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FROM THE TOP by Jim Woodrum, RD



I would like to thank all the folks from the Boston Mills / Brandywine Ski Patrol for the preparation and coordination of the Ohio Region Spring

Meetings and Awards Banquet. Bill Bradach, Tony Facchiano, Rob Hovanec, Barb Kern, Freddie Shima, and Larry Vasel, were the worker bees making everything buzz. We had an action packed day of meetings with Advisors and Patroller Representative Reports and plans review for next year.

Our guest, Chuck Martschinke, outgoing Central Division Director, was with us for the day and was able to stay long enough to present the Distinguished Service Award to Bill Soter, the Leadership Commendation Appointment # 8255 to Bill Currier, and National Appointments; # 9202 to Sue Hofstetter, #9204 to Scott Lambert, #9206 to Ed Humphrey, and #9208 to Don Phipps. Later, after we finished a fine banquet, we recognized the outstanding service provided by our patrollers and patrols with the annual awards ceremony. (For more details, see awards articles in this issue.)

It took only a short time to recognize the recipients and present them a small plaque or memento. All who heard the presentations understood why each deserved recognition. They could share my heartfelt gratitude for the dedication, work, and long hours of service that these awards represented. Awards are an important expression of our appreciation for outstanding service. To all the award

winners, and also to those who, though unnoticed, served and contributed their efforts, I express appreciation for the entire region for your commitment to the principles established in 1938 by Mr. Minnie Dole.

During the Region meeting we; (1) encouraged and approved limited reimbursement of expenses for Region ITs attending the May IT conference in Chicago, (2) standardized on Word 7.0, Excel 5.0, and Powerpoint 4.0 for distribution of Region information, (3) directed that future Region Newsletters be posted on our Web Page www.ohionsp.org in a downloadable format, (4) produced a summary Region 2000/01 Calendar to be posted on the web page and DOWNHILL, and (5) appointed a committee of ARDs, Section Chiefs and two Patrol Representatives to formulate the region budget for next season. I appreciate all the prompt attendance and the flow of the meeting to keep the pace lively. (See other articles in this issue.)

It personally was a very rewarding year for my first time in the Region Directors role. Talk about a fast year, it seems like it was over when we just got started! I enjoyed getting to meet with as many as I could and look forward to meeting more of you in next several months. We have a great staff that is always willing to help, just drop them a line or give them a call.



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2000-2001 REGION CALENDAR

July, 2000

- 1-4 Art Fest – Boston Mills
- 9 Cross Country Mountain Bike Race – Alpine Valley

August, 2000

- 6 Cross Country Mountain Bike Race (Double Point) – Alpine Valley
- 8 OEC Course starts at PNS
- 8 OEC Course starts in Section O-3
- 10 *DOWNHILL* Vol 28.1 fall issue **deadline**
- 12 Mad Scramble Golf Outing – Mad River Mountain
- 14, 16, 22, 24 OEC Instructor's Refresher – BM/BW
- 26 Pontoon Party – Snow Trails

September, 2000

- 8-10 Central Division Fall Meeting, Oshkosh, WI
- 10 Cross Country Bike Race (Final Point) Alpine Valley
- 16 OEC Phase II – Alpine Valley
- 23 OEC Refresher & Chairlift Evac (7:30 AM) BM/BW
- 24 Ohio Region Fall Meeting and Advisor and Patrol Representative Training - Location TBD

October, 2000

- 1 OEC Refresher & Chairlift Evac (8:00 AM) Alpine Valley
- 1 OEC Refresher & Chairlift Evac Mad River Mountain
- 3 OEC Refresher – Clearfork
- 8 OEC Refresher & Chairlift Evac (7:30 AM) Brandywine
- 13-15 Open House and Ski Swap – Boston Mills
- 14 OEC Instructor's Refresher – (7:30 AM) PNS
- 18 ARC CPR & AED Refresher – (7:00 PM) for Dayton Area NSP members - Max Davis
- 21 CPR Refresher – (9:00 AM) Alpine Valley
- 22 OEC Refresher & Chairlift Evac (7:30 AM) PNS
- 25 CPR Refresher – (7:00 PM) – Alpine Valley
- 28 CPR Refresher – (9:00 AM) – Alpine Valley
- 28 Patroller Enrichment Seminar – MRM

