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## Region Patrollers Receive National Recognition



John McGoff National  
NSP Outstanding Instructor

Anita Gerstle, National Runner-up  
NSP Outstanding Auxiliary

The last edition of *DOWNHILL* presented Ohio Region's 2010 Outstanding Awards winners and listed the names of two who were recognized at the Central Division outstanding level and two selected at the Division Runner up Outstanding level. The two Division Outstanding winners have since been recognized at the National level.

**John McGoff**, PNS, Ohio Region and Central Division 2010 Outstanding Instructor Award winner was selected as National NSP Outstanding Instructor

**Anita Gerstle**, PNS, Region and Division Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller, was honored as National Runner up Outstanding Auxiliary.

*Correction:* On page 9 of the *DOWNHILL* 2010 summer issue, an error was printed in the background information about Anita Gerstle. Anita and Joe Gerstle were not on the 2002 Park City Olympic Ski Patrol. Patrol positions for that Olympics were filled by the local ski patrols. Instead, with many other Ski Patrollers, Anita and Joe Gerstle served as volunteer workers. Anita served on a hard working course crew that removed loose snow from steep, icy, smooth race courses. Her Olympics story appeared in the April 2002 *DOWNHILL* vol29.3 on pages 6 and 7.

## Region Director's Report

It's hard to believe that ski season is just around the corner, at least according to the calendar. However, since the leaves are already starting to turn; the days are getting shorter; Patrol-related meetings are starting to occur; and OEC classes and Refreshers are in progress, I'm rapidly becoming a believer!

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## DARCY HANLEY HIRED AS EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Lakewood, CO. "Darcy Hanley has been hired as the education director of the National Ski Patrol (NSP). Hanley will begin working for NSP on October 18.



"I am very pleased to announce that Darcy Hanley has accepted the position of director of education," said NSP Executive Director Tim White. "As a professional educator and accomplished patroller, she has the background and experience to do great things for the organization.

"Darcy will be relocating to Denver from Cincinnati, where she has been working as a business development manager for Information Design. Prior to that, she worked as the principal of Kings Local School District, where she initiated programs to improve test scores and was awarded excellent school status seven times.

"Darcy has been an NSP member since 1990. She patrolled at Perfect North Slopes, and was awarded National Appointment Number 10740. She has served as the Central Division Senior Program supervisor, is a Level 2 PSIA ski instructor and Level 2 Avalanche instructor, and served as the assistant patrol director at Perfect North Slopes from 1992-2000" (and as PNS PR 2004-2006, Ed.).

"This has afforded me a wonderful opportunity," said Hanley enthusiastically. "It taps into my education background, and of course NSP has been part of my life for many years. I'm passionate about the programs NSP offers, and am excited to review the ones that need to be updated and disseminate new knowledge to other NSP members. I want to be a face and name for all NSP members to reach out to regarding NSP education programs."

# Ohio Region 2010-2011 Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	POC
<b>Oct 2010</b>				
Oct 3	8 AM	OEC Instructor Refresher	PNS	Sandi Hammons
Oct 3	8 AM	OEC Refresher	Alpine Valley	Pat Aquila
Oct 3	8 AM	OEC Refresher	Snow Trails	Sue Cline
Oct 3	8 AM	OEC Refresher	Mad River Mountain	Kim Hiser
Oct 3	8 AM	OEC Refresher BMBW	Boston Mills	Janet Glaser/Freddie Shima
Oct 10	8 AM	OEC Refresher	PNS	Sandi Hammons
Oct 14-17		Ski Swap	BMBW	Layton Ives
Oct 15-17		Open House and Ski Swap	Alpine Valley	Kurt Tenerove
Oct 16	8 AM	OEC Refresher	Paoli Peaks	Bruce Heichelbech
Oct 17	8 AM	On the Hill Refresher	Mad River Mountain	Kim Hiser
Oct 22-24		MTR 2 & Instructor Retreat	Tar Hollow State Park	Dave Zeager tele.ski.resqr@gmail.com
Oct 29-31		Ski Swap	Snow Trails	Bob Wilson/ Kal Dworkin
Oct 30	10 AM	Section O3 Nat Appointment Rev Board	Snow Trails	Scott Kinnamon/ Gary Weaver
<b>Nov 2010</b>				
Nov 5-7		Ski Swap	PNS	Sandi Hammons, PR
Nov 6-7		OEC Course Test	BMBW	Jim Bichl/ Mike Spector
Nov 6-7		Open House, Ski Swap and Cookout	Paoli Peaks	Bruce Heichelbech
Nov 7	8AM-Noon	Hut Cleanup	Snow Trails	Kal Dworkin, PR
Nov 10	6 PM	Last OEC Refresher - \$35 fee & reservation	Boston Mills	Daryl Knauss, Cuyahoga Nordics
Nov 13	9AM-Noon	OEC Instructor Re-certification	Snow Trails	Sharon Pinka <sharonpinka@yahoo.com>
Nov 13	1PM-4PM	SEM Calibration Clinic	Snow Trails	Dave Baumlein <dbaumlei@insight.rr.com>
Nov 13-14	8:30 AM	Level 1 Avalanche for Rescue Personnel	PNS	Kim Garrett, Reg. Avalanche Adv
Nov 15-19	6-9 PM	Chair Evac Refreshers -Opening Week	Boston Mills	Tom Ciranna, PR
<b>Dec 2010</b>				
Dec 4		OEC Practical exam	Paoli Peaks	Bruce Heichelbeck
Dec 11-12		Central Div. STW (closest one of three)	Boyne Highlands	Don Loerch <dloerch@sbcglobal.net>
Dec 15	7PM	Region Nat Rev Board Meeting	Conference Call	Greg Schoenman, Rev Bd Ch.
Dec 21	Deadline	DOWNHILL Winter edition v38.2	<a href="mailto:hdavis1@woh.rr.com">hdavis1@woh.rr.com</a>	Max Davis, Editor
<b>Jan 2011</b>				
Jan 1		Deadline Tele SES registration & fee	Holimont NY on Feb 5-6	Dave Walker <dcamwalker@aol.com>
Jan 8-9	4 PM	Certified Pre-Qualification	PNS	Dan Moss <dan@danmossremodeling.com>
Jan 8-9	8:30 AM	STW	PNS	Amy Arnold/Troy Southwick
Jan 15-16	8:30 AM	STW	Boston Mills	Amy Arnold/Troy Southwick
Jan 17		<b>Martin Luther King Jr Holiday</b>		
Jan 22	8:30 AM	SES/SNES	Mad River Mountain	Kent Oliver/Amy Arnold
Jan 22	8:30 AM	TES	PNS	Troy Southwick
Jan 23	8:30 AM	SES/SNES	Snow Trails	Bryan Loveless/Amy Arnold

