reach out to any of the folks on this team. We can be found at <http://www.nspcentral.org/roster.php> under the Division Supervisors.

Senior Ski and Toboggan Exams

There Senior ski and toboggan exams are coming up this February. Below is a list of evaluations happening around the Division. Contact information is included for your reference.

Region	Exam	Location	Contact	E-mail	Phone #
Eastern MI	2/21/2015	Boyne	Allen Radke	skibum22aer@outlook.com	734-855-5183
North Central	2/21/2015	Marquette	Chuck Jonas	ozzynkat@charter.net	715-571-7540
Northern MI	2/8/2014	Nubs Nob	John Wiley	oeccrap@gmail.com	847-587-0791
Ohio	2/28-3/1/14	Boston Mills/Brandywine	David McKinley	davemckinley4@yahoo.com	502-262-1061
South Central	2/8/2014	Cascade	Tim Weinand	tweinand@aosmith.com	414-791-0989
Southern	2/21/2014	Chestnut	Jon Malhiot	idmalhiot@comcast.net	708-692-0914
Western	2/22/2014	Mont du Lac	Alane Lucht	dralucht@hotmail.com	952-832-0227
Western MI	2/22/2014	Crystal Mountain	Sue Brann	suebrann@comcast.net	616-690-7927

Have Great Season and never forget, “BE SAFE” on the slopes!

CD Snow Sports School



Harold Parks
NSP-C Snow
Sports School

WOW!! The NSP-C Snow Sports School Staff started the year with a big bang by displaying their professionalism, integrity, and dedication in participating in three Ski Trainer Workshops in December. The team banded together in an early season clinic to discuss ways to better serve its members. We discussed the “Five Dysfunctions of a Team” (author; Patrick Lencioni). No! We were not working on how we could become dysfunctional, but quite the opposite is how to stay away from and recognizing the pitfalls organizations fall into. We discussed the following:

- Absence of trust—unwilling to be vulnerable within the group
- Fear of conflict—seeking artificial harmony over constructive passionate debate
- Lack of commitment—feigning buy-in for group decisions creates ambiguity throughout the organization
- Avoidance of accountability—ducking the responsibility to call peers on counterproductive behavior which sets low standards
- Inattention to results—focusing on personal success, status and ego before team success

The Central Division is very fortunate to have some of the best and finest instructors throughout the National Ski Patrol. I would like to personally thank each of these instructors for being on "OUR" team and providing exemplary service to each member of the Central Division.

THANK YOU.....

Tom Anderson, Jim Andrew, Brian Cobble, Linda Jacobs Murphy, Chuck Martchinke, Dale Mihuta, Dan Moss, Chris Raudabaugh, Troy Southwick, John Thomas, John Keating, Linda Barthel, Tom Worley, Jay Zedak, Andrew French, Jon French & Amy Arnold

For those of you who are Ski/Ride instructors, please visit the www.nspcentral.org and register on line. The National Ski Patrol recognizes the Central Division Ski School as a sanctioned organization for teaching skiing and riding. Under the new general liability insurance anyone who is a member of the NSP-C Ski School will be covered by this insurance liability. Don't be left in the cold..... Get signed up today!

If you were unable to attend one of the Divisions STW's please check with your Region Ski School Advisor for a Ski Enhancement Seminar.

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Obituary: Robert Morence

On September 18th 2014, the patrollers of the Southern Region, Central Division lost another early Southern Region Leader in the passing of Robert (Bob) Morence.

Bob was an instrumental leader in the development of the patrols in the Southern Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky that were part of the original 3-I region, later Southern Region, of the Central Division. Bob was on the St Joseph County Parks and Recreation Board and with his love skiing and the National Ski Patrol, brought the NSP to the developing Bendix Woods Ski Area, in South Bend, IN (Bob's home town). Bob's commitment to the development of patrolling in this area of the Region, soon lead him to the position of Section Chief of Section 4. His activities in leading and supporting the patrols and patrollers of his section were recognized with numerous awards thought his career and National Appointment 5475 in 1979.

Bob began his skiing and emergency care services while serving in the US Army. He was assigned to a MASH unit in Germany where he not only learned emergency care firsthand, he also got his first thrills of skiing. Since those first experiences, he has skied Norway, Switzerland, Austria and Italy, as well as all over the US.

After retiring from the patrol, Bob continued his service to the skiing public through working in the ski shop at Swiss Valley Ski Area in Jones, MI.