November, 2000

- 1 CPR Refresher – (7:00 PM) – Alpine Valley
- 2 Cleveland Ski & Winter Sports Show, Cleveland Convention Center (3-10 PM)

- 3 Cleveland Ski & Winter Sports Show, Cleveland Convention Center (12-10 PM)
- 4 Cleveland Ski & Winter Sports Show, Cleveland Convention Center (10 AM-10PM)
- 5 Ski Swap – Mad River Mountain
- 6 CPR Refresher – (7:00 PM) –Alpine Valley
- 10 *DOWNHILL* winter Issue V28.2 Deadline
- 18 Candidate Orientation – Alpine Valley

December, 2000

- 1 NSP Appointment & DSA Nominations Region Deadline
- 9 Region Senior OEC Clinic – South – PNS
- 17 Region Senior OEC Clinic – North- Clear Fork

January, 2001

- 6,7,8,9,10,11, & 12 – Alpine Valley Frostie Refrshrs
- 6 Region PSIA/NSP Education Staff Clinic Trainers and Evaluators (8:30 AM) – PNS
- 7 Region Ski & Toboggan Tester/Trainer Standardization Clinic (8:30 AM) – PNS
- 13 Region PSIA/NSP Education Staff Clinic Trainers and Evaluators (8:30 AM) – BM/BW
- 14 Region Ski & Toboggan Tester/Trainer Standardization Clinic (8:30 AM) – BM/BW
- 20-21 Region Certified Clinic(8:30 AM) – PNS
- 20-21 Division Women in Patrolling Clinic (pilot program, Crystal MT. MI)

February, 2001

- 3 Region Basic Avalanche Course – South
- 10-11 Region Senior Ski/Board & Toboggan Clinic location TBA

March, 2001

- 3 Region Basic Avalanche Course – Boston Mills

April, 2000

- 11-14 National Powderfall – Whistler/Blackcomb
- 16-21 Nat. PSIA Academy – Whistler/Blackcomb

May, 2001

- 5 Region Meeting and Awards Banquet – O-3

June, 2001

- 20-24 NSP National Conference, Indianapolis IN

June, 2002

- 20-24 NSP National Conference, Garmish, Germany

SECTION O-1

Mad River Mountain had a 74 day ski season in which 94 patrollers provided 8811 hours of duty time. The Mad River Mountain ski area acquired a new management company, a new quad lift, and additional snow making equipment.

Eight patrollers attended and successfully completed various parts of the Senior Clinics. Don Berlin is our newest Senior. We are proud of all the Mad River Mountain Ski Patrollers who received NSP appointments, a Distinguished Service Award and several region awards. (See awards articles) After 3 years of dedicated effort and hard work, Don Phipps has completed his tenure as Patrol Representative for Mad River Mountain. I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Don for his contribution to the Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol. **Z**

Chris Raudabaugh, Patrol Representative, Mad River Mountain

Section 0-2 report is on page 7

SECTION O-3

Summer is here and Section 03 is busy. Snow Trails is off and running on fundraisers already starting in May, then July and August. Contact Scott Kinnamon (419-884-6233) for information and to volunteer. On the lighter side, Snow Trails will be having a Pontoon boat party August 26th. (For details contact Doris Noe 419-756-2252). Please welcome Doris Noe as the new Patrol Representative for Snow Trails, good luck in your new roll. Congratulations to Bill Harkins for receiving the Outstanding OEC Trainer award at the Spring Banquet in May. Bill is also holding Phase I & OEC Phase II classes in June & July please contact Bill (419-524-1830) for more information. Don't forget OEC classes start August 8th. We need everyone's Help this year in training.

