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Division Director's REPORT

by John Kane, Division Director

If acorns are an indicator of a great snow year ahead, then we are in for record setting snows. Did anyone else rake up more acorns than leaves this year? If there was a recipe for Acorn Pie or an acorn derivative for a cure, we would retire tomorrow. OK, enough about acorns! What is true is that we are in store for extended cold temperatures and snow in the forecast ahead. The good news is that all of the Eastern Division is in good shape for snowmaking temperatures. So, fire up those guns!

The Eastern Division lost two significant staff members prior to kicking off the 2019-20 season. Gregor Trinkaus-Randall (Archivist) and Gerry Clark (Alumni Advisor). While this was a very sad moment in our lives, I can't help but remember all the positive contributions both these wonderful patrollers made to the Eastern Division. Both gave their heart and soul to their respective programs which will be felt for a very long time. Let's all pause to remember Gregor and Gerry. You will not be forgotten.

Refreshers are almost all completed by now. Thanks to our entire OEC instructor trainers and instructor corps for being prepared for all of our 9,100+ patrollers. This will be the last time we will be working with OEC 5th Edition. Next summer (+/- a month) we will be introduced to the OEC 6th Edition. Many thanks to Ed McNamara and Dr. David Johe and many other Eastern Division contributors for helping deliver this next great NSP OEC work. We are all looking forward to working the new 6th Edition.

ICS-100—This will be my last official communication cheerleading everyone to complete this course by December 31, 2019. Remember any instructor can register this course. To obtain the ICS-100 course materials or take the course online go to <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp>. Patrol directors should make sure that all their patrollers have completed this new requirement. Remember, any new

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candidate must complete ICS-100 prior to becoming a patroller.

Once again, this past summer the Certified Program held their 11th Annual Certified Boot Camp at HurriKane Cove in Harrison, ME. This year we had 101 patrollers, families, and friends in attendance to support certified candidates currently in the program, those interested in participating in the certified program, and others just simply taking it all in. This year was all about Risk. We had a few lawyers and other experts on hand to pull together a couple of thought-provoking scenarios. Many thanks to Dave Walker, Scott Crofts, Jennifer Laitala, Justin Guth, and our special guest Mark Petrozzi for putting on another great event. We were thankful for one special guest all the way from Missouri, Brian Rull, National Board member, who served as a judge in our mock trial. Rick Knight, Dave Walker, Jay Zedak, and Wendy Aarnio, all National Board members, also participated at our event. That is impressive. Maybe in a few years we can plan a National Board meeting in Maine...in the summer! Why not? It was another eye-opening experience for the participants and even some of the support staff. Every year we challenge and train for what will be needed at the exam. All certified modules are represented at this event. Keep in mind that all scenarios are based on real events. Chris Tota and Jason Tamulen brought a contingent of YAPS to P.L.A.Y. Ah you ask...why is PLAY an acronym? Please see the great article that Chris wrote in *Ski Patrol Magazine*. Hope to see more YAPS next year.

Another off-season event is the Advanced Patroller School hosted by Jeff Baker and his New York and Pennsylvania contingents. They ran an Active Shooter MCI scenario with all municipalities on scene including PA State Police, local Fire Departments, EMS, and many more resources to support this great event. Many thanks to Blue Mountain for hosting this

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event. You need to be thinking about all the tools in your "toolbox" versus focusing on one event. Also, at this event, no one is an examiner or evaluator. Everyone works together for a common goal. The event has a very different look and experience, by all reports, and is growing every year.

Both events required the completion of ICS 100 before attending. Special thanks to all our certified members and instructors for making this off-season training for our division members. And thanks to all the participants, too.

I want to thank all the patrollers who voted in this year's election. We are hoping that everyone had an opportunity to vote. If you noticed the Eastern Division had only one candidate this year—sort of! First, we are thankful for Paul Kelly running for the National Board. The sort of other Eastern Division person was Marc Abend. He is a patroller at Loon Mountain in New Hampshire which is in the Pro Division. If you had a chance to participate on the candidate calls for National Board, you saw that both Paul and Marc did a great job in participating and representing thought-provoking stands on issues that are important for the future of the NSP. This year the Eastern Division offered our playbook to the national organization. Many thanks to Mike Schons, Central Division Director, and Cal Goldsmith for coming up with the questions for the candidates and moderating the calls. While the format is built for success and we hoped for a large audience on the calls, it was a bit of a disappointment not to see other divisions represented. We will have to review what we will do for next year. Speaking of next year, there will be five seats up for election. We need to find great people that will represent our patrollers on the board. Let's seek out these individuals and get them interested in thinking about this opportunity. This division has a lot of talented, hardworking, deeply committed, and thoughtful members ready to serve if we just help them to realize it. If you know who these people are please reach out to them today for next

year's opportunity. For those from our division and those from other divisions we couldn't possibly do this without our election team coordinator Tim Appleton. Thank you!

There will be a lot of changes coming for 2019-20. First, I will be finishing my second term as your Division Director and plan to step down. We have great people and dedicated patrollers interested in serving this great division. I intend on running for the National Board for next year. I have had an absolute blast doing the good work for this incredible division. We have accomplished a lot in a short period of time. I am so proud of the leadership I have come to know and respect and am comforted knowing we are in good hands for the many years ahead.

Second, Donna McGraw (the first lady and the real "BOSS" of the Eastern Division) will be retiring in April at our annual meeting in Albany. For nearly 30 years she has held the position of Eastern Division Administrator for seven Division Directors, countless Region Directors, and all the patrollers. It is mind boggling just thinking of all that she has seen, knows, and done for this division. We are celebrating this great lady's retirement in April. If you are interested in attending Donna's retirement party, please let me know and I will steer you in the right direction. Otherwise, please keep an eye out for all information on the website. On behalf of the Eastern Division THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for your dedicated, untiring support and your genuine thoughtful caring and guidance over the many years. You're simply Awesome.

Third, we will be having the Annual Eastern Division meeting at the Hyatt in Albany this year. The Desmond has been an outstanding host for our events for more years than I can remember...over at least 30. We're going to try something new. There are many new and improved aspects to personnel, programming, and courses. Stayed tuned and be involved. Let us know how we are doing so we can adjust and be at our best to serve your needs.

Fourth, we have a new event coordinator, Ingrid Shuttleworth, who will focus on the big Eastern Division events and be a resource for large program events. While this position was just created last year, Ingrid is off to a great start.

Lastly, we will have a lot of new faces on the Eastern Division Board (Region Director-elects) this year. Please welcome them aboard. With that I want to thank all the Region Directors who have served this division and their respective regions tirelessly and meaningfully. Thanks to you all for your support of the division and your patrollers.

We are busy marketing the NSP in different ways with other organizations. "Meet a Member of the National Ski Patrol" hosted by Mark Clem is on its 4th year. He has logged over 100 interviews across the division at many different events in all seasons. It is great to see the raw enthusiasm of our members. Please take a look and invite Mark to your area for an interview. It's a lot of FUN and informative at the same time. With the help of the NSP Subarus we have attended many events logging 50,000 miles. We have supported off-season events with the American Lung Association as Safety and Gear (SAG) vehicles in New Hampshire and the Trek Across Maine (a 4-day event).



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The Boston Ski & Ride Expo showed off the NEW wrap on the Subaru. Bernie Vallee and his crew did another phenomenal job setting up the NSP booth. Special thanks to event coordinator Kirk Sweeny (Seaport Event Coordinator) for positioning our booth in one of the busiest traffic lanes at the event. We had a lot of traffic come by the booth where we got to talk about what we do, answer some of the "Safety in Service" questions, and hand out NSP swag. We are always looking for great stories about events you have been to, some key information that all patrollers would benefit from, and other valued communications that others might be interested in. Our Safety Program, headed by Dr. Melinda Mingus, is going to be sporting five new Eastern Division NSP tents, backdrops, and banners for region events. Please ask your region director or Melinda about how to secure one.

We try to feature stories in *TrailSweep* about ordinary patrollers doing extraordinary things. There are many patrollers that could easily fit this description. Please help us to highlight these patrollers. This is not said often enough...I hope you all read *TrailSweep*. It is always full of great articles and information for your enjoyment.

As always THANK YOU for all you do! I look forward to getting around to a lot of events this year and hope to ski with many of you. Drop me a line to let me know what event you might be at and I will do my best to be there. In the meantime, I wish you the very best Skiing and Riding this season. Happy holidays! Be SAFE in all that you do.

Introducing the New MTR SUPERVISOR

My name is Mike Balk, and I am the new Eastern Division MTR Supervisor. I want to thank all the previous MTR Supervisors for building up a great program, with excellent instructors and ITs. Thanks to Steve Devine, the most recent MTR Supervisor. My goals are to continue to grow the program, with MTR Level 1 programs in most regions and at least one MTR Level 2 in the Eastern Division every year. In that regard, we are doing well with two Level 2 programs already scheduled, and more in the works if there is enough demand.

A little bit more about myself: Since 2006 I have been an alpine patroller at Camelback in EPA and a Nordic patroller at High Point in NJ. A senior patroller in both disciplines, I am an instructor in MTR, Avalanche, Nordic, OEC, and OET and am also an OEC TE.



What Does it Take to Become an NSP Instructor?

by Jim Miller, ID Supervisor

I have fielded a few questions regarding becoming an NSP Instructor. I will try to address these questions in this article. Before I do that, you need to understand that the National Ski Patrol is an educational organization. They provide instructors with an Instructor Manual, Lesson Guides, and Course Objectives. NSP expects its instructors to have a firm understanding of these objectives. Would you want an untrained person teaching you how to use a traction splint?

How does a Patroller become an Instructor?

NSP is always looking for good, quality instructors. If you feel you have the time and energy to become an instructor, you should speak with your patrol director.

The first step in becoming an NSP Instructor is to take the Instructor Development Course. There are two-course offerings:

- Full course: one to two days approximately eight hours.
- Hybrid course: five- to six-hour online program followed by a face-to-face meeting which may take several hours.

This is a one-time course that is required by all patrollers wanting to become NSP Instructors. This course gives you a basic knowledge of the adult learner and ways to deliver your subject matter. The Instructor Development course DOES NOT make you an instructor, it gives you the tools to become an instructor.

The second step is the mentoring process. This is the student teaching aspect of becoming an instructor. Future instructors (mentee) will

have a mentor assigned to them. The mentor is an instructor with strong communication skills and a full understanding of the course materials. The mentee must do some teaching and have a final evaluation by an Instructor Trainer. The length of the mentoring process is dependent on how much teaching the mentee needs to do and the availability of courses to do this teaching. The mentee must do a mentoring process for every discipline in which they want to be an instructor.

Does the Mentee have to teach the entire course?

No. We do not expect a mentee to teach all the topics in a course. What is important, is that the mentee is capable of teaching all the lessons. It is the responsibility of the mentor to make sure the mentee has a full understanding of the course and can deliver the subject matter to the participants.