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Jan 23	8:30 AM	TES	Paoli Peaks	Troy Southwick
Jan 29	8:30 AM	SES/SNES	Big Creek	Amy Arnold/Troy Southwick
Jan 29-30		Central Division Women's Clinic	Boyne Highlands	Sandi Hammons
Jan 30	8:30 AM	SES/SNES	Boston Mills	Layton Ives/Amy Arnold
<b>Feb 2011</b>				
Feb 1	Deadline	Announce Election for Section Chief O-3		Bev Janke
Feb 5	8:30 AM	SES/SNES	Paoli Peaks	Bruce Heichelbech/Amy Arnold
Feb 5	8:30 AM	TES	Snow Trails	Troy Southwick
Feb 5-6		Telemark SES- requires preregistration	Holimont Ski Area, NY	Dave Walker <dcamwalker@aol.com>
Feb 6	8:30 AM	SES/SNES	PNS	Jon French
Feb 6	8:30 AM	TES	Mad River Mountain	Troy Southwick
Feb 12	8:30 AM	TES	Alpine Valley	Troy Southwick
Feb 13	8:30 AM	TES	Boston Mills	Troy Southwick
Feb 14	Deadline	Region Outstanding Awards e-Submission		Lori Ringley <ringley@fuse.net>
Feb 21		<b>President's Day Holiday</b>		
Feb 25	Deadline	Nominations for Section Chief O-3 due		Bev Janke
Feb 26	8:30 AM	Senior Alpine Ski & Toboggan clinics	Boston Mills	Amy Arnold/Troy Southwick
Feb 27	all day	Senior Alpine S&T exam	BM/BW	Tom Tavenner
<b>Mar 2011</b>				
Mar 3-5		Certified Test, Thur- Sat	Lutsen, MN	Dan Moss
Mar 12	Deadline	Resumes and Position Papers due for Sec Chief O-3 election		Bev Janke
Mar 12	evening	SEM Evaluator Calibration Clinic	Mad River Mountain	David Baumlein, OEC Admin.
Mar 13	8AM-4PM	SEM Exam	Mad River Mountain	David Baumlein, OEC Admin.
Mar 15	Deadline	DOWNHILL spring issue v38.3	<a href="mailto:hdavis1@woh.rr.com">hdavis1@woh.rr.com</a>	Max Davis, Editor
Mar 21	7-10 PM	1st Session, Instructor Developmnt Class	Boston Mills	Janet Glaeser/Freddie Shima
Mar 22	Deadline	Ballots for Section Chief O-s election sent out		Bev Janke
Mar 23	7-10 PM	2nd Session, Instructor Developmnt Class	Boston Mills	Janet Glaeser/Freddie Shima
Mar 26		MTR Fundamentals	PNS	Bill Schick <bill.schick@duke-energy.com>
<b>Apr 2011</b>				
Apr 5	Deadline	Post mark deadline or returned ballots for Sec. Chief O-3 election		Bev Janke
Apr 9-10		MTR 1 Field Session	John Bryan State Park	Bill Schick <bill.schick@duke-energy.com>
Apr 30		Section Chief Election Results Announced	Spring Meeting	Bev Janke
Apr 30		Ohio Region Spring Meeting & Awards	BMBW	Bill Currier/Tom Ciranna
<b>May 2011</b>				
May 10	Deadline	DOWNHILL Awards Issue v38.4	<a href="mailto:hdavis1@woh.rr.com">hdavis1@woh.rr.com</a>	Max Davis. Editor
<b>AUG 2011</b>				
Aug 7-10		MSSA Annual Meeting - Devil's Head WI		Ken Meldahl, Central Div. Rep.
<b>SEP 2011</b>				
Sep 9-11		<b>OH Reg. Hosts Central Div. Fall Meeting &amp; Awards Banquet- Marriott at River Center, Covington KY</b>		Bill Currier/John McGoff & Guy Day

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Changes that occurred in the Region organization during the off-season included the addition of Frank Cleary, PNS, as Assistant Region Director Proficiency replacing John McGoff, PNS, who will be in charge of planning for the 2011 Fall Division meeting, and Rick Jackson, Paoli Peaks who will be transitioning to the role of PR this season. Bruce Heichelbeck, Paoli Peaks PR, will be the subject of a future announcement. Also, we did lose one Patrol as Clear Fork decided to disband after several years of being in limbo as the area suspended operations while it was attempting to find a buyer for the resort. Clear Fork patrollers decided to either retire or register at other resorts for the upcoming season.

Several Ohio Region Patrollers and family members attended the Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet in Bloomington, MN on Sept. 10-12. Congratulations to the Ohio Region award winners, John McGoff, PNS, who is the Outstanding National Instructor and Anita Gerstle, PNS, who is the Outstanding National First Runner-up Auxiliary Patroller. Way to go!!