George Scheff continues as Clear Fork Patrol Representative. He is busy planning 2001 events such as the Region Spring Banquet, and the OEC senior test. Everyone have a great summer and think Snow! **Z**

Dick James, Chief, Section 03

PATROLLER ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

A Patroller Enrichment Seminar is scheduled for **October 28, 2000** at **MAD RIVER MOUNTAIN**. This seminar is available to all patrollers. It satisfies an elective requirement for those patrollers seeking to attain Senior level status. For Auxiliary patrollers it is a core requirement for Senior Auxiliary. It is also a necessary requirement to obtain a leadership accommodation award. The PES is designed to discuss educational and leadership opportunities within a patrol, section, region, division and nationally. If you are a person interested in growing within the patrol, on a local level or national level, this is an important seminar for you. This is an all day seminar and consists of four modules: Patrol Facilities Management, Administrative Policies Management, Expanded Patroller Services and NSP Education and Leadership Opportunities. Please register your intent to attend this seminar by completing the form below and mailing it to: Phyllis Mauntel, Region Auxiliary Advisory, 3353 Canterbury Court, Erlanger, KY 41018; (859) 344-8737; or e-mail the information on the form to: klette@one.net. **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO ME ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 7, 2000. LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Phyllis Mauntel
Region Auxiliary Advisor

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Additionally information will be sent to you several weeks before the seminar based on the registration information which is received.

Ohio Region Spring Meeting Notes

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Jim Woodrum, Region Director, announced several Region Staff changes during the May 6 Region meeting:

Treasurer – Cheryl Raudabaugh will replace Ed Humphrey
Elections Officer – Nancy Kohlrieser replaces Jeannette Raudabaugh
Nordic – Barbara Hartman replaces Mike Bell
Awards – Rae Gommel replaces Tom Letson
OEC – Ed Humphrey replaces Nancy Kohlrieser
Alpine Senior Clinic – Greg Schmidt replaces Rene Niemoller
Alpine Training – Layton Ives replaces Dale Mihuta
Ohio Region NSP Ski School Director (new) – Dale Mihuta

Patrol Representative Changes:

Mad Rive Mountain, Chris Raudabaugh replaces Don Phipps
Ohio Nordics, Steve Barbour replaces Greg Nau
Snow Trails, Doris Noe replaces Robert Meisse

All these changes are shown in the new Organization Chart

Woodrum announced that the Region Mountaineering Advisorship is vacant and that other changes are being considered.

Chuck Martschinke, Division director listed several Division advisor vacancies; Snowboard, Instructor Development, Mountaineering, and Registration Coordinator. Interested patrollers should apply to the new Division Director, Ron Plumer.

SECTION CHIEF ELECTIONS

David Cobb was re-elected as Section Chief of Section O-1.
Bob Ayers was re-elected as Section chief of Section O-4.

REGION TREASURERS REPORT

Ed Humphrey, Region Treasurer reported that as of May 6, the Ohio Region checking balance was \$8572 and that another \$24,535 was in a savings account. It was recommended that at least part of the savings account should be invested in higher interest yield CDs. The region receives about \$6000 a year from the \$8 region member registration fees plus other fees collected for the senior program clinics and courses. The three largest region expense items were DOWNHILL (\$2800), OEC (\$2100), and Alpine S&T (\$1100). Woodrum wants to cut DOWNHILL future costs by e-mail and the web site distribution where possible. (A more complete financial report will appear in a later issue.) For perspective, consider that at least two patrols report larger budgets than the region.

NSP CENTRAL DIVISION SKI SCHOOL PROGRESS

Progress has been slower this season than Central division's John Keating, NSP-C Ski School Director, and Dale Mihuta, Ohio Region NSP-C Ski School Director had planned. Weather cancellations of two major Division Testing and Training events at Wild Mountain and Boyne Mountain were

major setbacks. But as Keating explained, our Ski and Board instructor candidates learned at the January Southern Region Ski School clinic, there is a distinction between a "trainer" and an "instructor". The trainer can recognize skiing proficiency that meets the standards. An instructor must be able to analyze the observed skiing, break down the observed movement patterns into smaller parts in order to understand the causes and then to tailor an improvement plan adapted to the individual learning patterns of the student. The instructor needs to have in hand several approaches to solving any skier's learning problem. Becoming a Ski Instructor is not something that you just show up for a clinic and get "certified". Becoming an instructor requires a lot of study and training. There are no short cuts. And the standards are high. As Dale Mihuta says, "a senior candidate should demonstrate skiing at a solid PSIA level 7." This requires PSIA instruction between instructor certification level II and level III. Not many level III certified instructors are needed in area ski schools because most of the lessons are given at the beginning levels. Keating is trying to establish a PSIA instructor level "NSP" that is tailored to Senior skill levels and is somewhere between PSIA instructor certification level II and level III. Ask anyone who has reached PSIA level II if that is not a challenging standard! Ski and Board Instructor candidates can expect to meet the following requirements: (a) Phase I, (b) Phase II Toboggan, (c) Ski Trainers Workshop, (d) PSIA Level I Certification, and (e) the "New" – NSP Certification. The NSP Ski-C Ski and Board School program goals will not be reached in a season or two, but eventually, our overall Division and Region patroller skiing levels will greatly benefit from the improved instruction