Once I am an Instructor is that it?

NSP instructors need to maintain their instructor certification(s). The instructor cycle is a maximum of three years. During those three years instructors must, for all their instructor disciplines;

- Teach
- Be evaluated by an Instructor Trainer
- Take a continuing education class

Further information can be found in the NSP *Policy and Procedure Manual*.

Our Amazing Patrollers

Sid Hamburger, from Camelback Ski Patrol in the EPA Region, has credentials! He joined the NSP in 2015 and proceeded to take part in all types of training offered. By 2017 he became a senior and an OET instructor. He is currently working on becoming an OET TE. Sid is the chair of the Camelback Ski Patrol Website Committee. He was also selected to serve on one of four groups making up the Business Process Committee at national.

What, you think, could he also have time for? Well, he volunteers with the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. He used to work at Macy's and initially got involved because, let's face it, this is a pretty cool and unique opportunity. He's been leading the flight management teams in the parade for 29 years. He started as a captain on balloons in charge of handlers, safety, and assisting the pilot. Then he coordinated the balloon handler volunteer program for several years.

After he left Macy's in 1999, Sid started piloting specific balloons. Each year he is assigned to a different balloon with a different team. This year, Sid piloted the Paw Patrol balloon. It's Sid's job to coordinate the balloon handlers to make sure the HUGE balloon stays in its lane! And he has to do this while walking the entire parade route backwards. Over the years, Sid's wife and kids have been on floats, in clown groups, and on his balloon team.

The balloon groups meet every spring and fall to train; and just like with ski patrol, many of the volunteers grow quite close to each other. Don't you just love learning about our amazing patrollers?

Sid in his white jumpsuit, green pilot hat, and red gloves.
Sid is on the left.
Sid in front of the balloon.



THE KINGS by Scott Falso, Patrol Leader, Cazenovia Ski Club Patrol



In 1970, the Dow Jones hovered around 850, a new home would run you \$23,000, gas prices averaged 36 cents a gallon, and *Sports Illustrated* cost 15 cents. *Sports Illustrated* would have been writing about Billy Kidd lighting up the World Cup ski racing circuit and possibly a mention of Viki Fleckenstein, a promising racer of national standing who was training at the Cazenovia Ski Club in Central New York State. It was during this same time, ambitious 16-year-old twins would register for the National Ski Patrol.

At this fall's NSP refresher held at Toggenburg Mountain, Jim and Pete King were recognized for 50 years of service with the National Ski Patrol. This is an incredible achievement and one of many examples of their dedication to the Cazenovia Ski Club, the Cazenovia Ski Club Ski Patrol, and the community at large. Over the years, both brothers had served as patrol leaders.

What makes this even more significant is that Jim and Pete's father, Russ King, has been a NSP member for 46 years, including long-time service as patrol leader. He is still affiliated as an alumni member. It is also worth noting that Jim's son, Tom, joined the patrol in 2016.

Cazenovia's small patrol is "heavy" on Kings, but everyone is especially thankful for that!



The Rebirth of the Cockaigne Ski Patrol by Dan Meess, WNY RD

The Cockaigne Ski Resort in Western New York opened in 1966 and was the perfect family resort for local residents also drawing skiers and boarders from Ohio and Pennsylvania. The area consists of over 1,500 acres of variable terrain in the Chautauqua County town of Cherry Creek.

In January 2011, fire destroyed the historic lodge that also included the rental shop and ski patrol, wiping out all rental equipment and patrollers' parkas and equipment. The enchanting lodge was the Austrian Pavilion at the 1964 World's Fair in New York City before being moved to Cockaigne in 1966. In response to the fire, local ski resorts, patrols, and the community responded to keep the area open for the rest of the season. Ski patrols provided radios, toboggans, backboards, and first aid supplies. Surrounding resorts loaned ski and snowboard equipment and lift evacuation equipment. The local businesses responded with tents and other equipment to allow continuing operations. These efforts allowed Cockaigne and their skiers and riders to complete the season.

The area was owned by one individual and run as a family operation. Unfortunately, there was no fire insurance coverage and the cost to rebuild was staggering. A tough decision was made to not reopen the resort for the 2011-12 season while options were examined. This stretched into multiple years and it appeared that this area would follow the same path as other small areas in Western New York that were forced to close in the 1980s and 90s, that is until an offer to purchase the area was accepted in 2017. The new owners secured funding and initiated the planning process to rebuild, modernize, and reopen the Cockaigne area with an aggressive goal to have the area open for the 2018-19 season. Plans also call for development of the area into a four-season resort with concerts and family activities between winter seasons.

Construction began in 2018 with a new lodge, outdoor stage, and auxiliary building completed. Lifts were inspected, slopes were widened, terrain park and tubing park areas were added, snowmaking equipment purchased, snowmaking system improvements installed, utilities upgraded, staff hiring initiated, and most importantly, the Cockaigne Ski Patrol was registered again with the NSP. During the seven seasons that the Cockaigne resort was not open, former ski patrollers either transferred to other local areas or retired.

The new owners asked former Cockaigne patroller and paramedic Karen Gollnitz to be the ski patrol director, which

she graciously accepted. The responsibilities of this position were enormous but Karen accepted the challenge. She recruited a second patroller from her adopted area and in June 2018 officially got the Cockaigne patrol registered again with the NSP. She is leading the rebuilding of Cockaigne's Ski Patrol, not just the staff but all the necessary equipment and supplies as well as updated patrol procedures.

Karen has commitments from at least seven former patrollers to return from their current areas to Cockaigne as either their primary or secondary registration and a few patrollers are retuning after semi-retirement. She publicized in various medias the need for additional patrollers and in the fall of 2018, as the instructor of record, conducted a hybrid OEC candidate class for 14 potential new members to attain 21 trained patrollers before Cockaigne reopens. Karen has taken on huge responsibilities to rebirth the Cockaigne Ski Patrol. Other patrollers in the WNY Region have responded and are helping out by serving as guest instructors or the instructor trainer for the OEC class.

Local ski areas shared their lift evacuation procedures including suppliers of all the various lift evac equipment. Ski patrols have shared their operating policies and procedures. The WNY Region has provided a donation to help with patrol start-up expenses. The entire community is excited about their local area opening again.

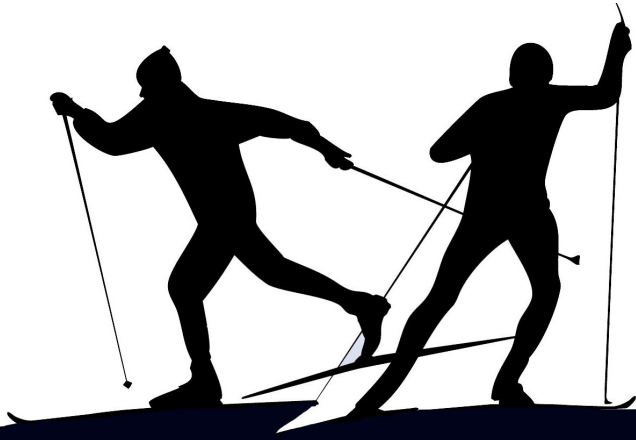
Construction of the new lodge was completed last fall, but very extensive infrastructure upgrades prevented the Cockaigne slopes from opening for skiing and riding as planned for the 2018-19 season. But that didn't deter the area from offering a variety of other activities. The area hosted its first event in September 2018, a two-day family-friendly Brewgrass Festival. Yes, Brewgrass...offering local craft beers and wine and hosting eight bluegrass bands of the last 20 years. Over the past year, weddings, snowmobile hill climbs, and other concerts have taken place with the new lodge open for meals from Thursday to Sunday. But, the really BIG news is

that Cockaigne will be open in the 2019-20 season for skiing and riding...they're just waiting for cold temperatures.

As someone who used to dream about operating a small ski area, following the rebirth of Cockaigne is exciting. Check out their continued progress and upcoming events and ski/riding opening at www.Cockaigne.com. If you enjoy a family-oriented resort, come visit this season.



Readying for the 2019 Snowmobile Hill Climb



NORDICFEST & NORDIC SENIOR EVALUATION February 8-9, 2020 McCauley Mountain, New York

NORDIC EVENTS GALORE! by Phil Galka, Supervisor

This two-day Nordic-Backcountry experience includes a Nordic Senior evaluation in the fabulous southwestern Adirondack lake-effect snow zone. The Eastern Division staff will run a Nordic Senior evaluation on Saturday, February 8. NordicFest at McCauley provides a fantastic venue to show your skiing and toboggan handling skills to the evaluation staff.

Early arrival—show up one day early, Friday morning at 9:00 AM, to tour McCauley's trail system with the Eastern Division Nordic Staff. An extra charge for an access ticket will apply. Get a chance to see the terrain, warm up in a relaxing environment, and get to know your peers from all over the division in preparation for test day, Saturday, February 8.

As always, there is a more relaxing "NordicFest Enhancement experience for those not testing for the Senior level. Saturday, February 8 the staff will run a Nordic Ski-

er Skills Experience and Instructor Continuing Education program. This is an excellent opportunity for senior-level training or for Nordic training at a more relaxed level.

On Sunday, February 9 come participate in the optional sunrise summit of McCauley Mountain as the Nordic Masters lead an uphill ascent to the top. Afterwards, meet at the Nordic Yurt at 9 AM for a Nordic Skills program that will include instructor techniques and a video analysis of Nordic Skiing techniques.

Registration information is available at patrollerschool.org. Hotel and lodging information will be emailed in the registration confirmation receipt. Each patroller is responsible for their own lodging for this weekend event. Gather a group from your patrol and spread the word about McCauley Patroller School. Please answer the "Skill Level" question as specifically as possible during the registration process.

OEC is Fun and Entertaining. WHY? by Deb Foss, Supervisor

I have been to more than my share of OEC refreshers this fall and at every single one, I listened to OEC instructors and patrollers sharing stories, laughing all while learning and refreshing. Often, it is the first time in many months that these folks are seeing one another and there is much to catch up on while refreshing in the current year's refresher cycle.

Speaking of Refreshers and OEC, every single patroller, before they start their season out on the hill must be refreshed. Yes, it is mandatory. No, they should not be patrolling without being refreshed in the current year's refresher cycle or any missed cycles. So, in addition to running the current refresher cycle, often, Eastern Division's many dedicated OEC instructors and instructor trainers are running patrollers through the past years' cycles as well. I would like to give these selfless people a huge pat on the back and a big thank you. Perhaps you should as well!

Speaking of OEC refreshers, a big part of being on the delinquent list is because some patrollers have missed some of the annual OEC refreshers. Sometimes life gets in the way and it cannot be helped. I had a call from one of my Assistant

OEC Supervisors stating that one of her instructors was on the delinquent list. He had missed a refresher as a student. He had been to many that season but always as an OEC instructor. And we all know we cannot get credit for the refresher as an instructor. Being a very good, diligent instructor and patroller, he enrolled in and went through a "make-up" refresher right after the new year. But to his surprise, he did not come off the delinquent list. He was not a happy camper; in fact, he was livid!