Bob is survived by his wife of 39 years, Pam O'Leary-Morence, another long time patroller. Pam is now registered as an Alumni Patroller.

Bob is greatly missed by all who have known him and all his friends in Southern Region, Central Division.

Submitted by: Chuck Martschinke

Anatomy of the Toboggan Refresher



David Bramel
Toboggan
Supervisor

The time is right for toboggan refreshing.

What is a toboggan refresher? I mean what does it look like? Ah, well that's a question with as many answers as there are ski areas. Certainly not meant as a cliché, truly as varied as the ski areas themselves.

If I ask my good friends in California they are concerned with reviewing all of the equipment they use and insure all their patrollers are reacquainted with its use. They will discuss and practice "Fin" awareness and anchoring because of the variable snow conditions. Tail rope handling variations include belay hand position for assistance in toboggan management in the steeps and deeps.

If I ask my fellow patrollers in the Midwest they too are concerned with reviewing equipment and gather atop of their runs and "share best practices." Sharpened short fins are important in the Midwest and the East where snow conditions tend to be hardpack. Tail rope handling varies slightly with a focus on athletic stance, hands in front and balance forward.

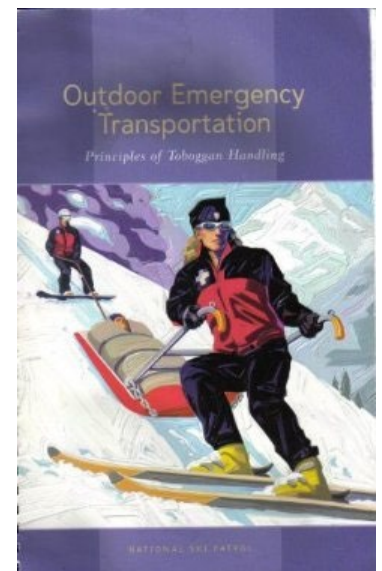
Some universal truths I found are toboggan instructors agree reacquainting patrollers with the proper use of the equipment on the local terrain, and assessing the patrollers proficiency in both handles and tail rope is the primary focus of the annual toboggan refresher. Secondary focus is to assess a patrollers "sliding" skills proficiency in their chosen sliding sport discipline. Ski and snowboard proficiency translate laterally to safe and effective toboggan handling. All agreed that they practiced route selection and safe operation of the toboggan. "S" turns for some, "box" turns for others.

The toboggan refresher Instructor of Record (IOR) interviewed, also pointed out that they are using the new sign off on the back of the NSP member card. Just like the OEC refresher, patrollers will want their toboggan refresher sign-off to be fully credentialed.

Ultimately, toboggan refreshers are under the direction of the local hill management. They are the most familiar with their transportation demands and insurance requirements and have the ultimate authority in determining the nature of your local refresher. Your patrol director or training staff should be in direct communication with your ski area manager.

The IOR for the toboggan refresher has resources available for review when working with management to develop a complete and successful toboggan refresher. A toboggan refresher template is available at NSP.org under "S and T instructor resources." The OET manual is another resource that is a great guide for toboggan handling skills and maneuvers and touches on ski and board proficiency skills. A scanned PDF version of the OET manual is available for reference on the NSP.org site. Toboggan instructors and patrol directors should reference this valuable document annually and prior to organizing their areas toboggan refresher.

Finally, your local OET IOR should register your Toboggan refresher and close it when completed. Participating patrollers will want credit for completion.



Keep Your Bearings Straight



John Wachter
MTR
Supervisor

Well it has been quite the winter and we have already had a few courses take place. I want to address a couple questions that I get asked a lot.

What is the difference between magnetic north and grid north and which one should I use? Well to help me explain this, I am going to turn to a great resource on the web. Maptools.com, it is where I get them really nice UTM grid tools. The sight is run by John Carnes and is very knowledgeable on the subject.

North Reference on your Map

Grid North

Grid North is easy to use on maps with printed UTM / MGRS / USNG grid lines.

- Lots of north reference lines already printed on the map.
- Likely to be very close to True North.

- When the level of accuracy required is low, Grid North lines are often used as True North lines.

True North

Lines of Longitude are True North lines. Often the two vertical edges of the map are lines of longitude and can be used as True North reference lines. They may be the only two True North lines on you map, unless your map has a lat/lon grid printed on it.

Magnetic North

Many aviation and marine charts have pre-printed Magnetic North lines. Most other maps do not. You can draw parallel lines aligned with Magnetic North onto your map for use as north reference lines.