SPICY RUN ASSETS TAKEN OVER BY BANK

After the best January and February ever for the patrol and the ski area, warm weather closed Spicy Run on February 27. On April 1, the area defaulted on outstanding debts and was taken over by a local bank in Waverly. The bank is looking for other groups to take over and continue the operation. Area and region patrollers all wish the bank success.

NSP EDUCATION FOR BASIC CANDIDATES

In recent years candidate training about the NSP organization and its history has almost disappeared. Jim Woodrum is building a NSP history and organization test question bank. He wants basic candidates to know about the history, organization and basic procedures and policies of the NSP. If you have a copy of an old NSP candidate test, send Jim a copy.

DECLINING NATIONAL AND DIVISION MEMBERSHIP

Compared to last season, National NSP member registrations were down about 5222 to 21000 as of January with total registration fees being \$141,000 lower than last season, according to Steve Over's report to the Midwinter meeting. (POB pg 4) Central Division declined slightly from 6209 in

1999 to 6178 this year. There are 138 patrols in Central Division.

REGION SENIOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

After keeping the Region Senior Program records for two years, Jim Vickroy has some suggestions to simplify and improve the process; (1) remove the three year candidate record time limit to eliminate the need to reapply as a senior candidate if all requirements are not completed in three years, (2) allow use of email course and clinic registrations (fees still must be paid), and (3) wider use of e-mail for application, expense voucher and other approvals. Jim repeated that all NSP course Instructors-of-Record should send him a copy of their course registration and completion records (this information could be sent e-mail also) so that senior candidates can be credited with meeting their elective requirements. There were 77 senior candidates on the Region list as of May 5, 2000.

LEGAL LESSONS LEARNED

Don Schumacher, Region Legal Advisor, commented on a case

involving a patroller dismissal action from a local patrol. Among the lessons learned; patrols need (1) written procedures and expected behavioral standards and (2) records of all decisions and actions related to any personnel action. Patrollers should know where to obtain information about local disciplinary procedures. More specific recommendations will be sent to all Patrol Representatives. Don said there was no pending Ohio legislation relating to skiers, ski areas or patrols.

NEW LEGAL RELEASE FROM LIABILITY FORM

Central Division has a new release form recommended for use in all higher risk programs (e.g. mountaineering, avalanche, senior and certified programs). Participants (students and instructors) would sign the release as a registration prerequisite. The Instructor of Record should maintain the record for at least 3 years after the program completion. This Division form is issued pending the release of an anticipated national form and policy. Copies of the form were distributed at the Region meeting. Contact the Region director or Legal Advisor for further clarification and copies.



NSP Appointment and Award Winners at Ohio Region Awards Ceremony

Don Phipps, Bill Currier, Chuck Martschinke—Div Director, Scott Lambert, Sue Hofstetter, Bill Soter, Ed Humphrey, Jim Woodrum-RD

Chuck Martschinke presented National level awards to six Ohio Region Patrollers.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Bill Soter, Mad River Mountain, 32 years of excellent service at Sugarcreek and MRM ski areas, 30 year senior patroller, many contributions including service as Mini-Patrol Advisor.

LEADERSHIP COMMENDATION APPOINTMENT

Bill Currier #8255, BM/BW, Long time instructor, has been member of many ski patrols, is among the top in on-the-hill service hours each season, co-editor of Central Division Newsletter *Rusty Parka*

NATIONAL PATROLLER APPOINTMENT

Sue Hofstetter #9202, BM/BW- Sue started as an outstanding candidate in 1987. She participated and led many activities and fundraisers for BM/BW SP. Served as a ski club advisor and scout leader. Co-edits the patrol newsletter *Across the Valley*.

Ed Humphrey #9206, PNS, Candidate in 1984 and Senior since 1995, long active service as an OEC Instructor and IT, teaches Phase I and OEC Phase II, was Region Outstanding Instructor in 1999, serves as local Assistant Patrol director and Crew Chief, received local Distinguished Service Award. Was Region Treasurer this season.