Why did this happen? The OEC refresher course begin and end dates fall within the current cycle dates. For this year's Refresher C course, that is June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020. If course end dates fall outside this range, when the course is closed the OEC script will not recognize the course completion and individuals may erroneously appear on the delinquency report. This is exactly what happened to this instructor. The moral of this story is if one is running a OEC refresher after the date that the cycle has ended, the IOR should notify the National office at education@nsp.org with the course number and a copy of the roster.

Tips for Hosting a Successful Safety Event

by Melinda Mingus, MD, Safety Supervisor

Safety is at the core of what we do as ski patrollers. Hosting safety events at your snowsports area can greatly promote awareness of safety to both guests and staff.

While the month of January is typically designated as “Safety Month,” safety events can and should occur throughout all months of the season. The question is, how do we, as patrollers, go about doing this?

Follow these suggested steps to plan and execute safety initiatives this season.

1. *Contact your Region's Safety Team Advisor.* They will help you plan your safety initiatives, direct you to resources, and give you additional ideas.
2. *Contact your mountain's area management.* You may need the help of your patrol director to find the right person. Typically, the marketing and events manager should be involved. You will want to connect with them early, September/October, to get your safety events on the area's calendar. Events are usually planned months in advance, and you don't want to be told that all the weekends are taken. You'll need to work out not just the day or weekend, but also where you will set up. Will you be on the patio or base area? Will there be a tent or canopy? Will you be using NSP branded banners or the mountain area ones?
3. If you are told that weekends are already too full, suggest that they hold the safety event in conjunction with another activity, such as ski demo days, learn to ski or ride days, or even during the mountain retail store sale days. Events can benefit from each other and you will draw a bigger crowd.



4. *Purchase NSP Safety Materials Kits from NSP.* These kits contain safety materials to help you run safety events. The new materials kits should be available in early November. Be sure to order early as the distribution is first come, first served.

5. *Resources:* NSP Safety Team page and

- nspeast.org safety page
- www.nsaa.org/safety-programs
- www.nsaa.org/safety-programs/national-safety-month/national-resort-safety-award-winners/
- www.nsaa.org/safety-programs/smart-style-park-smart/
- www.lidsonkids.org
- www.nsaa.org/safety-programs/kids-on-lifts/
- nspserve.org/ride-another-day
- www.nsaa.org/safety-programs/collisions/
- <https://nspserve.org/psas/>
- <https://highfivesfoundation.org/basics-videos/>

6. *Ideas for safety events and initiatives:*

- **Safety Booths:** Set up a table with a banner under an NSP Safety-branded tent or canopy, if possible. Put some of the safety materials out. Talk about the responsibility code, chairlift safety, helmet fitting, etc. Give out prizes (the buffs or stickers) to those who can recite the entire responsibility code or other safety challenges you come up with.
- **Safety poster coloring contests:** Have whiteboard posters and colored markers available for kids to draw out parts of the responsibility code. Display and give out prizes (buffs, stickers, free hot chocolate, etc.) to the best ones.
- **Safety Festival:** Combine safety booths with a tour of ski patrol area. Show how patrol takes care of those who get injured. Consider having demos of proper helmet fitting and how to use the chairlift. There are many events you could incorporate into a safety festival, including scavenger hunts and raffles.
- **Safety Talks:** Set up with ski school and race teams at your area. Have each group come by the ski patrol building (scheduled times) for safety talks with the patrol. Write out the responsibility code on a big marker board so all can see it. Ask members of the school/race team to give examples of each of the responsibility code. These talks are great to do early at the start of the race team season. Assign an instructor to take pictures of their group to post on your area's website.
- **Videos:** Make videos of the responsibility code and chairlift safety. Work with the mountain's event and marketing contact. Oftentimes, they are also the videographer. You can write up a script of the lines, stating the responsibility code for example and get members of the patrol or ski school to enact out parts of the code. You can do the same for how to load, ride, and unload the chairlift safely. You could also make short video clips of “Safety Tip of the Week.” These video clips can be posted on the mountain's website and social media.

7. *Measure the success of your safety event:* Take pictures of the event and post them on social media and your area's website. Note how many people attended your event and what the impact was. Were customers more aware of safety after the event?
8. *Remember that Safety events can take place throughout the season.* The Eastern Division Safety Team may be able to loan you NSP-branded tents. If we get a schedule of your events, then we can stagger how the tents can be used.

Our mission is to make our customers aware of how to stay safe while enjoying the sport. Using some of these tips can help you accomplish this goal.

AVALANCHE NEWS

by Chuck Boyd, Supervisor

Snow is starting to fall all over the north country as winter begins an early sweep through the northeast. I'm getting my skis ready and looking forward to a great season. Just be careful with early season skiing; the snowpack has yet to develop and wind slabs along with wind-drifted snow can be a problem. Stumps and rocks are not yet fully covered and a fall onto any of these objects could be season ending before it starts. Unfortunately, on opening day in Solden, Austria two snowboarders were killed riding off-piste. Three riders triggered an avalanche with a 70cm crown, 350m long while traversing a 35-degree slope. One rode it out, while the other two were buried under meters of snow. This is a stark reminder that the dragon never sleeps, so be prepared.

The AMN at Northfield Mountain in September was well attended. Thanks to Jonathan Shefftz for spearheading the organizing team for this event. The avalanche station involved a mock companion rescue where the instructor was timed from the start. They had to remove their beacon from under their outermost layer, to begin the search. Once they were within pinpoint range (<2m) they needed to remove their pack and deploy shovel and probe to continue the search. They would then probe and locate to get a strike to stop the clock. Most of the instructors did well but there is room for improvement, especially if you plan on taking a Pro 1 Avalanche course. A thought-provoking presentation was by Jonathan Shefftz about his coming to terms with the passing of four of his friends in ski-related accidents doing what many of us do, ski touring alone. Though not recommended, it is

highly practiced among the more skilled BC skiers. Jonathan knew all the people in his presentation and had spoken with some of them for the last time while they were skiing on the day of their accidents.



ESAW and the previous day's avalanche workshop was also well attended. Linda Helms, recipient of this year's Eastern Division Roger Damon Avalanche Award, showed up driving JK's wrapped NSP Subaru. After a few photos, Dale Atkins, author of *Avalanche Rescue Fundamentals*, forecaster, and 25-year patroller and Graham Kane (W-NEMT-P) lectured on what happens once the victim is dug out of the avalanche. This topic gets very little time in most avalanche courses. Field sessions were in the afternoon, including beacon checks, and the Mount Washington rangers and ski patrol taught us how they wrap and transport patients with their equipment over difficult terrain. Time was also given to us to improvise our own transport systems. Throughout the next day at ESAW these gentlemen lectured to a larger audience along with many other avalanche professionals. The highlight for me was listening to US Army Mountain Warfare School's Dustin Dearborn, Tim McLaughlin, and Nathan Fry discuss the Smugglers' Notch avalanche case study and organizational response from their incident last season. Since this is where we conduct one of our avalanche courses this recap of what they did and what went wrong from the leader of the squad who was also caught, injured, and partially buried hit home as it was a gripping tale of what could go wrong in a course if your decision leads to a bad outcome.

This season's avalanche course schedule is up on the Eastern Division website calendar page and at www.patrollerschool.org. There will be about six L1 Module 1 classroom sessions throughout the division, one L1 Module 2 and 3 Field Session, and three full L1 courses with all modules.

Registration for the L1 Module 2 and 3 Field Session and the three full L1 courses will be on the Patroller School website. Don't wait to register; these courses will fill up and there will be a waiting list. The L1 Module 1 classroom sessions will be registered through each region's IOR. Their contact information is listed on the division website calendar. It's time to get that gear out of the closet, clean it, tune it, and start practicing for this winter's season. Hope to see you all out there!

Lessons from Day 1

by Jim O'Connor, OET Supervisor

Day 1 of the ski season always starts with anticipation and curiosity around how long it might take to experience the feeling and response of automatic linked turns down the mountain.

MTR News

by Mike Balk, Supervisor

The MTR program is moving! As you may have read in the Fall 2019 *Ski Patrol Magazine*, on page 98, we are transitioning to different manuals. Between now and 2022 you can use a combination of manuals, but by June 2022, we will be using only the new manuals: *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills* and *Introduction to Search and Rescue*. These books are comprehensive and are written by experts in their fields. They also include a lot of reference information sometimes outside the scope of the MTR classes but very useful. The MTR instructor manual is in the process of being rewritten to incorporate the new information. *Ski Patrol Magazine* has a parallel comparison between manuals so you can easily see where the topics are covered in the new manuals.

I am trying to include all MTR courses on the calendar on the NSPEast.org website. I will also be putting all courses on the calendar view of PatrollerSchool.org. My goal is that we can find all the course information we need in one place. Please let me know which you find the most useful. If you have any questions for me about MTR or the MTR Program, please let me know!

The excitement on the first run is always associated with awkward, inefficient use of the legs that results in exerting yourself far more than you will in a month on that same slope. So slow down. Really slow down. The complex combination of the movements that make efficient linked turns doesn't come together early in the season. Conditioning is important, but even being in the best of shape, you must get through the first few days before comfortable, coordinated movements are automatic.

This season like the last, and all the ones before that, I set out with the goal to ski slowly. It worked for the first three turns. Skis are tuned up, snow feels unbelievable under my feet, excitement kicks in, and I'm enjoying gravity and the forces resulting from pressure management doing its thing. Half way down, I catch the outside edge of my inside ski. I incline uphill and tip over. I pop right back up. My friends on the lift are razzing me, and another group from the chair yells that my poles are bent. THEY ARE ALWAYS BENT! I head straight to the bottom and my legs don't feel good. Fortunately, the terrain is limited early season. What's wrong?

Second run, I ski slower. I realize I forgot to breathe on the way down the first run. My top boot buckle was still loose from walking down the stairs. My left leg movements did not transfer to the ski. Aha, that's my poor excuse for the fall! This time I am more deliberate with my turn initiation, assuring early weight transfer to the outside ski. Simultaneously, I am consciously initiating the turn with my inside leg, steering and edging matched to the outside ski. My legs are flexed so angulation is almost automatic. The snow is soft, like the old skis I am on, so steering is easy. I am conscious of my legs turning separately from my upper body. This run is different with effortless balance through the turn. All the moving parts are starting to blend. I feel the benefits of off-season cycling and stretching.

The next few runs are similar; I am aware of my movements. The stretching and rotary tension in the muscles of my legs, hips, and core feel great. Only skiing can produce this feeling. My friends catch up with me. I am not enticed to hard charge the newly forming moguls. Instead, I point my skis directly into them in an aggressive fall line and continue focusing on the movements that returned to me on the last few runs. Another dimension to my movements develops. The moguled terrain forces a flexion and extension of my legs to maintain the speed and line I choose. Managing the pressure from these turns, top to bottom on the run, send me into the feeling I sometimes don't get until the second- or third-day skiing.