The General meeting was well attended and presentations were given by Division Director, Jim Woodrum; Chris Stoddard and Fred Seymour, MSAA; our own NBOD Member, Janet Glaeser, who gave an update on what's going on at the National level; Wally Shank, Wells Fargo, and Kevin McQuillan, Division Legal Advisor, who gave a timely presentation on risk management; and Brad Nelson, a custom boot fitter, who talked about the latest technology for custom foot beds. The Awards Banquet was well attended. The meal was excellent as were the door prizes and awards presentations. Jeannie Thoren, who many of you know, gave the Keynote address and also contributed prizes to all who attended.

The business meeting was rather routine as no new proposals were presented before the meeting and only a few changes to the Division P&P were approved during the meeting. A significant portion of the meeting was devoted to a presentation and discussion of an addition to the Senior Alpine Program that features an accreditation program (ASE) for non-PSIA/AASI certified patrollers who wish to become Senior Alpine Evaluators. The new program will be rolled out at the three Division STW's in December. It is intended to fill the gap that exists in some Regions, but not in Ohio, because there are insufficient numbers of senior alpine evaluators who are PSIA/AASI certified. Non-PSIA/AASI patrollers who aspire to become senior alpine evaluators may enter the ASE program, subject to Region Director's approval, that will feature training and an exam. See the Central Division web site for more details about the program and enrollment information.

Bev Benzing, PNS, is stepping down as Division Treasurer and will be succeeded by Joe Hammel from Marquette Mountain, MI. As you may have already heard, Darcy Hanley, PNS, has accepted the position of National Education Director and will move to Denver in Oct. We wish Darcy well as she embarks upon yet another course in her patrolling career.

Now for the Fall 2011 Division Meeting it's on to Cincinnati where the meeting, which will be hosted by the Ohio Region, will be held on Sept. 9-11 at the Cincinnati Riverfront Marriott. The hotel has been booked already, a riverboat cruise is being planned for Friday

evening, and a committee, headed by John McGoff, PNS, is already making plans that will lead to yet another outstanding event for the Ohio Region – that I can assure you. In order to assure success we need the support and participation of all the patrols and patrollers in the Region. Some patrol funding is being requested to help offset costs. John has requested that each patrol designate someone who will be a point of contact for the meeting committee. John and his committee will need lots of help and support as we all work together to make this a great event for all Ohio Region patrollers. Stay tuned for more details that will be posted on the Central Division web site and blasted to Central Division patrollers as it becomes available.

The sixth annual Region Patrol Representatives Conference was held on August 14<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, OH. Again, the event was a huge success in bringing together both new and continuing Patrol Representatives, Region Staff and guests for a day of focused conversations on topics of current interest and social activities in an informal setting. This conference has proven to be a great venue for sharing ideas and concerns and for generating action items to resolve issues. Thanks to Tom Ciranna, BMBW, for planning the content and arranging the venue of the meeting, and thanks to John and Ruth-Ann Norris, MRM, for hosting the Friday evening social event at their home. While Jim Woodrum did not attend this year, the home-cooked Ohio blueberry and apple pies were so good that none were left over to bring the Division meeting. However, we have already increased the order for 2011 just in case Jim decides to join us!



Bill Currier  
Ohio Region Director

The Ohio Region Fall Meeting was held on Sunday, Sept. 19 at the Liberty Township Fire Hall in Powell, OH. The format of the meeting was changed slightly this Fall. The business meeting was shortened to consist of only summary staff and advisor reports (detailed, written reports were available at the meeting) and to provide program advisors and their teams an opportunity to share details of their plans for the up-coming season with the wider group following the business meeting. Revisions to the Ohio Region By-Laws were approved at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading. Please refer to the by-laws on the web site to familiarize yourself with the changes. Troy Southwick received the Division Director's Award for his contributions to the Division Toboggan Program.

The S&T Team, including Amy Arnold, Snow Trails, Alpine Ski School Advisor, Troy Southwick, MRM, Toboggan Advisor, Tom Tavenner, MRM, Senior Program Administrator and his assistant, Mark Santos, BMBW, presented their plans and handed out a new guide for patrol Senior Program Advisors. Again this year, a large number of resources are being committed to the ski/board and toboggan training events with the goal of further enhancing patroller's skills and image in the eyes of area management and their customers. Region STW's, SES's and TES's are planned for each area as well as clinics featuring PSIA/AASI instructors. In addition we will be incorporating the new Division Accredited Senior Evaluator program into the Region's S&T program. Senior Alpine Evaluators who wish to evaluate at the Senior Alpine Test this season must attend one of the STW's in order to get re-calibrated.

The OEC Team, represented by Dave Baumlein, Snow Trails,

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OEC Administrator, presented the 2010/2011 OEC program including plans and staffing for the refreshers, OEC classes and the SEM that will be held in March, 2011 at MRM.; instructor training, certification/re-certification; and record keeping. Dave hopes to be able to avoid a refresher QA staffing issue that was caused by too many patrols scheduling refreshers on the same day this year by asking the sections to help schedule the 2011 refresher such that none of the patrols in a section hold refreshers on the same day.

The OEC 5<sup>th</sup> Edition is now planned to be rolled out during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2011. The price will be \$65 for the manual and \$44 for a downloadable e-version. The Instructor Manual will be available on the publisher's web site at no cost to OEC Instructors. All remaining 2010 OEC classes will continue to use the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, but new classes beginning in the Spring of 2011 will use the new, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. The traditional OEC Fall refresher cycle will be interrupted in 2011. The 2011 OEC Refresher will be focused on the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, and the cycle will resume in 2012.

The Certified program continues to grow in the Ohio Region. On behalf of all the Ohio Certified Patrollers I would like to thank Jay Zedak for obtaining a plaque, engraved with the names and numbers of each Certified Patroller, for each patrol in the Region.