Scott Lambert #9204, MRM, Member since 1980 with 13 years service as Senior Patroller. Taught Advanced First Aid, WEC, and now OEC. Has taught Phase I and OEC Phase II. Ski and Toboggan trainer and examiner since 1992. Active in many patrol projects. Received local patrol outstanding award.

Don Phipps #9208, MRM- Joined NSP in 1989 and was the outstanding candidate of his class. Has been a senior for three years. Was instructor of record for three OEC and CPR courses. Is an Alpine Toboggan IT and a snowboard instructor. Headed patrol fundraisers. Received MRM Outstanding Patroller Award. MRM Patrol Representative 1997-2000.

1999/2000 REGION OUTSTANDING AWARDS

Outstanding OEC Trainer – **Bill Harkins**, Snow Trails Ski Patrol, OEC instructor since 1992, IT, Senior OEC Evaluator, and a worldwide traveler



Outstanding S&T Trainer – **Chuck Raming**, Spicy Run Ski Patrol, Toboggan IT, Assistant Patrol Director, 19 years NSP service

Outstanding Patrol Representative – **Don Phipps**, Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol, Served as Patrol Director/ Representative since May 1997 and worked with three changes of management, the El Niño weather and ski area expansions.



Robert Sherry Award, Outstanding Nordic Ski Patroller – **Greg Nau**, Ohio Nordics, Patrol Representative since the 1994/1995 season.

Outstanding Alpine Ski Patrol – **Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Patrol**, 236 members, patrolled 74 days at Boston Mills and 69 days at Brandywine with a total of 18,202 on the hill hours service. Conducted large OEC and Ski and Toboggan Training programs for basic and senior candidates. This season held Ski and Snowboard Enrichment programs, purchased 2 new AEDs and 2 AED trainers and trained 30% of patrollers, raised over \$22000 in fund raiser events, revamped patrol website and other accomplishments.

Outstanding awards are competitive, with only one winner possible in each category each season. The 10 sections on each nomination form are scored using a NSP guideline to determine the winner. Winners are submitted as nominees for Division Outstanding Awards in the same categories. No award is made if there is no nomination in a category or if a nomination received would not be competitive at the Division level. This season no winners were announced for several Ohio Region outstanding awards; Alpine Patroller, Nordic Patrol, Student Patroller, Auxiliary Patroller, Instructor, and Administrator.

1999/2000 REGION AWARDS

Sage Recognition for oldest active Patroller in Ohio Region – **Carl Kocsis** #6596, BM/BW



Bravo Award for most on-the-hill service hours this season – **Ryan Hayes**, Clear Fork (no photo)



Dick Schliecher Award for an outstanding administrative contribution to the Region – **Jim Vickroy**, MRM, who as Region Senior Program Administrator, handles the Senior Program registration and completion records, maintains a Senior

Program website, and is also the Region Webmaster for www.ohionsp.org.

Wally James Award for outstanding contribution to the Region as a line officer – **Winifred Shima** #2042, BM/BW, Patrol Representative for the past two seasons of the largest and only combined patrol in the region, Boston Mills/Brandywine.



Region Director's Award, selected by the Region Director – **Rene Niemoller** #8720, BM/BW- Region Senior Alpine Clinic Advisor, responsible for all senior ski and toboggan clinics for past three seasons and Alpine Training Advisor before that. (no photo)

Patrol Representative Recognition for PRs (PDs) who are completing their service in office this season.

Don Phipps #9208	Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol
Robert Meisse	Snow Trails Ski Patrol
Greg Nau #7588	Ohio Nordics Ski Patrol

Region Officers/Advisors Recognition for Service to Ohio Region for one or more seasons

Mary Green	Treasurer (92/99)
Ed Humphrey #9206	Treasurer (99/00)
Jeannette Raudabaugh #8328	Elections officer (93/00)
Mary Calise	OEC Prog. Admin. (94/99)
Nancy Kohlrieser #8556	OEC Prog. Admin. (99/20)
Nick Calise #8552	Avalanche Advisor (95/99)
Mike Bell #8059	Nordic Advisor (94/00)
Rene Niemoller #8720	Senior Alpine Clinic Advisor (97/00)
Dale Mihuta #8134	Alpine Instructor Development Adv. (97/00)