As I ride the last few chairs of the day, I notice the turnover of skiers. Yes, there are the few who are there all day, every hour, up and down. I don't count. There are those that take two runs and leave. It is interesting to see those who are being conscious of their movements on Day 1. They are making an effort to ski slower to feel what's going on. The coaches yell to their racers SKI SLOWLY, DO THAT SLOWLY! Skiing slowly is not only safer, but it gives you the chance to train your muscles and synchronize your movements. So, ski slowly the first runs, first days!

I didn't need more than two hands to count the number of runs I skied on Day 1 this season. Aside from my first "instructional" run, it was one of my best ski days.

The Day 1 Lessons:

1. Get all of your equipment right before you go.
2. Ski slowly, to train your movements and muscles (there's always time to ski fast).
3. Be conscious of your movements; use the 5 Fundamentals.
4. Breathe.

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What's New This Season?

The Steering Committee worked over the summer to develop updated senior and trainer evaluator manuals to use at evaluations. Using feedback from recent evaluations and trainer evaluator clinics, we developed booklets to provide criteria that are more descriptive regarding terrain, tasks, and scoring. Ski and toboggan handling tasks now include additional language that should assist senior and trainer evaluator candidates in preparing for the evaluation as well as guide staff with specific feedback for the student. Our goal is to provide a universal guide to help prepare for the evaluation, set expectations, and improve transparency at the evaluation.

One of the standout items readers will notice is the inclusion of the “5 Fundamentals” language used in the way we have incorporated them in the past few years. In addition, the manuals were separated into different booklets one for seniors and one for trainer evaluators to clarify the differences in criteria at each level. The trainer evaluator booklet now specifically addresses the teaching, demo, and ski performance skills needed to succeed as a senior trainer. Finally, we looked to improve scoring consistency by

making sure the standards and objectives are clear along with some guiding language to make the scoring more relatable. These booklets will be rolled out at the staff meeting in December and will be available for all on the Eastern Division OET webpage.

This Season's Patroller Schools

There are six Patroller Schools planned for this season. There is a minimum and maximum number of instructors and students required to run a Patroller School. All efforts are made to accommodate everyone. Register for the schools at PatrollerSchool.org. These are the 2020 Patroller Schools and Instructors of Record:

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| Elk Mountain | Jan 25-26 | Matt Nebzydoski | manebzy@yahoo.com |
| Sugarbush | Jan 25-26 | Teigh Southworth | teigh.southworth@vermont.gov |
| Killington | Feb 1-2 | Don Mills | go2dmills@gmail.com |
| McCauley | Feb 8-9 | Jon Wilson | jon@deliverypath.com |
| Sugarloaf | Feb 8-9 | Dave Lemieux | lngleochief@gmail.com |
| Windham | Feb 29-Mar 1 | Bill Cline | clinewtlaw@verizon.net |

Remember

OET Regional Advisors, designated instructor trainers, and OET staff are responsible for maintaining OET instructor records on the OET Help Desk. If your NSP profile for OET instructor is not up to date, you need to contact your regional advisor. The status of all OET instructors is reviewed and communicated to the National office based on the entries into the OET Help Desk. National will not update OET instructor status. OET instructor status can only be updated by the Steering Committee through authorization by the OET Division Supervisor. National has had many status inquiries by instructors. Please send all inquiries on instructor status to regional advisors so that steering can act immediately on OET Help Desk entries.

ALUMNI PROGRAM

by Bob Cassello, Committee Chair

The Eastern Division has suffered a terrible loss with the death of Gerry Clark, our Eastern Division Alumni Advisor. She did a terrific job as advisor helping many patrollers decide what they should do, or not do, as far as continuing as an active patroller. She helped to develop the groundwork for the continued growth of the Eastern Division Alumni Program.

Here we are at another refresher cycle. As we continue going through this refresher cycle, many active patrollers are torn as to which direction to choose. Do we continue as an active patroller or go in a different direction? “RETIRE?” The choice is not always an easy one. Life has a funny way of changing the way we are heading. As we progress in life (for some of us more senior folks) the bones and/or joints don't seem to move as they did when we were younger. For the young patrollers, school obligations become a challenge. Some go off to college to pursue life's dreams.

I know every year when I drag out my ski patrol apparel, they seem to experience what I call “closet shrinkage.” You know what I mean; the pants don't quite fit as they did when you put them away a few months ago. The boots seem a bit farther away as you try to buckle them. And that boot bag seems to have gained a few pounds since we used it last. We tend to get a little frustrated.

Ski patrolling can suffer from the same type of issues. The enthusiasm is not quite there. The joints don't seem to have the same mobility as

they did the year before. Family obligations seemed to have increased for the kids or even the grandchildren. Maybe the work load from school has put a cramp in your desire to share the slopes with your patroller family. Or maybe you need a “break,” time to reconsider life and its many choices.

If this sounds familiar, then think about becoming an ALUMNI PATROLLER. If you have patrolled for a year (minimum) and think you are going to have an issue in keeping a regular schedule, think about it.

If you have been an instructor (OEC, OET, MTR), don't let those skills go to waste. As long as you maintain your credentials you may still be a viable asset in the training of other candidates and patrollers. Your skills may still be as good as ever and a great asset not only to your patrol but to the region or division.

You will still be eligible to receive *Ski Patrol Magazine*, shop on the website, and be recognized for your continued years of service.

For any further information that you may need, feel free to contact your region alumni advisor or your patrol director. We are all here for you and we do not want to lose your skills, talent, and friendship.

The Alumni Mission Statement states: “To utilize the experience, knowledge, and energies of those who have retired from active patrolling, while extending to them the recognition, dignity, and awards they have earned.”

Remember that YOU, as ALUMNI PATROLLERS, are still members of the National Ski Patrol Family.



in Full Prep Mode for 2020

by John Wilson, Chair

The summer was fun-filled and action-packed. The Certified Boot Camp was very successful. Participants were exposed to two different scenarios and asked to complete an incident investigation after the OEC was completed. The follow up with the investigations was presented in a mock court demonstration why photos, statements, diagrams, and documents are so important. The Outdoor Risk Management team combined with the Outdoor Emergency Care team put on a great weekend. If you missed it go to the Young Adult Patrollers page on the NSPeast.org website and see a five-minute video. A huge thanks to Chris Tota and the YAP team for attending and making the video possible.

Our Advanced Patroller School at Blue Mountain was hugely successful as well. OEC, Avalanche, low angle rescue, and lift evacuation were all covered and practiced on Saturday. The weekend applied the skills learned on Saturday to an active shooter MCI on Sunday. State Police, Fire and Rescue, and EMTs were all invited to participate. A unified ICS structure was formulated, and the participants did a great job completing the scenario.

A large shout of thanks to all the Certified members who came and volunteered their time and money for the boot camps. We are thankful for their active participation. Everyone learns a lot and I am told there was post analysis at both camps promising to make next year better and louder than ever.

Important dates to mark on your calendar!

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| January 31 | Killington | OET Pretest |
| February 7 | McCauley | OEC, LAR, LE, AVY and ORM Calibrations |
| February 28 | Hunter | OET Pretest |
| March 19-22 | Sugarbush | Annual Exam |

I have asked two of our most recent Certified members to share with us why they got involved with the program and how it has helped them, their patrols, their regions, and the division. Please take some time to read what Denise Kaus #833 and Jay Biersbach #832 have to say.

Why I Got Involved in the Certified Program

by Denise Kaus

I had a lot of support and encouragement from my patrol's certified patrollers and my region. It was not until I got more involved at the division level that people outside of my region told me that I could do this. I was part of the women's program and wanted to inspire other women that if you put the work in, this program is attainable.

I traveled to multiple regions to develop and build my experiences with like-minded people involved with S&T. This was not just one year of hard work; it spanned over five years of work and travel in many more regions and more responsibility.

S&T was my initial focus, but I grew to like the avalanche and low angle rescue components. As my travel expanded, so did my family of ski patrollers that I looked forward to interacting with, on the S&T side or the women's program, or avalanche training, and the many patroller schools. This is a long-winded way of demonstrating my commitment to those that helped me along the way. I could not have done this without my local certified patrollers: Lunser, Boberg, Maroney, and Probst and many others located throughout the division.

I learned that when you get into the program the certified patrollers want you to succeed and they want to pass on their knowledge and experience to the younger up and coming patrollers.

When all is said and done, I went to ski patrol college and spent more than three years learning every aspect of ski patrol. Jay Biersbach and I worked together every step of the way. I could not have asked for a better partner!

Chasing the Pin

by Jay Biersbach

As a patroller my biggest fear is not having the knowledge to help someone in need. I've come to grips with the fact that we can never be completely prepared for every situation, but I believe the more training we have the better the chances are that it will kick in and guide us. The certified program was an opportunity to continue training. I just wanted to see if I could do it.

The OET stories I heard about scared me a little. I knew nothing about managing a ski patrol at a large mountain, or avalanche, or rope rescue, or risk management. Can you see where I am headed with this? Funny – first aid wasn't one of my initial concerns. Occasionally, you need to push yourself. The Certified program was great opportunity for me to do that.

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I crossed paths with other members of the certified community at various NSP events. We are fortunate to have a handful of certified patrollers in WNY. From time to time there has been a nudge from someone pushing me to jump in. My wife Melissa asked a few times if I wanted to give the certified program a try. Each time she asked, I had a laundry list of excuses. I need to be in better shape, it's too expensive, it will take too much time, what's in it for me, what's in it for the patrol. I don't know exactly why I eventually pulled the trigger, but I'm glad I did.

The three years gave me a lot: new skills, new experiences, new confidence, new friends, and stronger relationships with existing friends. While I was preparing for my third year of testing, coming to grips with the possibility that I might not be successful, I was considering whether I would be willing to commit to another three-year candidacy. I realized that irrespective of becoming a certified patroller, the training I received and experiences I had made me a stronger patroller and I was a better person because of that. I didn't need a number or a pin to prove this...but...I wanted the pin, and the number, and I was probably willing to start from scratch the following season if that's what it was going to take to earn it. I'm grateful I didn't have to, and I'm grateful that so many people supported me, which contributed to, and enabled my success,

Greg and MaryLyn Boberg gave me the first nudge and visibility into the certified community. I probably wouldn't have considered the program without them and the encouragement they gave me from the beginning.

Brad Hansen, the under-the-radar certified patroller from Holimont, showed me there were folks with all different backgrounds in the program and helped me understand what realistic goals were and how to accomplish them.

Without Roland Lunser, Tom Maroney, and Joe Probst helping me re-evaluate the way I approached certain skiing, first aid, and ropes skills, I'd still be scratching my head. "How do they do that?" If they hadn't given their time to help me put these new concepts into practice, I wouldn't have been successful.