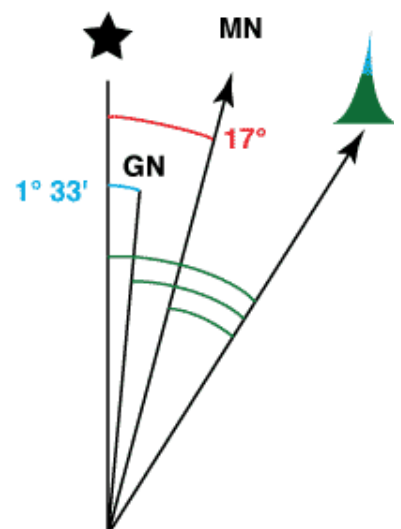
Ok so now that we know this, how do we convert between Grid North, True North and Magnetic North?

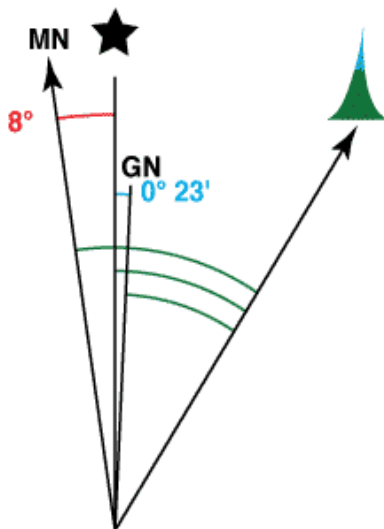
Converting Between North References

The key to converting between the three north references is to add a line representing the bearing to an imaginary target to the declination diagram. Now it is easy to see the different angles measured to the target from each of the north references. Remember the angle is measured from the desired north reference line to the target bearing line. The measured angle's zero degree value is associated with the north reference line and increases in a clockwise direction.

In the example at the right, both Magnetic and Grid North are east of True North. A true bearing would be 17° larger than a magnetic bearing. Thus to convert from a magnetic bearing to a true bearing you would add 17°.

The angle measured from the target to Grid North is also larger than the angle measured from the target to Magnetic North. The difference is the 17° angle from True North to Magnetic North less the 1° 33' angle from True North to Grid North. Thus to convert from a magnetic bearing to a Grid North reference you would add 15° 27'. (I would likely round this to 15 1/2°. I might even round to 15° if accuracy was not critical.)





In the example at the left, Magnetic North is west of True North and Grid North is east of True North. A true bearing would be 8° smaller than a magnetic bearing. Thus to convert from a magnetic bearing to a true bearing you would subtract 8°.

The angle measured from the target to Grid North is also smaller than the angle measured from the target to Magnetic North. The difference is the 8° angle from True North to Magnetic North plus the 0° 23' angle from True North to Grid North. Thus to convert from a magnetic bearing to a Grid North reference you would subtract 8° 23'. (I would likely round this to 8 1/2° or just 8°.)

The information above and a lot of other good information can be found on his web site at maptools.com. If you have any questions or would like to get a course going in your area, let me know at rock_ski@hotmail.com

Avalanche Awareness



Dale Fisher
Avalanche
Supervisor

We have had five Avalanche classes so far this season and trained over 60 participants. The make-up of the participants has been general skiers/snowboarders, PISA instructors, NSP patrollers and even a ski area owner. We want to thank the hosting ski resorts at the following locations: Little Switzerland (Slinger, WI), Boston Mills/Brandywine (Peninsula, OH), Mad River Mountain (Zanesfield, OH), Devil's Head (Merrimac, WI) and Pine Knob (Clarkston, MI).

We will have an additional four classes through the end of the ski season. The dates and times will be posted on the Calendar portion of the Central Division website in March. Please let us know if your patrol or a local ski shop, that has classroom facilities, is interested in sponsoring a class.

For more information about the Central Division Avalanche Program please visit our website (www.nspcentral.org) and look for the new Avalanche program page.

Also, please feel free to reach out to me to directly at 330-414-8949 or email me at: dfisher@corriganmoving.com



Next Classes in Central Division:

“Avalanche Course” on March 21st – North Central Region

“Level 1 – Module 1” in April/May – Ohio Region

“Avalanche Awareness” in April/May – Eastern Michigan Region

“Avalanche Awareness” in April/May – Ohio Region

Final dates & course information will be published on the Calendar portion of the Central Division Website in March. All courses above are still pending & please let us know if you are interested in attending, assisting or sponsoring.