Looking ahead to Spring; please note that the Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet will be held on April 30, 2011, and will be hosted by BMW. I'm planning to re-organize the format of the meeting to provide for concurrent educational events as well as some other activities that will attract more patrollers to participate in the events and to attend the awards banquet. Watch for subsequent email blasts and the Region web site as details become available.

I am looking forward to a successful 2010/2011 season and hope to see many of you at the various events that we have planned.

Have a safe and enjoyable season.

*Bill*

**Bill Currier, Ohio Region Director**



## Clear Fork Valley Ski Patrol



Todd Vermilya

This past summer the members of the Clear Fork Valley Ski Patrol voted to close the patrol. While the ski area continues to be listed for sale, ([http://www.rweiler.com/detail\\_property.asp?id=121#flyer](http://www.rweiler.com/detail_property.asp?id=121#flyer)), the consensus of the members was that the time had come to close the unit. Many of the patrollers have transferred to other Ohio Region ski areas, while others have joined the NSP Alumni. Thanks to all of the patrols in the Ohio Region for support during this time, best of luck to you in your service to the sport / business.

**Todd P. Vermilya, PD / PR Clear Fork Valley Ski Area**

## New Central Division Staff Appointments



Jim Woodrum



Jay Zedak

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, Central Division Director, Jim Woodrum, announced Division staff changes made to support Darcy Hanley's new role as the NSP National Education Director. Hanley's departure left the Division Senior Program Supervisor position vacant.

"Jay Zedak is the new Senior Program Supervisor for the Division. Jay will begin the transition immediately to help Darcy move to her new role within the next two weeks. With Jay being an Alpine Senior Patroller (qualified on Snowboard, and Telemark skis as well as alpine skis), he is well qualified to take on this new challenge and growth. Jay is already an integral part of the Skills Development team and this will allow him to concentrate on helping candidates reach this level of patrolling skills. He will also be able to focus his attention on helping Senior Evaluators perfect their skills to be the best they can be to standardize the Senior Exams across all regions.



Dan Moss

Dan Moss will replace Jay as the NSP-C Ski School Supervisor. Dan comes to us as a former Ski School Advisor in Ohio; he is a Certified Patroller, a Level III PSIA Instructor and currently is the Ohio Region Certified Advisor. Dan has worked closely with Jay over the last several years and is well qualified to take on this responsibility. Dan has also been an integral part of the STW's, has conducted numerous SES's, and was an important delegate that we sent to the Southern Division to help develop their Ski School.

Please join me in supporting these changes in Leadership roles by welcoming Dan to the Division Team and Jay in his new role in the Division."

**Jim Woodrum**

**Central Division Director**



D. Baumlein

## OHIO REGION OEC

The Region OEC is off to a great start. Refreshers are already underway as well as 5 OEC Courses and 6 OEC instructor recert clinics. Good luck to all participants.

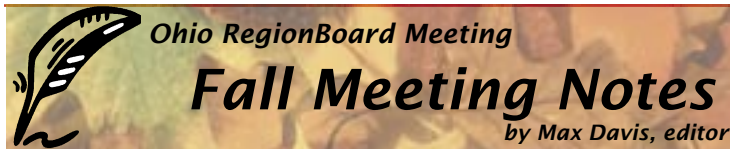
Please note an important change for SEM for the 2010-11 season. Our Region SEM will be held at the end of this ski season on Sunday March 13, 2011 at MRM.

This is a deviation from years past. All pertinent Region OEC dates are currently listed on the Calendar on the Ohio Region website.

Of special interest to SEM personnel will be a SEM Calibration clinic at Snow Trails on Sat Nov. 6, 2010. This is an extremely important meeting to attend for all SEM evaluators, Advocates, SEM IOR's, SEM instructors and candidates (definite and potential). The purpose will be to state the rules of engagement for the next SEM so that everyone will be on the same page and can train to that standard this upcoming season. Tom Tavenner will also cover SEM paperwork and discuss the Senior program. Those planning on attending should contact me at: [dbaumlei@insight.rr.com](mailto:dbaumlei@insight.rr.com) to confirm attendance.

**Dave Baumlein**

**Ohio Region OEC Administrator**



Region Director Bill Currie chaired the September 19<sup>th</sup> Fall 2010 Region Board Meeting and used a streamlined agenda with two after meeting breakout sessions. This article summarizes changes and plans for the coming season reviewed at the meeting.

## General Topics

**Region Financial Report** – Orest Melnyk, Region Treasurer

For the past fiscal year (Jul 1, 2009-Jun 30, 2010),

Total income (52% from dues and C Div)	\$26,233.64
Total Expenses	\$27,969.94
Net income (-loss)	-1,736.30

Ohio Region plans for zero net income each year. The region's reserves covered 2010 the deficit

**Region Calendar and Organization Chart** - Current revisions appear elsewhere in this DOWNHILL issue and are posted on the region web site.

**Registration** – The electronic registration process used last year appeared to work very well and with minor improvements will be used again for 2011.

**Amendments to Region Bylaws** - Proposed amended bylaws read at the 2010 spring meeting were approved. The amendments are changes required to keep the bylaws consistent with changed region officer terms and election procedures prescribed by division and national level policies. A new section provides for assistant region advisors. Changes to the region's Policies and Procedures are still under consideration. Region PnP sections have a direct effect on region program operations and fees. Current Region PnP sections are posted on the Region website.

**Region 2011 Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet** - Boston Mills Brandywine Ski Patrol will host the 2011 Spring Meeting and awards Banquet on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Tom Ciranna, BMBW PR, will provide more details in the March issue of DOWNHILL. Region Director Bill Currie plans to continue refining the Region Board of Governors meetings agendas with short 4 hour business meetings followed with special breakout sessions. For spring meetings, Bill wants to add simultaneous training sessions for patrollers and special events (e.g. visits to local points of interest) for non patrollers for families and friends. It is hoped that these extra events will promote more attendance at the spring banquet and awards ceremony.