Other members of the certified community encouraged me, pushed me, and accepted my family as part of their family. I may have put in the time as a candidate, but the other members embraced me and helped me succeed. From day one, they proved to be some of the kindest, most generous, passionate people I know. I'm proud to be one of them and hope that I can now give back the way they gave to me.

The support I got from Holimont and my WNY patrol family is difficult to articulate, You covered shifts for me, helped my fam-

ily while I have was away, provided endless encouragement, laid in the snow, travelled with me, and cheered me on at tests. Holimont employees spent time, sometimes an entire day at a time, reviewing the inner workings of a chairlift or reviewing the ANSI standards and the NYS codes that shape the world we work and ride in. Justin Guth shared risk management practices with me helping me understand why we do some things we do, and don't do, on our hills. Ryan and Chris reviewed basic first aid skills with me so I had the confidence to focus on managing the scene instead of splinting broken bones. They also did small things that made a big difference, like asking me questions about my training at après ski, or on a chairlift. This forced me to go back and review things that I thought I knew. Sometimes it turned out I didn't own the material as well as I thought.

When Denise Kaus and I entered the program, we didn't know each other well. We spent three years travelling together, reviewing first aid scenarios, testing low angle set-ups and chair evacuation math, going through avalanche vocabulary, and doing beacon searches in parking lot snowbanks in the dark. I know that she has been the best training partner that I would have asked for.

My son Cooper met some new patrol friends and sacrificed time away from me while I was training. A day here, a few hours there, a weekend from time to time. It all adds up. I don't think he's given me a hard time once, aside from being upset that he may have missed an opportunity to ski with patrollers at new areas.

Melissa allowed me to travel all over all winter, and sometimes in the summer, for three seasons, burning up vacation time and savings accounts. She trusted me when I told her I was going to be training and travelling with someone she barely knew. She travelled with me to tests where I was so wound up I was no fun to be around. She pushed herself onto ski terrain that made her uncomfortable just to watch me try to prove something to myself on conditions that would normally win her a seat in front of the fire. Instead, she carried snacks and first aid supplies, and lightened the mood while I worried about the next mini-MCI around the corner. She supported and encouraged me 100%.

Some might be able to take this program on as an individual. That wouldn't have worked for me. There is a saying "it takes a village to raise a child." In my case it has taken a village to help me reach this goal and I just want everyone to know how grateful I am.



From YAP to Patrol Leader in 10 years

by Marty Silverman



Leadership can be found at any age.

The Western Pennsylvania ski area of Blue Knob believes they have found leadership in a young man who joined them as a Young Adult Patroller (YAP) just ten years ago by electing him as their youngest patrol leader ever.

Andrew Athen had ski patrolling in his blood. His father, Larry Athen, was a ski patroller for 25 years before his untimely death and was also a Blue Knob Patrol Leader. His three older brothers, Scott, Eric, and Michael wore patrol parkas as well. Michael held leadership roles, first serving as Blue Knob's Awards Advisor for several years, before assuming a new role as section chief for the Western Appalachian Region. When Andrew joined the Blue Knob Ski Patrol at the age of 16 he was already a strong skier, and patrolling and leadership literally ran in his veins.

But more than just a hot shot teenager on skis, he showed maturity beyond his years. Region YAP Advisor and Eastern Division YAP Staff member Liz Hermann recalls, "Andrew was a most considerate and polite adolescent. He was one of the easiest young adults to travel with going to the Eastern Division YAP Seminar. Definitely not one of your high maintenance teens—a real joy to mentor."

In his first year as a patroller he attended the 2009 YAP event at Bolton Valley, Vermont. Out of 53 participants, Andrew placed in the lower third in OEC, in the middle of the pack in skiing, and the bottom fifth in toboggan handling. The discovery that he was no longer the big fish in the tiny pond burst his "bubble," but it gave him a clear picture of where he was and where he needed to go. It's a far cry from his OET instructing skills of today.

While at college, he never missed a year of patrolling—one of just a handful to manage that. He was hungry to learn as much as he could—chair lift evacuation, low angle rescue, and toboggan handling and training skills. Andrew eagerly offered his time and energy to the OET training team and quickly became an integral part of Blue

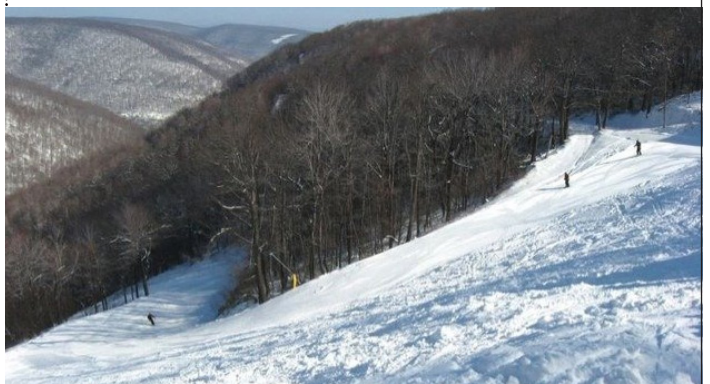
Knob's candidate training instructors.

Just three years into his patrol career Andrew proved himself a leader. In 2012 he received a Blue Merit star for assisting in the saving of a life. In 2016 his fellow patrollers recognized him as Blue Knob's Patroller of the Year, largely due to the abundant number of shifts he worked while assisting the OET training staff and working with any candidate or patroller who asked. Andrew earned the respect of his supervisors and he was appointed Hill Boss on week-ends in 2016, while he was still in his early twenties.

This fall, at the patrol's fall meeting, Andrew was elected by his peers to the position of volunteer Patrol Leader. At 27, he is the youngest in the history of the Blue Knob Ski Patrol. Many said they felt his youthful energy and his proactive style would help the patrol in training, recruitment, and morale.

Blue Knob's appointed Patrol Director, Mike Wess, is one of several who mentored Andrew over the years. Said Wess, "I've watched Andrew grow. I saw the leadership potential in him from an early age. In his new leadership role he has already begun helping me."

Through the leadership training of the YAP program, along with the mentors from his home patrol, and his ski patrol family, Andrew has shown that as the average age of the members of the National Ski Patrol is increasing, we can find the future leadership in our young adult patrollers of today.



Thoughts to Action

by Craig Larson, YAP Supervisor

“Dad. Dad. DAD! We need to talk!” There was no hesitation from my oldest son as he met me at the kitchen counter head on. His tone of voice and facial expression told me everything I needed to know. This was going to be big. This was urgent!

It was 6 AM. My coffee wasn't ready. My mind wasn't ready. I wanted and needed a quiet space to prepare for the day. He should not be awake; it's Saturday.

In the split-second silence I tried to process his words, his tone, and his body language. What was so pressing? What was so pressing and needing of a conversation at 6 AM on Saturday? My mind raced as I poured coffee on the counter missing my mug completely.

“DAD?” He didn't see the coffee. “Dad can we talk?”

“Shhhure,” was the only thing I could get utter as my feet began to tingle from the hot dripping coffee.

“Dad, I watched this video on YouTube. Dad, I watched this video on YouTube about a guy who builds a bottle rocket and launches it using an air compressor. I need a soda bottle, a jug of water, and your air compressor. I'll be in the backyard building a rocket. Okay?”

I spilled my coffee over a YouTube video? This was going to be a long Saturday. My son was so consumed with his exploration of the solar system that my disrupted morning routine didn't matter. Moments later he showed me the video. I couldn't blame him for the excitement. The soda bottle rocketed through the air spitting water 200 yards skyward. I couldn't fault him for being consumed with this rocket video and his desire to make one.

I often feel the same way; the same way about ski patrol, the Young Adult Program, and skiing. Once the season begins my thoughts ARE consumed with all things snow! The Eastern Division Young Adult Program Staff has been planning, prepping, and getting ready for this season and the Eastern Division Young Adult Seminar.

Young Adult Patrollers from Maine to West Virginia will gather at Smugglers' Notch Resort, Jeffersonville, Vermont, March 13-16, 2020 to participate in the Eastern Division Young Adult Patroller Seminar. Smugglers' Notch Resort

could consume your thoughts, your actions, and control your conversation. Smugglers' Notch Resort has over 1000 acres of terrain including long-turn cruisers, steeps, trees, terrain parks, and the only TRIPLE BLACK DIAMOND in the east, Black Hole. With 2,610 feet of vertical rise this is the place to be. Go ahead let those stats consume your thoughts. But there's more.

Those who have been to a Young Adult Patroller Seminar speak highly of this event and have been consumed.

“What a great event. I had more fun in three days than the whole season at my home mountain. There aren't other Young Adult Patrollers where I ski. I never knew there were so many. I'll be back next year.” – First year attendee

“I look forward to showing off my patroller skills at this event each year. This event gets bigger and better each time I attend; the friends, the learning, the competition, and the free stuff.” - Third year attendee

If you have never attended an Eastern Division Young Adult Seminar, this is the year. This is the year to participate. Here's what you get by attending this event:

- Three nights of lodging (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
- Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday
- Dinner on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- Lift Ticket for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday
- Hands-on Skills Training
- Patroller Skills Competition
- Mystery Events
- FREE swag

And so much more! All for \$375.00!

More information regarding the Eastern Division Young Adult Seminar can be found on the Eastern Division webpage, bit.ly/edyapseminar, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Check these places often as information is updated, swag is promoted, or goodies are given away.

You can register for this event online at bit.ly/edyapseminar.

There is a time and a place for all-consuming talk, all-consuming thought, and all-consuming activity. Join us at the Eastern Division Young Adult Seminar.

And yes, WE did shoot rockets that day!

EASTERN DIVISION YAP SEMINAR
MARCH 13-16, 2020

EVERYDAY HEROES

Logos for Smugglers' Notch Vermont, National Ski Patrol, and YAP Eastern Division are displayed. Two ski patrollers in red and black gear are shown on the right.

Online Registration December 1-February 1
bit.ly/edyapseminar

TOP 10

Patroller School Tips

In recent years the popularity and attendance at the Patroller Schools has increased substantially. This top ten list will help you, the patroller, to have a more enjoyable time.