Avalanche Photo Album



Level 1 – Module 1 “Classroom” on November 1, 2014, at Little Switzerland Ski Patrol (Slinger, WI) – here is a team picture participants after a fun day of course work along with instructor, Jay Zedak (Avalanche Level 2 Instructor/IT), a member of our Central Division Avalanche Education Team, and Mike Husar, a Central Division Avalanche Instructors-in-Training. Thank you to the 14 participants.

Level 1 – Module 1 “Classroom” on November 22, 2014, at Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Patrol (Peninsula, OH) – here is a team picture PSIA and NSP participants after 10 hours of course work, along with Jay Zedak, (Avalanche Level 2 Instructor/IT), a member of our Central Division Avalanche Education Team. Thank you to the 18 participants.



Avalanche Awareness Course on December 15th, 2014, at Mad River Mountain, (Zanesfield, OH) – here is a team picture of some of our PSIA and NSP participants after 2 hours of course work, along with two of our Central Division Avalanche Instructors-in-Training – Colleen Dorfman & Rashid Farahati. Thank you to the 17 participants.

Level 1 - Module 1 “Classroom” Course on December 21st, 2014, at Devil’s Head (Merrimac, WI) - Thanks to Devil's Head Ski Patrol for hosting Central Division Avalanche Program instructor, Jay Zedak who provided to training to 14 participants.



For more information about the Central Division Avalanche Program please visit our website (www.nspcentral.org)

SAVE THE DATE



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NSP Central Division Meeting September 11-13, 2015



Grand Rapids, Michigan

Hotel:

- Holiday Inn – Downtown Grand Rapids
- Rooms are reserved for Friday and Saturday night, September 11 and 12
- Cost per night: \$135 plus local tax. *Free Parking for hotel and conference*
- Please call (616) 235-7611 and use the code "National Ski Patrol" to reserve a room.

Conference, Classes and Awards Banquet:

- Will be held at the L.V. Eberhard Center at Grand Valley State University (downtown next to the Holiday Inn)
- Meeting schedules, Awards Banquet, Registration and Cost information will be sent at a later date

Travel Information:

- Airport: Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GRR), with service by most major carriers
- Amtrak: Daily trips to and from Chicago



Hosted by the West Michigan Region

What to see and experience in Grand Rapids and West Michigan!

- **Biking**

The League of American Bicyclists named GR as a top "Bicycle-Friendly Community" in 2009 and *Outside Magazine* named GR the "Best Town for Mountain Biking" in 2010.



- **Museums**

Downtown alone contains five museums within a few blocks of each other: [Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum](#), [Grand Rapids Art Museum](#), [Grand Rapids Children's Museum](#), [Grand Rapids Public Museum](#) and [Urban Institute of Contemporary Arts](#).

- **Beer City USA!**

There are many reasons why Grand Rapids is becoming known for craft beer. After a nation-wide vote in May 2012, it became official that Grand Rapids was BeerCity USA 2012. And for the last two years, Grand Rapids again was named BeerCity USA! [Founder's Brewing Co.](#) has been named the 3rd best brewery in the world (ratebeer.com), and it serves one of the planet's top 10 beers. Plus many other local breweries in the downtown area.



Grand Rapids

- **Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park**

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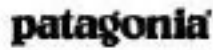