**Central Division Fall 2011 Meeting** on September 9-11 will be hosted by the Ohio Region. Region Director Bill Currie has overall responsibility for the event. John McGoff and Guy Day are the planning co-chairs. After the initial June announcement John and Guy have continued planning and making major commitments. A contract has been signed for the venue, the Marriott River Centre in Covington Kentucky, a 4 star hotel at a great location with free parking and a special \$90/night room

rate. The banquet cost will depend on the menu and the minimum number. A private riverboat cruise is planned as an extra event. McGoff and Day are working on a smooth registration process, conference communications, session plans, audio visual requirements, a hospitality room, event transportation, and a possible trade fair with a silent auction. The proposed meeting theme is “*ride and ski and be the best you can be*”. Have a better idea? Send it to John or Guy. Financial success (breaking even) will depend on the support received from within the region. By having many attractive extra attractions and events it is hoped that there will be a good turnout of region patrollers. Patrols are asked to name a meeting advocate who will encourage local patrol group participation. The Region will be a major financial sponsor for this event and additional financial support from the patrols will be requested. More information will appear in future DOWNHILL issues and will be posted on the region web site.

## 2010-2011 Region Programs

Programs ARD **Jay Zedak** was present to lead this part of the meeting. He thanked region members for their support and many cards and messages of encouragement during his struggles with cancer. When addressing the meeting, Jay demonstrated his continuing great enthusiasm for snow sports as he described the Ski Hall of Fame. <http://skihall.org> and its magazine, *Ski Heritage*, with its articles about skiing development and the skiers who developed the sport Jay loves. The museum is located in the City of Ishpeming in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Memberships are available (\$50/yr). Jay also encouraged reading of the PSIA magazine; it has many skiing tips in every issue. He had on hand many instructional skiing technique DVDs and a DVD on Low Angle Rescue which has been incorporated in the NSP MTR and the Rescue Transportation curricula.

To encourage more participation in the Certified Program, Jay developed large plaques listing names of the 15 Ohio Region Certified Patrollers for display at Region Ski Areas. Space is available for adding the names of more patrollers as they complete their Certified Patroller requirements.

**Avalanche**: Kim Garrett requested \$500 to purchase some digital avalanche transceivers. The increased capabilities and accuracy of digital transceivers has drastically changed the effectiveness and the techniques for locating buried transceivers and digging out victims. At Level 1 Avalanche class is scheduled for Nov 13-14 at PNS.

**Mountain Travel and Rescue** - A Mountain Travel and Rescue II field session will be held Oct 22-24 at Tar Hollow State Park and Forest on Oct 22-23, 2010. Camp setups will be after dark Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. Saturday Ray Martodam will lead a wilderness medical care session and a session about improvised rescue techniques. Bill Schick will lead afternoon sessions on route selection, and advanced navigation techniques before the mock search and rescue is held. That evening there will be more sessions about teamwork and leadership and weather. After breaking camp on Sunday the group will do some rappelling at Hocking State Park.

FINANCE

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2011 SPRING MEETING

DIV FALL MTG

DIVISION 2011 FALL MTG

PROGRAMS ARD JAY ZEDAK

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CERTIFIED PATROLLER PLAQUE



**Ohio Region Certified Patrollers**

- Row 1: Tom Worley #179, Brad Hansen #313, Guy Day #381
- Row 2: Dale Mihuta #424, Jay Zedak #572, Bob Rosselott #573
- Row 3: Randy Strand #616, Ron Gerdes #636,, John McGoff #647
- Row 4: Tom Tavenner #649, Dan Moss #669, Greg Schoenman #671
- Row 5: Rick King #691, Eric Massanyi #692, Jonathan French #693

Registration deadline was October 1. Points of contact are Bill Schick (513)779-1511 [billschick@duke-energy.com](mailto:billschick@duke-energy.com) and Dave Zeager (330)328-3646 [tele.ski.resq@gmail.com](mailto:tele.ski.resq@gmail.com). Later in the season a MTR II snow skills session will be held covering rope team travel, ice axe arrest, building snow anchors, and Low Angle Rescue.) The next MTR I Fundamentals class session is scheduled March 26, 2011 at PNS with a field session April 9-10.

**Certified Program:** Dan Moss, Region Certified advisor, requested additional \$500 region support to help offset an estimated \$7000 total cost for patrollers attending the March Certified Patroller test at Lutsen, MN. The region certified staff includes all listed on the new certified plaques except Rick King who now resides in Washington State. Dorsey Hanley and Sandi Hammons are Certified Patroller Candidates. Interested region patrollers are encouraged to talk with Certified Staff members to learn more about the program. The Certified Prequalification event is scheduled at PNS on Jan 8-9. In 2012 the Central Division Certified exam will be held again in the Ohio Region at Perfect North Slopes.

MT&R

CERTIFIED PROGRAM

SENIOR PROGRAM

OEC

**Senior Program** - The alpine ski and toboggan test will be held at Boston Mills on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> this season. On Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> alpine ski, board and toboggan clinics will be held for candidates who have completed their signoffs and satisfied all other deadlines requirements for the senior exam. Tom Tavenner, Region Senior Advisor, distributed a new guideline for local patrol senior advisors about Promoting the Central Division Senior Program is available. It lays out the division and region plans for encouraging increased participation and success in the senior candidate program. Again this season, Ohio Region is offering a complete set of senior elective programs and region alpine skiing and toboggan training at all areas is being augmented by senior clinics on the Region Senior hills at BM and PNS. Contact your local senior advisor for more information. Senior Candidates are responsible for retaining records of their completed senior electives and tests. The Region also maintains a multiyear senior records data bank. Senior advisor Tavenner and assistant advisor Mark Santos have copies and there is an archive on the region web site. (Some of this information was presented during the Senior Program post meeting break out session. (For more information about the Senior Program read Darcy Hanley's article in *Rusty Parka News*, 2010 summer edition, page 4.)