1. Register for all programs in advance. Whether it be a Snowsport Enhancement Seminar or a Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, give your Instructor of Record (IOR) the relevant information to staff it correctly.
2. Listen to the safety brief. The IOR will know the local protocols for the ski hill. Watch the trail merge junctions, learn about toboggan loading protocols, and listen for the Kane Principle brief. None of the instructors will be asking you to accomplish any task that they cannot do themselves. Know your skill set and work within it. Demonstrate your high skill level on the trail and slow down at all lift junctions and loading areas!
3. Know where you are traveling. If it is your first time to a new area, prepare for your weekend by reviewing trail maps and accommodation locations. Read all information put forth by the IOR and ask questions before the event.
4. Tune your skis. Show up prepared to demonstrate your skill set. Dull skis and ill-fitting clothing can ruin a day of skiing. Please take some time to maximize the teaching of the instructors by being prepared to ski all day. Warm clothes, warm gloves, tuned skis, and a prepared toboggan create opportunities to learn and have fun.
5. Know the Code and give respect to all skiers and riders. Practice the principles of the Skier Responsibility Code. Watch your counterparts and help those in need of aid. Demonstrate your professional level by leading through example and giving respect to all.
6. The free run is not a race. Generally, a free run is given to warm up and find your edges. Take your time. Learn what the snow is like, scout terrain, look at the mogul layout, watch for trail merges, and stretch your legs slowly and snowplow. There are no trophies for the first one to the lift, take your time and loosen up.
7. Listen to your Instructors. They have taken the time to earn their status and have attended many clinics prior to the one you are attending. Listen to their feedback and suggestions. Interact with them and give them constructive feedback. They are not there to change you; they are there to make you more efficient. Listen to their ideas and try them.
8. Bring some cash and be prepared to spend it. Some of the smaller areas do not work with credit cards, and cash will always be accepted.
9. If you have a question, please ask. The instructors cannot read your mind, and if you have a question, odds are so do others. Be vocal and ask.
10. Smile and have fun. You scheduled your time to be away from your home area and are looking to learn. Have fun! The other attendees are doing the same thing you are and a fun day of skiing with like-minded patrollers will long be remembered.

"Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone. - G.B. Stern

AWARDS by Sue-Ellen Helmacy, Supervisor

Many awards were presented at fall refreshers this year. I want to thank those who helped by nominating their fellow patrollers.

I'm hoping that each patrol has now appointed a "NAG" (Nimble Awards Gatherer)! Region Awards Advisors have a NAG pin for each patrol awards person. This is the person who can help patrollers write awards for deserving individuals. Although the patrol directors and region directors have a say, please don't make them do all the paperwork.

With over 8,000 patrollers in our division, you must know someone that is truly "outstanding" in a particular discipline. Check out the descriptions for the Outstanding Awards at NSP.org. After signing in, go to Member Resources, Forms and Documents, Governance, NSP 2019 Policy and Procedures,

Chapter 12 for a list and description and requirements for each category. Nomination forms can also be found at Member Resources, Forms and Documents, Awards.

Completed nominations are due to me by March 1 but the earlier the better in case they need to be "tweaked." These nominations are first judged for the Outstanding Eastern Division awards then those winners are forwarded for consideration for the National Outstanding title. This past year Eastern Division patrollers were awarded three National Outstanding. Let's see if we can increase our own Eastern Division submissions and take a few more National Outstandings home next year!

Remember G.B. Stern's quote that "Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone."

AWARDS

National Outstanding Awards

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| Alpine Patrol (Large) | Wachusett Mountain | EMARI |
| Instructor | Pamela Welch | GVR |
| Nordic Patrol | Valley Forge | EPA |
| Young Adult | Madeline O'Connell | EMARI |

National Appointment

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| Nick Rasher | 12119 | EMARI |
| Joe Asher | 12137 | EPA |
| Roger Delgiorno, Jr. | 12147 | SVT |
| Valerie Sorrells | 12149 | GVR |
| Amy Guth | 12152 | SVT |

National Hall of Fame

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| Jim Decker | WNY |
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Distinguished Service Award

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| Tom Adler | GVR | Glenn Gebhard | GVR |
| John Ayers | NVT | Tom Howison | WAPP |
| Gerry Desjardin | ME | John Kapitan | SVT |
| Charlie Reisinger | NJ | Dorothy Knupp | WAPP |
| Vincent "Paul" Ross | WAPP | Jennifer Laitala | EMARI |
| Rick Wambach | GVR | John Laitala | EMARI |
| | | Nancy Mayberry | EPA |
| | | Brian Mayou | GVR |
| | | John McKissick | ENY |
| | | Melinda Mingus | CT |
| | | David Olsen | EPA |
| | | Rick Shandler | EPA |
| | | Jeff Smith | ME |
| | | Tom Vandenbosche | WAPP |
| | | Cody Weinzierl | WAPP |
| | | Bob Zande | ENY |

Meritorious Service Award

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|---------------------|-------|
| Tony Curro | ME |
| Jonathan Goldfield | EMARI |
| Eva Kunkle | WAPP |
| Ingrid Shuttleworth | EMARI |
| Sue Wickson | ME |

Yellow Merit Star

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| Steven Bailey | ENY |
| George Breeden | WAPP |
| Rebecca Breeden | WAPP |
| Tim Burdick | CNY |
| Larry Burnah | ENY |
| Mark Donahue | ENY |
| John Doremus | EPA |
| Chuck Fernald | EPA |

Purple Merit Star

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|-----------------|------|
| Jason Attanucci | WAPP |
| Jack Gerber | WNY |
| William Hunt | WAPP |
| Bob Parry | CNY |
| Peter Silberman | EPA |
| Bob Zande | ENY |

Blue Merit Star

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| Jason Attanucci | WAPP |
| Chuck Bertuch | CNY |
| Ray Butchko | WAPP |
| Gregg Custis | WAPP |
| Ron Denham | WAPP |
| Laura Greifenberger | ENY |
| Rob Griffiths | CNY |
| Marci Krauth | EPA |
| Lars Lange | WAPP |
| Colin Lockwood | GVR |
| Patrick McCaffrey | WAPP |
| Tom Newpher | EPA |
| Steve Sevi | EPA |
| Brian Shaw | WAPP |
| Scott Shear | GVR |
| Imy Rosenblatt | WAPP |
| Josh Van Zaig | WAPP |

Patroller Cross

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| Gregg Fetterman | EPA |
| Kurt Gainer | WAPP |
| Mike McGuigan | WNY |
| James Oswald | EPA |
| Robert Shultz | EPA |
| Rebecca Toman | EPA |
| Steve Watkeys | EPA |

Patriot Star

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| Tiger Baird | NVT |
| Salvatore Caruso | EPA |
| Thomas Deis | CNY |
| Paul Fiorenze | NVT |
| Morgan Foster | CNY |
| Georgie Hall | NVT |
| Dennis Hughes | CNY |
| John Jackson | CNY |
| Kurt Lavin | CNY |
| Greg Lister | NJ |
| Lynn Lubaszewski | CNY |
| Paul Malone | NH |
| Mike Michelson | ENY |
| Lee Minkler | NVT |
| Dave Monkelbaan | WNY |
| Thomas Sarchioto | CNY |
| Tony Searing | ENY |

Patroller Achievement Award

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| Jane Nugent | WMA |
| Peg Sippel | WMA |

Angel Pin

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| Aaron Knight | WAPP |
| Kaiden Knight | WAPP |

50 Year National Lifetime Service Award

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| Frey Aarnio | SVT |
| Evelyn Alcorn | WAPP |
| Susan Allieux | SNY |
| Richard Barron | WAPP |
| Michael Boyer | EMARI |
| Bob Broder | SNY |
| Tom Buckwalter | EPA |
| Ed Csongradi | EPA |
| Neil Dixon | EMARI |
| Chris Fraser | EPA |
| Al Gillis | CNY |
| Ron Guse | EPA |
| David Hassler | EPA |
| Pete Kauffman | EPA |
| James King | CNY |
| Peter King | CNY |
| Steve Marshall | EPA |
| James McDevitt | SVT |
| Jim O'Connor | EMARI |
| Jim Potter | SVT |
| William Schmidtman | GVR |
| Tom Shanley | EPA |
| Franklin Smith | WNY |
| Bob Starr | EPA |
| John Stokes | NVT |
| Earl Straub | EPA |
| Bill Wasserman | EPA |
| Tom Widger | SVT |
| Richard Woolf | SVT |

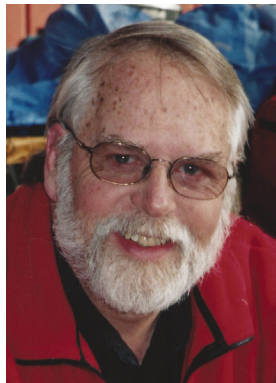
50 Year Eastern Division Award

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| Frey Aarnio | SVT |
| Jim Potter | SVT |
| Tom Widger | SVT |



In Memoriam

LESLIE C. BERG



We are sad to report the loss of a beloved Lifetime Member of the National Ski Patrol. Leslie C. Berg, 74, of Vernon, VT passed away on August 3, 2019.

Born on September 22, 1944 in Newport, RI, to Carl and Eleanor (Zimmerman) Berg, he was raised and educated in Brattleboro, VT where he graduated from high school in 1962. Les was a proud Vietnam War era veteran of the United States Coast Guard and served around the world including Japan, Hawaii, and the Arctic Circle. On October 11, 1969, Les married Mayda Jane Jasienowski, who predeceased him.

Les joined the Pine Top Ski Patrol in Vernon, VT in 1958, as a Junior Patroller. When Pine Top closed, he joined the Brattleboro Ski Patrol, which serviced Maple Valley, Hogback Mountain, Harris Hill Ski Jump, Latchis Ski Jump, and Living Memorial Park. After returning from his tour of duty with the U.S. Coast Guard, Les became very involved with the Brattleboro Ski Patrol as a training officer and avid supporter of the Junior (Young Adult) and Senior OEC & OET Programs. Les Berg was a remarkable patroller with a warm smile, outstanding instructional skills, and a deep devotion to training across

multiple educational disciplines. His commitment to "Service and Safety" was at the forefront of his entire ski patrol career.

In 1971, Les was appointed to the Southern Vermont Region Staff as a Senior Ski and Toboggan (now OET) Trainer/Evaluator. During this same time, Les was an American Red Cross First Aid Instructor, a CPR Instructor, and an OEC Instructor in the earliest stages of the Outdoor Emergency Care Program. He was recognized by the National Ski Patrol System and awarded National Appointment #4167 in 1973 for his contributions to the Brattleboro Ski Patrol and the Southern Vermont Region.

Les was elected Assistant Section Chief for Southern Vermont in the mid-1970s and continued his service as the Brattleboro Ski Patrol Director from 1984-1986. In 1991, Les became an Avalanche Instructor serving for many years. He was also an EMT and an active volunteer with Rescue, Inc. in Brattleboro, VT. Les was a very kind, modest, and humble servant whose legacy was forged by his love for skiing and helping others based on his distinguished service to the National Ski Patrol at Hogback Mountain and Maple Valley in Vermont and the Berkshire East Ski Patrol in Western Massachusetts.

Les Berg was predeceased by his wife, parents, and his son-in-law Adam Vergobbe. He leaves behind a son, Christopher Berg of Dummerston, VT; a daughter Emily Houle and husband Josh of Vernon; a brother Francis O'Donnell and wife Lois of Seminole, FL; six grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Frey Aarnio
SVT Region Director

GERRY CLARK



The Eastern Division is very sad and shocked to report that Gerry T. (English) Clark, 74, left us on October 11, 2019 after a brave and courageous fight with cancer. Gerry was a determined leader devoting her time to the Eastern Division Alumni Patrollers. She also devoted her life to the Special Olympics.