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0000-00-00		AVALANCHE	Eastern Michigan			
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0000-00-00		OEC	Eastern Michigan		Apple Mtn. & Snowsnake OEC Instructor Refresher	
0000-00-00	0000-00-00	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Ski Brule	SES Clinic	Peter Holdridge
0000-00-00	0000-00-00	TES	Western Michigan	Bittersweet	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Shawn Rhoda - strhoda@aol.com
2015-02-15		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Snowsnake, Harrison, MI	EMR3 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Roxanne Usewick - roxmu@sbcglobal.net
2015-02-15		DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	Email	Senior OEC Scenario Skill Sign-off Deadline	Rae Ann Ruddy - (248) 672-7511 or raeruddy@comcast.net
2015-02-15	2015-02-15	TESTING/TRAINING	Southern	Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, WI	SES/TES Limited number of participants. Sign up early. Indicate SES or TES	Jon Malhiot - jdmalhiot@gmail.com
2015-02-20	2015-02-20	Awards	Northern Michigan		Individual Awards Submission Deadline	Virginia Rodeman (rodewoman@yahoo.com)
2015-02-21		TESTING/TRAINING	Eastern Michigan	Boyne Falls, MI	Senior Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Allen Radke - skibum22aer@outlook.com or (734) 855-5183
2015-02-21	2015-02-21	SENIOR	North Central	Marquette Mountain	Senior S&T Evaluation	Chuck (Ozzie) Jonas ozzynkat@charter.net
2015-02-21	2015-02-21	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Marquette Mnt	NC Toboggan Training Clinic	Jim Grundstrom
2015-02-21	2015-02-22	SENIOR	Southern	Chestnut Mountain, Galena, IL	Senior Ski and Toboggan Evaluation	Jonathon Malhiot- jdmalhiot@gmail.com
2015-02-21	2015-02-21	NORDIC	Western	Hayward WI	Birkie	www.birkie.com
2015-02-22	2015-02-22	AWARDS	North Central	TBA	Awards Committee Mtg	Brenda Robinson [brobins@live.com]
2015-02-28	2015-02-28	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	Squirrel Hill Skiathon	Betty Adams [mbadams008@gmail.com]
2015-03-01		DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	Email	Awards Write-ups Deadline (All Patrols)	LJ LaVene - llavene@lentel.com
2015-03-01	2015-03-01	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Ski Brule	S&T Evaluation	Joe Matuszak [jmtooz@aol.com]
2015-03-01	2015-03-01	OEC	Northern Michigan	Treetops	NMR Senior OEC Prep Clinic	Rod Kivell (rj.kivell@att.net)
2015-03-01	2015-03-01	Awards	Northern Michigan		Outstanding Awards Submission Deadline	Virginia Rodeman (rodewoman@yahoo.com)
2015-03-05	2015-03-08	CERTIFIED	Western	Lutsen	TESTING/TRAINING	
2015-03-11		MEETING	Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly, MI	Awards Review Meeting	LJ LaVene - llavene@lentel.com or (810) 635-7829
2015-03-14	2015-03-14	SENIOR	North Central	Ski Brule	Senior SEM TESTING/TRAINING	Mike Olson [olsomp05@aol.com]
2015-03-15	2015-03-15	OEC	Northern Michigan	Schuss Mt.	NMR Senior OEC	Rod Kivell (rj.kivell@att.net)
2015-03-15	2015-03-15	Awards	Northern Michigan	Schuss Mt.	Spring Awards Committee Meeting ? Schuss Mt.	Virginia Rodeman (rodewoman@yahoo.com)
2015-03-21	2015-03-21	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Mt Ripley	S&T evaluation	Randy Tufts [randytufts@yahoo.com]
2015-03-21	2015-03-22	AVALANCHE	North Central	Mt Bohemia	TESTING/TRAINING Possibly running a level 1 rescue. May be at the university-Mt Bohemia-Mount Ripley.	Randy Tufts randytufts@yahoo.com
2015-03-21	2015-03-22	SENIOR	Southern	Grand Geneva, Lake Geneva, WI	OEC module of the Senior Program - OEC-MSP	Sue Boissenet-Smith - sbskier@hotmail.com
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2015-04-01		DEADLINES	Eastern Michigan	Email	Region Expense Report Deadline	Sharon Hazen - rhazen@comcast.net
2015-04-24	2015-04-26	MEETING	North Central	Minocqua Waters	Spring Banquet	Les Robinson [lrobbins@wctc.net]
2015-05-02	2015-05-02		Northern Michigan	Schuss Mt.	NMR Spring Meeting & Awards Banquet	Virginia Rodeman (rodewoman@yahoo.com)
2015-05-02	2015-05-03	BANQUET	Southern	Lisle-Naperville Hilton, Naperville, IL	Southern Region Annual Meeting and Banquet	Bret Duesdieker - dues711@mac.com
2015-05-06		MEETING	Eastern Michigan	Genesys Conv. Center	EMR Spring Meeting (Patrollers Welcome)	Mike Schons - (248) 683-0465 or schonsm@gmail.com
2015-05-09		BANQUET	Eastern Michigan		EMR Awards Banquet	Roxanne Usewick - roxmu@sbcglobal.net
2015-10-21	2015-10-25	OTHER EVENTS	Southern	Schaumburg, IL	Southern Region Ski Sale w/ WINDY CITY SKI AND SNOWBOARD SHOW	Jennifer Iбата-Fetzer - skipatroljennifer@gmail.com

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