**2010-2011 OHIO REGION PROFICIENCY PLANS**

Frank Cleary ARD (see Frank Cleary's article on page 10)

**OEC** – David Baumlein, OEC Administrator (see Dave's separate article on page 5.) This season the region will hold two SEM evaluator calibration sessions. The goal is to set high and *uniform* standards for SEM candidate training and testing. On November 13<sup>th</sup> a session at Snow Trails will include live demonstrations that are intended to set the standard early, e.g. in time for the SEM preparation training sessions this season. This session is strongly recommended for SEM candidates, trainers and evaluators. The next session on March 12 the night before the SEM at MRM is the final calibration tune up required for evaluators. Other scheduled OEC activities, besides the refreshers and OEC courses, include OEC Instructor Re-Certification sessions on administrative records to document OEC Technician continuing training and instructor certification. Next season Sections are asked to avoid scheduling more than one OEC refresher on the same day so that patrollers who cannot attend their local patrol refresher can attend a nearer alternative refresher. The new 5<sup>th</sup> edition OEC Manual is scheduled to be available in the spring of 2011. All 2011 OEC courses will use the new edition. The 2011 OEC refresher will be based on the new manual. Patrols and patrollers should make plans to acquire the new edition next summer, before the refresher. The announced price for the new OEC manual is \$65 for the printed version, or \$44 to download a copy. Instructor manuals (another book) will be downloadable by instructors at no charge. During the coming months, expect to see much more about the new OEC manuals. Dave and his OECITs will have full schedules for the next two seasons rolling out the improvements and new features for the OEC program.

OEC  
TOBOGGAN  
NSP-C SKI SCHOOL

A special OEC breakout session after lunch for region officers and staff went over the information covered in the Instructor Recertification sessions being held across the region. The content emphasized the documentation and administrative procedures to be followed in registering courses and refreshers and the after-the-event filing of course completion records. The purpose of the process is to assure that all patrollers receive credit for their training. When one considers that the system must document home and visiting patroller continuing education participation over a three year refresher cycle and include the certification of instructors and OECIT program quality assurance documentation one can better accept the complexity as inevitable.

**Toboggan Program** - Troy Southwick, Region Toboggan Advisor.- This season 11 toboggan training events are scheduled on the region calendar. Except for the Ski Trainers Workshop (STW) at Boyne Highlands, all are scheduled in January or February. A STW will be held on both of the Region Senior hills (PNS and BM). Toboggan Trainers are expected to attend a STW every three years. For toboggan ITs and senior evaluators the requirement is to attend yearly. Toboggan training is based on the NSP Transportation Guide. Toboggan trainers read The Guide, teach The Guide and evaluate by The Guide. Six Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (TES) are planned one at each major region ski area. TES content is tailored to meet local patrol needs and can include senior toboggan handling, toboggan training by and for women, toboggan for those “getting old but not ready to hang it up”, and for toboggan instructors and ITs. On January 22<sup>nd</sup> the region’s first Certified level training will be held in conjunction with the PNS TES for no more than 6 senior patrollers who are considering advancing to Certified level training. Patrollers wanting to become toboggan trainers should contact Troy Southwick or Rich McNitt ([tsouthwick@limitedbrands.com](mailto:tsouthwick@limitedbrands.com) or [rmcnitt@use.net](mailto:rmcnitt@use.net)) so that they can be assigned a mentor and get started.

**NSP-C Ski School** - Amy Arnold Region NSP-C Ski School Advisor – Ohio Region NSP-C Ski School has a full calendar of events scheduled for Ohio Region patrollers this coming season. In January the Ski School will be conducting Ski Trainer Work Shops at BMBW and PNS for ski trainers and evaluators. These are followed by six SES/SNES events. One is scheduled for every public ski area in the region. SES/SNESs are for all patrollers and each is tailored to meet the local patrol’s varied ski and snow boarding training needs. The SES/SNES at BMBW and at PNS will add a separate group for senior candidates. A special Senior Alpine Clinic at Boston Mills is scheduled the day before the Senior Alpine S&T exam. Check the region calendar on the web site for event times and dates, changes and points of contact. Let your PR know what you would especially like to learn at your local SES/SNES. For “free-heelers” the Tele-SES will be repeated this season on February 5 and 6 at the Holimont Ski Area in New York. Contact Dave Walker for more information at [dcamwalker@aol.com](mailto:dcamwalker@aol.com). Registration forms will be emailed in October and the estimated cost is \$75. Registrations and fees are due by 1/1/2011. Are you an Instructor wannabe? NSP Snow Sports School Memberships applications are available on line at [www.nsp-cskischool.com](http://www.nsp-cskischool.com) The cost is \$70 for non certified members or \$55 for PSIA/AASI Certified

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(level 1, 2, or 3) members. Application post mark deadline is November 1. An additional \$10 will be charged for late applications. PSIA/AASI instructors are reminded that to avoid late fees, their insurance payments are due by November 1. Insurance is required and forms are on the PSIA web site.

**Section and Patrol Reports**

David Cobb, ARD

**Section O-1** - Greg Schmidt - Former Section Chief Bob Smith has moved to Leadville, Colorado and hopes to join the Ski Cooper Ski Patrol where former Ohio Region patroller Jerry Noe is PR.

**Perfect North Slopes** - Sandi Hammons PR- Electronic incident forms are being developed with a hoped for initial trial beginning about January 1. A PDP will be at each bedside in the aid room. This season paper forms and electronic incident reports will both be used to help work out software and training problems. Twelve candidates in the OEC class took their midterm exam on September 18. PNS blue candidate parkas have changed to Black Mountain Uniform Radio Vests with a NSP back cross. Backstage, an intermediate run off the red chair, has been regraded and more snow guns have been added. Visiting Patrollers participating in region events for skiing and riding will be skiing out-of-parka. Toboggan enhancement seminars and training will be in-parka. This policy worked well last season and will be repeated. We look forward to seeing you at PNS this season!