She was born in Boston, MA on March 29, 1945; the daughter of the late Frederick English and G. Francis (Meyers) DiNitto.

Gerry attended Saint Joseph Academy and Boston College. She was employed by American Airlines at Logan Airport in Boston as an administrator of Tech-Ops. Prior to that she worked for the Federal Aviation Administration as an Air Traffic Controller at Hanscom Air Force Base and Logan Airport.

Gerry's love of skiing and desire to help others led her to serve with the National Ski Patrol for over 35 years. Volunteering was a major part of her life. For over 30 years she assisted with the New Hampshire Special Olympics as an organizer, the New Hampshire Highland Games as a photographer, and several other organizations.

She was married to the late William T. Clark of Peterborough, NH, also a long-time patroller, who predeceased her by one month.

Gerry is survived by her sons, Shawn Higgins, Brett Higgins of NH and MA, and Dennis Higgins of Nashua, NH and her grandchildren, Jonathan Clark of Keene, NH; Shane and Taylor Higgins of NC; Dennis Jr., Dillion and Donovan Higgins of Hudson, NH; and all the great memories with friends and family. Gerry was a loving mother and grandmother, dedicated friend and confidant to many, and a selfless volunteer.

Gerry will be deeply missed, along with her tremendous effort and untiring dedication to the job she loved the most—Eastern Division Alumni Advisor.

In Memoriam (cont'd)

PHILLIP C. FIRL



On Thursday, October 24, 2019, the Canaan Valley Ski Patrol lost one of its most senior, experienced, and avid members. Phillip C "Phil" Firl passed away suddenly at his home. Phil was one of the first members of the paid staff at Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center. Phil served Canaan Valley Resort, the Canaan Valley Ski Patrol, and the skiing public for over 40 years. During that time Phil held many positions with the patrol in-

cluding Ski and Toboggan Instructor, First Aid Instructor, OEC Instructor, Lift Evacuation Advisor, Skills Evaluator, Ski Patrol Director, and Patrol Board member.

Phil served as the ski patrol director twice. One of his tenures was during a tumultuous time for the patrol. Under his guidance and his working relationship with the volunteer and paid members of the patrol, a successful solution was found and implemented. Having held many positions with the patrol, by far his most cherished position was that of teacher and mentor. Phil held the certification of Senior Alpine Patroller.

Phil was a veteran of the U.S. Army, who served his country for 26 years. He served in the regular army, special forces, the West Virginia National Guard, and was a Vietnam veteran. During a tour of duty in Vietnam, Phil earned a Purple Heart as well as many other military awards. One had to only listen to his stories of his service to understand his ability to teach and to mentor, his values, and his passions. After serving 26 years in the U.S. Army, Phil retired and spent his time with his family, horses, and ski patrolling at Canaan Valley Resort. Phil encouraged his three daughters to become members of Canaan

Valley Ski Patrol. One of his daughters, Amy Fry is still on our patrol. Two of his grandsons and one granddaughter assist the patrol, and it can be envisioned that when they are old enough, they will follow in their grandfather's footsteps.

As a patroller, he will be remembered as a leader, teacher, mentor, and above all a friend to all. Phil had the knack of using his special operations military training to teach and mentor young patrollers. Phil had a seemingly unending knowledge of ways to splint and stabilize patients of all injuries. He was especially good at teaching patrollers how to think outside of the box when either the situation was not going as planned, or when the situation did not fit a conventional solution. He encouraged patrollers to treat and package a patient utilizing only the supplies that were available in their pack or vest, and what was readily available at the scene. Many patrollers found that they could provide great care to an injured skier with only limited resources.

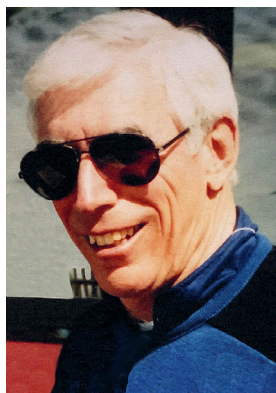
Phil had an incredible ability to dress you down regarding your performance, and then build you back up in such a way that you would be flying higher than before. He had the ability to make everyone he talked with seem like a friend. And, at that time, the most important person in the world. He brought this energy to everything he did.

Phil was involved with the Guitars for Veterans and the Gathering of Mountain Eagles (a wounded warrior's organization) programs. Phil was a man of small physical stature, but he made up for it by being larger than life itself. He was often heard on the trails at the resort yelling "I love my job!" He has left a large pair of ski boots that will be very difficult to fill. Phil will be missed by all.

In the service he attained the rank of First Sergeant. A First Sergeant is generally the senior non-commissioned officer of company-sized units, and they are unofficially but commonly referred to as "top" due to their seniority and their position at the top of the company's enlisted ranks. Goodbye my friend, goodbye Top.

Bryant Hall and Joshua Vance
Canaan Valley Ski Patrol

THOMAS HUME LAIDMAN



After 50 years on patrol, you'd think everyone would know all about their fellow patroller. But, as in the case of Thomas Hume Laidman who died on October 4, 2019, his quiet demeanor belied the kind of leader he was in patrol and business.

Hume switched from active patrolling to alumni as his health was beginning to deteriorate once he was in his 80s. He had just received his 50-year recognition and Lifetime

Membership in the NSP when he found out he had Alzheimer's Disease and his ability to remember things started slipping away. But it was the after effects of a fall combined with the Alzheimer's that ultimately claimed his life at the age of 87.

He was a longtime member of the Song Mountain Ski Patrol, Central New York Region, where he participated in a number of leadership roles over the years. For many years, Hume also belonged to the Cazenovia Ski Club Ski Patrol and the Toggenburg Ski Patrol, as well. Hume was awarded National Appointment #3922 in 1971.

Skiing was one of Hume's passions. He and wife Peggy, a former ski patroller herself, raised their three children on skis at the Cazenovia Ski

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Club. The children became life-long skiers and ski racers and became active in the ski industry.

Hume was faithful to his ski patrol obligations and made sure he showed up for his duty days. It was always entertaining to ask from where he had just returned to meet his schedule. And you knew his professional life was far from typical when he noted his return from places like Singapore, Korea, Russia, and England. It was because this quiet man was a key player in the leadership of Carrier Corporation, one of the top air conditioning companies in the world. And, Hume was the person setting up factories and joint ventures in 52 countries in that world!

He spent 44 years with the company, retiring as vice president of Carrier Refrigeration Worldwide Operations. He was one of the founders of Carrier Transicold, which became the world's largest supplier

of transport refrigeration equipment. He then helped start Carrier Refrigeration in 1997, which grew to \$22.3 billion in sales in just three and a half years.

And still, Hume managed to find time to take part in other sporting interests of sailing and racing, tennis, and golf. He was particularly proud of once having in the family Lightning #1, the first Lightning class sailboat built, which was inherited by Peggy from her father.

In retirement, Hume belonged to many clubs and organizations, including SCORE, where he helped numerous people start and grow businesses, and starting a Cazenovia-area program to provide resources for independent seniors.

Hume is survived by Peggy, his wife of 61 years, daughters Lisa (Chip) Hodgkins and Barclay (Josh) Rappeport, son David (Chris) Laidman, and seven grandchildren.

Jeff Paston

CNY Awards Advisor & Historian

GREGOR TRINKAUS-RANDALL



Gregor was a ski patroller for over 50 years and loved to share and pass along his knowledge to new patrollers. Originally registered in Minnesota in 1966, Gregor moved east and joined Nashoba Valley in the EMARI Region in the season of 1983-4. He moved on to Crotched Mountain in the New Hampshire Region in 2006. Gregor was a trainer.

He was an OEC instructor, a Senior OEC TE, and OET instructor and a Senior OET TE. He served as the Senior OEC Advisor for the EMARI Region. In 1981 he received National Appointment #5795.

Gregor served the Eastern Division as their Archivist making sure that ski patrol history wasn't lost. Every year he came to the division's Spring Officers Meeting to pick up materials that patrollers, patrols, and regions wanted to donate. The collection he started is housed at Dartmouth University in Hanover, NH.

Gregor worked at the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners' as their Preservation Specialist until he retired in the spring of 2018. A Distinguished Fellow of the Society of American Archivists, He served as President of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) from 2011-2012. He is perhaps best known for his work in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery for cultural heritage collections and institutions, ensuring that they are well-represented in federal,

state, and local emergency planning. In 2006 the SAA recognized him in a Council Resolution for distinguished service to the Society and its members regarding his hurricane response work. In 2013 he was presented with the New England Archivists' (NEA) Distinguished Service Award, honoring his dedication and service to promoting the NEA's mission and goals. In 2018 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Academy of Certified Archivists.

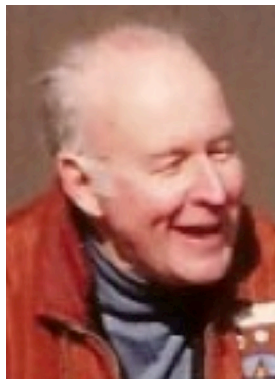
Gregor graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison with Master of Arts degrees in History and Library Science/Archives Administration. He was also a graduate of the Preservation/Conservation Internship at Yale University. His work for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners included implementing the statewide preservation program, the MBLC's Emergency Assistance Program, and its Environmental Monitoring Program.

Gregor shared his passion for skiing with his family. Gregor loved to bike and participated in the PMC, a fund-raising bike-a-thon for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's life-saving research and treatment.

Gregor is survived by his wife Vickery, his children Jennifer and Christopher, his brother Erik Trinkaus, and his sister Tanya Glass. In the past two years, Gregor did not let cancer hold him back from doing so much of what he loved; biking, skiing, and Scottish dancing. Gregor was at peace at the Care Dimensions Hospice in Lincoln, MA during his last few days. His last week included many visits from family, dear friends, and the family dogs.

In Memoriam (cont'd)

TED RICHARDSON



Ski Sawmill Ski Patrol, in the Western App Region lost a great friend and founding member when Theodore L. "Ted" Richardson, 97 of Williamsport, PA, passed away on August 4, 2019.

Always an interesting and intelligent conversationalist, Ted received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Williams College and a Master's in forestry from Yale School of Forestry.

Besides skiing, he enjoyed tennis, was an avid paddler, forester, draftsman, carpenter, and hunter.