ASSISTANT REGION DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAMS
SERVICE RECOGNITION

Gary Woodard #8718 (1999/2000)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR SPRING 2000 REGION
MEETING & BANQUET ARRANGEMENTS

Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Patrol Team

- Bill Bradach**
- Tony Facchiano** #8061
- Rob Hovanec**
- Barbara Kern**
- Freddie Shima** #2042

BLUE MERIT STARS - A Blue Merit Star is awarded to a NSP member for outstanding or heroic use of ski patrol skills in an attempt to save a human life. In this case, CPR was administered to a lift operator who had collapsed at Brandywine Ski Area. (Unfortunately in this case, as frequently happens, the patient was not resuscitated.)

- Russ Roth**
- Beth Cramer**
- John Bush**

PATROLLER'S CROSS - The Patroller's cross may be awarded to a member who is seriously injured during training or on scheduled on-the-hill duty.

- Sue Hofstetter** #9202 BM/BW
- Russ Roth** BM/BW

SENIOR CATEGORY - Patrollers who completed their Senior Category requirements this season:

Thomas E. Borrer	Snowboard	BM/BW
Robert Hooper	AlpineSki	BM/BW
Beth Cramer	AlpineSki	BM/BW
John J. McGoff	AlpineSki	PNS
Frank Ujvari	Snowboard	Snow Trails
Kurt Tenerove	AlpineSki	Alpine Valley
Tom McCort		BM/BW
Don Berlin		MRM
Bill Harkins		Snow Trails

SERVICE AWARDS - (This is a partial list. Ed.)

20 Years

- Scott Lambert** MRM
- Jeannette Raudabaugh** MRM
- Larry Vasel** BM/BW
- Winifred Shima** BM/BW
- Pat Flischel** PNS
- Doug Lueke** PNS
- Scott Peterson** PNS
- Sally Peterson** PNS
- Pete Oka** PNS

25 Years

- Max Davis** PNS

SERVICE AWARDS cont.

30 Years

- Anita Gerstle** PNS
- Joe Gerstle** PNS
- John Cole** PNS

35Years

- Gordon Griffin** BM/BW
- Al Haveman** PNS
- Rodney Childs** PNS

SECTION O-2 (continued from page 3)

To all of the dedicated patrollers of Boston Mills/Brandywine, congratulations as the recipients of the Ohio Region Outstanding Patrol Award! As I said at the banquet, this is an award we can all share in because we all had a part in helping the patrol achieve this honor. In addition to the demanding job of patrolling we have so many other patrollers who go above and beyond the normal call of duty to make our patrol outstanding. Blue Merit Stars were awarded to Beth Cramer, John Bush and Russ Roth for their efforts in a very critical emergency situation. For the first time in the Ohio Region, a Patroller's Cross was presented to Sue Hofstetter and Russ Roth; both were injured in the line of duty. This is probably an award you would not want to strive for. Be careful out there next season.

Please be certain to check the complete list of award winners elsewhere in this issue of the Downhill.

I would like to remind the Ohio Region about the annual Art Fest held at Boston Mills. Artist from many parts of the country will be participating. So join us for great art and great food, prepared by great patrollers at this fun event. The dates for this year's show are June 23-25 and July 1-4.

Have a safe summer and Good Luck to the BM/BW Ski Patrol Bikers. These are the patrollers who will pedal to Cedar Point and back for the MS Society. If interested in being a part of this team, contact Sue Hofstetter at 330-562-9089. **Z**

Larry Vasel, O-2 Section Chief

BASIC AVALANCHE

Basic Avalanche is an interesting and fun one day course. Dale Grugle, Avalanche Advisor, reported two Basic Avalanche Programs this season and plans two next season. This season Rae Gommel was Instructor of Record (IOR) for the March 5 course at BM/BW which seven completed. Rod Childs assisted by Rick King taught the 19 March course at PNS. Bill Hunley, Avalanche Advisor for the South Central Region (Wisconsin) and an Avalanche IT, came to the course and re-certified Rod as an Avalanche Instructor. The following persons completed the course at PNS, David Barnes, Joe Jacob, John McGoff, Freda McGoff, Jerry Simpson, and Sharon Simpson. **Z**

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