**Paoli Peaks** - Bruce Heichelbech, PR - Eight candidates enrolled in the patrol’s OEC class on Sep 9. Final OEC practical exam is scheduled December 4, 2010. Paoli Peaks annual Open House, Ski Swap and Cookout Fundraiser will be held November 6-7. Matt Grenier, area general manager starts his second year this season and the patrol looks forward to continuing and improving the good relationship started last year. Bruce announced that by the end of the current season he plans to turn the PR responsibilities over to Rick Jackson and work on a PSIA certification.

**Buckeye Nordics** – Carl Hilker - The Nordic patrol will continue and hopes for another great natural snow year.

**Section O-2** - Jim Burns continues in office after being reelected this spring.

**Boston Mills/Brandywine** – Tom Ciranna PR - This summer more than 116 patrollers volunteered over 575 hours supporting the Thomas Tank Engine and the Art Fest. This coming season will be the last for rusty parkas at BMBW. Starting the 2011/12 season all BMBW patrollers will be in the Red parka uniform. The OEC candidate class of 18 reconvened after a summer break preparing to their OEC exams on Nov 6 & 7. The Ohio Region senior clinic and test will be held at Boston Mills this year on February 26-27. See the Region Calendar for other events being hosted by BMBW.

O-3 CUYAHOGA NORD

**Cuyahoga Nordics** Daryl Knauss PR. **Notice for patrollers unable to attend their OEC refresher: CN SP conducts the last OEC refresher in the Ohio Region at Boston Mills Ski Area on Wednesday November 10 starting at 6 PM.** There will be a \$35 registration fee for patrollers not in the CN Ski Patrol (this is a CN fund raiser). Any patroller wanting to attend should contact Daryl Knauss before the refresher (cell phone 440-537-8245 or email [knauss95@cs.com](mailto:knauss95@cs.com) )

**Section 0-3** - Scott Kinnamon, Section Chief

**Snow Trails** - Kal Dworkin, PR. - Snow Trails Ski Area will open a new building in the tubing area with restrooms and a food service. More brush clearing will continue this year in the wooded areas. The patrol is using a "Face book" page to help keep patrollers and others informed about coming events. The patrol website is being used for registration and patrol roster information. Five candidates in the OEC class will be tested this fall. Patrollers will provide info to the public about ski tuning, skiing safety, and how to become a ski patroller in a patrol booth at the Oct 29-31 annual Ski Swap and ZoZo. Region OEC Instructors wishing to attend an Instructor Recertification at Snow Trails on Sat Nov 13 from 9AM should contact Sharon Pinka [sharonpinka@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonpinka@yahoo.com) .

**Mad River Mountain** - Kim Hiser, PR – Capital Park, MRM's terrain park was touted the best in the Midwest by [Onthesnow.com](http://Onthesnow.com) web site visitors in 2010. MRM visitors will find that the base area has been reorganized. The patrol's new space in the *Down Under* has been dubbed the *Schumacher Locker* in honor of the late Don Schumacher, a long time patroller who also served for many years as the Ohio Region Legal Advisor. Eight candidates are in the OEC class this season. MRM refresher dates are posted on the region calendar. MRM's very successful Junior, Ambassador and Observer programs are continuing this season.

**Section O-4** – Kurt Tenerove, Section Chief Section writes "O-4's three patrols will have completed their refresher and their ski swap by mid October and are ready hoping for early to start another great season."

**Alpine Valley Ski** area has added more rental equipment and is working to improve its snow making capabilities. The lodge has a new roof and more insulation.

**REGION ADMINISTRATION** Guy Day ARD.

**Awards** - Lori Ringley Region Awards Advisor - Lori needs an email from every patrol representative giving the name and contact data for the current local awards advisor. Send the email to [ringley@fuse.net](mailto:ringley@fuse.net) . No major changes in the awards process at the region, division or national levels are expected this season. Forms for submitting awards this season will be posted on the region web site. During the September 11 Central Division Awards ceremony, 6 National winners or runners-up from Central Division were recognized. Two were from Ohio Region (see article on page 1.)

SNOW TRAILS

MAD RIVER MOUNTAIN

ALPINE VAL O-4

AWARDS

NSP APPOINTMENTS

**NSP Appointment Nominations** - NSP Appointment and DSA Nominations must be received from the Section NSP Appointment Review Boards not later than 1 December by Greg Schoenman, NSP Appointments Review Board Chair. As of the September 19 region fall meeting, only the October 30<sup>th</sup> Section O-3 NSP Appointment nomination reviews had been scheduled. *Patrol Representatives, who must approve appointment nominations, should contact their section chief to determine the due date for their section's nomination reviews.* The due date is vital information for anyone preparing an NSP appointment or DSA nomination.

ALUMNI

**Alumni** - C. Richard Ike, Region Alumni Advisor – No responses were received this summer to Ike's offers sent to patrols and sections to assist in organizing local alumni groups. In August the Region Director received authority to circulate e-mails to all region patrollers using the NSP membership data base. That data base includes Alumni associated with the Ohio Region (Patrol number 601). Dick Ike hopes to use this alumni data base to contact alumni and those who did not reregister as alumni. Currently this appears to be the best approach for contacting former active patrollers about their interest in keeping in contact at some level with their current and past patroller friends

ELECTIONS

**Elections** - Bev Janke Elections Officer – An election for the Chief of Section O-3 (Mad River and Snow Trails Ski Patrols) for a three year term starting July 1, 2011 will be held in the spring of 2011. Election action deadlines are posted on the region calendar. During the recent Region meeting, Director Bill Currier announced that he will be a candidate for reelection to the Ohio Region Director position (a three year term) in the 2011 election. All elected office terms are specified in the current Division bylaws and the election procedures are found in the Division Policies and Procedures. Both documents are posted on the Central Division web site. Questions should be referred to Bev Janke.