Like many avid skiers of his generation, Ted served in the 10th Mountain Division (and the 11th Airborne) during WW II. He helped start a ski patrol at Highland Lake, where a rope tow provided the first skiing in this area. When Oregon Hill Ski Area opened in 1969, Highland closed and Ted and the handful of patrollers from Highland, including his son Mike, moved to Oregon Hill, and registered there. At Oregon Hill, Ted designed the ski patrol building and took the lead

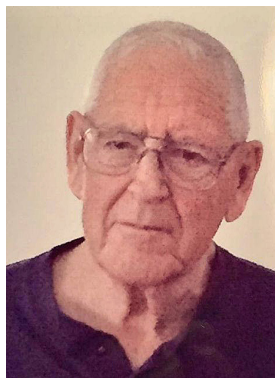
in building it. He also built backboards and the quick splints that we still use today. Oregon Hill subsequently became Ski Sawmill Mountain Resort, where, in 1993, Mike Richardson, following in his father's footsteps, played a major role in construction that tripled the size of our patrol building.

Ted was an active patroller for 30 years and a lifetime member of the National Ski Patrol. Ted received National Appointment #4325 in 1974. He served as Patrol Director during the 70s and with his wide-ranging knowledge, instructed us in everything from S&T to ropes to S&R and everything in between. He was very proud of his association with the NSP. When he decided he could no longer patrol, he became an Alumni member and in 2008, a lifetime member of NSP. He skied well into his 80s and was a welcome visitor to our ski patrol building, whether skiing or watching the grandkids ski. Mike tells us that even in the last few years, when Ted had become ever more confused, he would sometimes say, "C'mon, we're going skiing aren't we?" You were a great skier, Ted, and a great patroller. We miss you. Rest in Peace.

He is survived by his three children, Polly Richardson Renfro, Andy Richardson (Janey), and Mike Richardson (also a ski patroller), six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Michelle Koons
Ski Sawmill

PHILLIP DENE SAVAGE



Phillip Savage, age 85, passed away peacefully on August 4, 2019 at the Alice Center, Malone, NY. Born in Bombay, NY on June 14, 1934 to Belle Beatrice Dustin Savage and Arthur Bernard Savage he attended school in Bombay where he was captain of the basketball and baseball teams, among other accomplishments. He graduated in 1954 from Morrisville Agricultural and Technical Institute (now SUNY

Morrisville) with an A.A.S Degree in Automotive Technology. He met Joan McKane while attending high school and they were married in 1954.

Phil was intimately involved with the development of the Moon Valley Ski Area, now Titus Mountain Family Ski Center in the ENY Region, starting in 1959. Employed by Hall Ski Lift Co., Inc., Watertown, NY from 1962-1975, he rose to President and Chief Operating

Officer while playing an integral role in the growth of the company as it became the largest manufacturer of aerial tramways in North America. From 1975 to 1987, Phil held positions with the Paulson Wire Rope Corporation and Von Roll Habegger of America, Inc. while also providing consulting services to ski areas and performing ski lift and wire rope inspections. Several of his inventions related to his work were awarded U.S. and Canadian patents. Additionally, he was Mountain Manager for the Mt. Van Hoevenberg Bobsled and Luge Complex for the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid

Employment included technical positions with ALCOA and General Motors in Massena, NY followed by progressively more responsible positions as an employee, manager, executive officer, president, and sole proprietor of several organizations in which his engineering, sales, management, and consulting skills were applied involving international travel. From 1987 to his retirement in 2000, Phil worked as a Heavy Truck Sales Representative for Bailey Motor Company of Malone, NY and was sole proprietor of Cooperative Evaluation Services, an insurance inspection service.

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As a young man, Phil's interests included power boat racing, gigging as a professional musician on saxophone, and recreational downhill skiing including serving on the National Ski Patrol as Eastern Division Equipment Advisor. He was a life-long avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed smoking fish and meat – especially spareribs. As a father and family man he instilled a love for and discipline toward animal husbandry (especially dogs and horses) and music-making,

and he found great pleasure in teaching his children how to water ski, downhill ski, work in the woods, fish, hunt (ducks, geese, deer, and rabbits), show horses and, in general, succeed in life.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 48 years, Andrea Bouchard Savage; three children: Daniel and Jennifer (Kimberley) Savage, Donna Savage, and Timothy and Jill (Zielinski) Savage; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces. He was predeceased by his eldest son Dene Arthur Savage.

ROBERT EDMONDS TAYLOR



Robert Edmonds "Stub" Taylor died peacefully Saturday, Aug. 24, 2019 at the age of 85 with his family present. He was born July 4, 1934 to Timothy and Verna Taylor and was raised and attended the schools in Kingfield, Maine. He was very athletic and played all sports.

After high school Stub worked summers at Pierce Pond Camps where he was a Registered Maine Guide. He married his high school sweetheart "Poochy" Parsons in 1955. He was then drafted into the U.S. Army but returned home after basic training when the Korean War ended.

Little did he know that his career would actually start in 1945, at the early age of 11 years old, when Stub and other Kingfield boys tagged along with a local store owner, Amos Winter, to explore, climb, and ski Bigelow Mountain. When Flagstaff Lake was developed by CMP, it blocked the skiing access to Bigelow, forcing Amos and the "Bigelow Boys" to explore Sugarloaf for skiing opportunities.

In 1950, Amos and the Bigelow Boys and members of the Sugarloaf Ski Club started cutting the access road and the first trail called "Winters Way."

The first lift was installed in 1953 when Stub, then only 19 years old, became the first lift attendant and cared for anyone who was injured during skiing. This started what became a 50+ year career for Stub as the Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Patrol Director. During his career he was nicknamed "Mr. Sugarloaf," was a Certified Instructor for the National Ski Patrol and the Professional Ski Patrol Association. He earned Certified #112 in 1978. He received the "Man of the Year

Award" and was inducted into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame.

In 1996 he was honored by hundreds of friends, family, and Sugarloafers at a retirement party for his years of Ski Patrol Directorship at Sugarloaf. He continued to work at Sugarloaf for several more years in the First Aid Clinic, where he used his medical experience, knowledge, and skills for triaging injured skiers.

Stub also enjoyed all sports, hunting, fishing, and gardening. He was the pitcher on the local Fast Pitch Soft Ball Team that traveled all over the state until he was 53 years old. Stub encouraged all of his children to be active in sports, and he skied and played with them and went to all of their games and activities.

Stub's legacy will continue on because he touched so many peoples' lives. From being devoted to his wife, Eleanor, of 34 years, loving his five children and 19 grandchildren, to his successful 50+ year career at Sugarloaf, to enjoying retirement and companionship with Carol for 30 years, and finally, down to his last four years, at the Sandy River Nursing Facility, where he was loved and cared for like family. He always demonstrated a high moral character, excellent work ethic, faith in God and Country, and with a caring attitude that will be remembered and missed by all of us who knew him, Dad/Grampa/Stub.

He is survived by his significant other for 30 years, Carol McLaughlin, five children and their spouses; MaryAnne and Randy Goodwin, David and Patrice Taylor, Christopher and Holly Taylor, Catherine and Scott Fast, and Jill and William Harrison. He had 14 Grandchildren, Adrian Heatley, James Goodwin, Cody and Caleb Taylor, Lillian and Avery Taylor, Ella, Abraham, Phoebe, Solomon, and Teresa-Eden Fast, Taylor, Grace, and Brinley Harrison. He had five great grandchildren; Braylon and Olivia Heatley, and Berlynn, Brady, and Beauden Blake.

He is predeceased by his wife Eleanor "Poochy" Taylor and his infant son Robert Taylor, Jr.

The Loss of a Great Friend

GREGOR TRINKAUS-RANDALL

I first met Gregor in 1983 when he came from Wisconsin and joined the Nashoba Valley Ski Patrol. He joined the patrol and volunteered to help with training. When he found out there was no training program, he volunteered to run one. I was volunteered by the patrol director to help Gregor because I had just completed the Senior Ski and Toboggan program. This meant I had to change from peaceful Monday nights I enjoyed patrolling to Tuesday evenings classes. I had no idea at the time that what Gregor started with Tuesday candidate training would change the way I saw ski patrol. Gregor brought with him a discipline and dedication to developing patrollers, a passion that quickly rubbed off on me. I have Gregor to thank for developing a purpose that is still very much a part of me today.

In those early years of candidate training at Nashoba, not all the candidates looked favorably on Gregor's Tuesday night classes; and it was his class. Too much time on the fundamentals, too much repetition, too much hiking! Why do we need to sidestep so far up the hill? Who needs to do a herringbone that far? Well, there are reasons; conditioning and committing patroller skills to muscle memory. In a ski area with no radios and the luxury of maybe four patrollers on a busy Sunday, walking up the hill to an accident scene really was quicker sometimes. The Tuesday night classes made better skiers of many patrollers. Many took these skills to other mountains.

Gregor's and my relationship started to change later in the 80s with the addition of our children. Gregor was now able to herringbone up Nashoba and meet me and the class at the top of the hill about

the same time we got off the chairlift. "Why would anybody do that" some would ask. Gregor was training for the Berkie, a 50-kilometer cross-country ski race in Wisconsin that you had to mostly skate.

Our children were ski racers and soccer players. Gregor and I were racer chasers. We traveled to races with the kids and dedicated countless hours. We'd go on some family ski trips, where the kids would enjoy free skiing and liked riding the old Killington gondola. But most trips were for racing.

Gregor and I traveled to many regional Ski and Toboggan events for Senior and Trainer Evaluator training around New England. The time in the car was always dominated by Gregor's stories and latest accomplishments of Jen and Christopher. He was so proud of them and everything they did. As passionate as Gregor was for everything he did, nothing, not the ski patrolling, not the Scottish dancing, not the historical restoration work, was as important to him as his children. The family values that Vickery and Gregor have are as strong as any I know.

I will always remember Gregor as a strong and competent person. Someone who brought these values to everything he was a part of. Gregor's compassion and kindness were easily accessed and balanced by his discipline and dedication. I am grateful to have benefited from Gregor and to have called him my friend.

RIP GTR...

Your Friend,

Jim O'Connor

Eastern Division OET Supervisor

"Heartfelt Thanks" by Harriet Frawley, Memorial/Scholarship Fund Advisor

While other Eastern Division programs strive to embrace the digital age, the Memorial Fund operates largely by means of good, old-fashioned letter writing. Administering the fund entails writing letters of acknowledgment to donors and letters to the families of those being honored by your donations. There's also the flurry of letters each spring congratulating recipients of the Memorial Fund Scholarships.

In response, my mailbox often contains letters of gratitude. Although they are addressed to me, their sentiments are for all of you. As an example, following is a recent letter from Debe Frankenfield, wife of Dick Frankenfield of Wisp Ski Patrol. Her words are a clear example of what your remembrance of lost patrollers often means to their families.

Dear Ms. Frawley,

On behalf of my family and me, I'd like to thank you for the donation made in Dick's memory.

The Ski Patrol was such a big part of my family's life, and Dick and I were privileged to be a part of it. He would have been pleased to know that he was honored in this way.

Many thanks again for your kindness.

*Warm regards,
Debe Frankenfield*

I also receive thank you notes from our scholarship recipients, full of hopes and future plans. Those plans nearly always include continuing to patrol and a desire to give back to the Eastern Division.

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