DOWNHILL

**DOWNHILL** – Max Davis, editor – The next edition of *DOWNHILL* will be posted on the Region web site. Region Patrollers will be notified by an email sent out by the NSP email distribution system (Blast email). (For more information see the article printed in the October edition.) Four electronic editions are scheduled this season for October, January, March and May. Deadlines appear in the region calendar. As a reminder, *DOWNHILL* still has many opportunities for patrollers wishing to be assistant editors and local reporters.

**DOWNHILL Now Electronically Published**

With this issue, the primary distribution for *DOWNHILL* goes electronic. After 37 years of mimeographing or printing and mailing most copies at the post office, *DOWNHILL* subscribers will not find their copy in their mail box; instead they will receive an e-mail notice when a new issue is posted on the Ohio region website, [www.ohionsp.org](http://www.ohionsp.org). For several years e-mail notices about *DOWNHILL* issue postings have

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## GET READY FOR THE SEASON



**Frank Cleary**

Fall is upon us and our Region and Division staff supervisors have the season training plans firmed up. Now is the time to firm up our personal plans for this ski season as well. This is my first season in the role of Assistant Region Director, Proficiency. First I want to

offer my congratulations John McGoff, past ARD Proficiency, as our National Outstanding Instructor 2009-2010. I applaud John's recent accomplishments and we can all aspire to his self improvement track. As professional patrollers we should all continue to improve and our Region staff has prepared great programs that will be readily accessible to all of us. There are tracks for all patrollers and disciplines of instructors and trainers. Check out the Region and Division Website calendars and set your own plans for this ski season.

Ohio Region: <http://www.ohionsp.org/calendar.php> and  
Central Division: <http://www.nspcentral.org/calendar.php>

Actually there is *only 2 months before we are on the snow*. Now is the time to step up the pace of our own exercise and stretching programs. We hear and read about the need for improved diet and regular exercise. As Ski Patrollers, we are athletes and athletes must train and prepare mentally and physically prior to the season. Weekly strength and aerobic exercise now will help make your winter skiing and snowboarding more fun and reduce the chance of an unexpected injury. Let's all get ourselves stronger and ready for the upcoming season.

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been sent to nearly 100 subscribers, i.e. members of the Region staff, members of the Central Division staff, some National office staffers and to several region patrollers who have served on the staff or have requested electronic distribution. Experience has demonstrated that the electronic notification system works when we have the correct email addresses.

Costs, unavoidable delivery time delays and product quality are the compelling factors for the change. It costs about \$1.00 per copy to print and bulk mail a *DOWNHILL* copy to each address on the approximately 835 mailing list. Between 10 to 21 days are required to print, address, bulk mail and then deliver most of the printed copies. To reduce costs, paper copies are printed with black ink only. By changing to electronic distribution, a new edition can be posted on the region web site within 24 hours and a region-wide NSP email can be sent immediately after the posting. Members can view and download a copy as soon as they learn that it is available. The web edition is available in color and is not page constrained, by the print budget, to 8 or 12 pages. For the past two years the second issue of *DOWNHILL* published about January 1, has been entirely electronically distributed.

Electronic distribution is not a free. Annual web site fees are paid by the region. *DOWNHILL* already shares the region web site with

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other region function pages. Patrollers who download and print their copies absorb their own printing costs. By not printing and mailing about 835 copies for 3 issues, the Ohio Region plans to reduce overall costs about 15% and this will make over \$2400 available for other purposes each year without raising dues or fees. Some of our patrol newsletters are electronically distributed and you have no doubt noticed that the Central Division *Rusty Parka* changed to electronic distribution early in 2010.

If your email address listed on your NSP member page is not current you can expect to have a problem receiving notices that new editions of *DOWNHILL* have been posted on the region web site. Check out your member profile by logging on to [www.nsp.org/](http://www.nsp.org/), select members, log on (requires your NSP number and your password) go to member resources then select member profile and edit your email address.

For many reasons, not everyone uses email or can easily access the internet to view and download a copy of *DOWNHILL*. The announcement of the switch to e-distribution in the last issue of *DOWNHILL* promised that patrollers could request to continue to receive printed copies by mail. So far three requests for printed and mailed copies have been received. Realizing that this article may not reach everyone who may wish to make a request for receiving paper copies, we are asking our readers to ask their patroller friends if they received an electronic notification about this edition of *DOWNHILL*. If they did not, suggest that they verify that their email address on their NSP member profile is current. If they elect to receive paper copies they can notify the *DOWNHILL* editor by telephone (937)648-9503 or by mailing their request to *DOWNHILL* editor, 1911 Washington Creek Lane, Dayton, OH 45458.

The format for this issue is very similar to previous editions. Given the additional possibilities offered by new software, we hope to improve the interest and eye appeal of future issues. There continue to be many opportunities for patrollers who want to write and send photographs reporting on local region events and for those wishing to become assistant editors.

**Max Davis, DOWNHILL editor -**  
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### Assistant Advisors

Have a question about a Region Program? Often it is best to talk face to face with someone who knows the program, but the advisor may live far from you. The assistant advisor may be closer. Here is a list



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Interested in being an assistant advisor? Contact Guy Day.

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Main organizational chart listing various roles such as ASST. REGION DIRECTOR, RECORDING SECRETARY, SECTION CHIEF, and various committees like ASST. REGION PROGRAMS, ASST. REGION ADMINISTRATION, and ASST. REGION TOBOGGAN SUPPLY.

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