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Region Director's Perspective

What a difference a year makes! The weather man has blessed us with late Fall snows and cold weather that enabled Ohio resorts to open in early December. Let's hope it lasts.

By now most refreshers and other pre-season activities, including patrol registrations are complete. As usual, some patrollers decided to retire from active duty, but new members joined after successfully completing the OEC course. Among those retiring are Dave and Carole Cobb following many years of service to the Mad River Mountain Patrol as well as to the Ohio Region. Dave's most recent role was Assistant Region Director Line and Carole's was Region Historian. We wish them the best of luck as they move forward to the next chapter of their lives.

As a result of Dave Cobb's retirement, organization changes were made to the Ohio Region Leadership Team. Guy Day, Boston Mills/Brandywine, moved from Assistant Region Director Administration to Assistant Region Director Line. Bruce Heichlebech, who is completing his final term as Patrol Director at Paoli Peaks, was named to fill the position of Region Director Administration. Please give them your help and support as they move into their new roles. (A revised region organization chart is in this issue.)

As a result of an early start to the 2010 / 2011 season, several activities have already been held. An OEC Instructor Re-certification clinic and an SEM Calibration Clinic were held at Snow Trails on Nov. 13. Both events were well attended. Thanks to Dave Baumlein, OEC Administrator, for hosting these events. A large number Ohio Region Patrollers participated in the Central Division S&T Clinic that was held at Boyne Highlands on Dec. 11-12. I did not attend this year due to hazardous driving conditions in Michigan on Dec. 12. I heard that there were several hours of 'white knuckle' driving on the return trip. However, as far as I know everyone returned home safely. In addition to ski and toboggan calibration clinics for Senior Evaluators a new accreditation program for non-PSIA certified patrollers wishing to become Senior Alpine Evaluators was rolled out.

Beginning in the New Year SES's, TES's, Certified clinics, and other skill-enhancing events are planned during January and February. In February the Region Senior S&T test will be held at BMBW and the Division Certified test will be held at Lutsen Minnesota. The Region SEM test will be held in March at Mad River Mountain. For details of these and other events and the latest updates, check the Region calendar <http://www.ohionsp.org/calendar.php> and website.

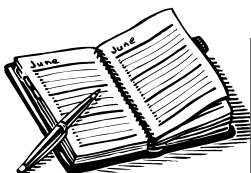
Now is the time for you all to begin finalizing your thoughts and recommendations for 2010 / 2011 awards. Lori has sent her first communication to awards advisors and PD's/PR's. Make note of the Feb. 14 deadline for submitting outstanding nominations to Lori.

An election will be held for O-3 Section Chief this season. Also, the Central Division will hold an election for Ohio Region Director. I plan to run for re-election and will appreciate your support.

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

Bill

Bill Currier - Region Director



Mark your 2011 calendar. Save September 9-11 for the Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet hosted by the Ohio Region in the Marriott at River Center in Covington, Kentucky.



Bill Currier, Region Director

OHIO REGION 2011 CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location	POC
Jan 2011				
Jan 1		New Year Holiday		
Jan 8-9	4 PM	Certified Pre-Qualification	PNS	Dan Moss <dan@danmossmodeling.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		Martin Luther King Jr Holiday		
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
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
Jan 30		New Senior Candidate Application Deadline for 2/27 S&T Exam		Tom Tavenner <tom@tavgroup.net>
Feb 2011				
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 13	Deadline	Senior Candidate Application for 2/27 S&T Exam		Tom Tavenner <tom@tavgroup.net>
Feb 13	Deadline	New Senior Candidate Application for 3/13 SEM		Tom Tavenner <tom@tavgroup.net>
Feb 14	Deadline	Region Outstanding Awards e-Submission		Lori Ringley <ringley@fuse.net>
Feb 21		President's Day Holiday		
Feb 25	Deadline	Nominations for Section Chief O-3 due		Bev Janke <pjanke@columbus.rr.com>
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
Feb 27	Deadline	Senior Test Application for 3/13 SEM		Tom Tavenner <tom@tavgroup.net>
Mar 2011				
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 <pjanke@columbus.rr.com>
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		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 <pjanke@columbus.rr.com>
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>

Ohio Region 2011 Calendar - continued

Date	Time	Event	Location	POC
Apr 2011				
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
May 2011				
May 10	Deadline	DOWNHILL Awards Issue v38.4		Max Davis. Editor
AUG 2011				
Aug 7-10		MSSA Annual Meeting - Devil's Head WI		Ken Meldahl, Central Div. Rep.
SEP 2011				
Sep 9-11		OH Reg. Hosts Central Div. Fall Meeting & Awards Banquet Marriott at River Center, Covington KY		Bill Currier RD John McGoff and Guy Day, co-chair

2011 REGION ELECTION NOTICE

Ohio Region Section Chief Election Information

An election for **Section Chief** will be held spring 2011 for **Section O3**. The elected line officers will serve a three-year term starting July 1, 2011. The qualifications and duties of this position include:

Qualifications: Shall be a registered Senior, able and willing to provide administrative and operating leadership to assure a high standard of training and testing of Section Patrollers and to assist Patrol Representatives in management of their patrols. (Section 5: 5.1, Ohio Region Operating Policies 9/1997.)

General Duties: Shall meet the applicable planning, reporting, budgeting, and records requirements listed under Ohio Region Officers' and Advisors' General Duties (Section 8, Ohio Region Operating Policies 9/1997.)

OHIO REGION ELECTION CALENDAR: (Section 16; 16.2, Ohio Region Operating Policies 9/1997.)

- February 1, 2011 Deadline for election announcement
- February 25, 2011 Nomination deadline
- March 12, 2011 Candidate resumes and position papers due to Election Coordinator
- March 22, 2011 Ballots, resumes, position papers sent to electorate
- April 5, 2011 Ballots returned postmarked date
- April 30, 2011 Election results announced at Region Spring Meeting

Central Division Election for Region Directors Information

Central Division will be holding elections for several **Region Director** positions including the Ohio Region. The nomination deadline for Ohio Region Director is January 26, 2011. Please refer to the *Rusty Parka News – Fall 2010* for the nomination process, deadlines, and additional information. The *Rusty Parka* is posted on the Central Division website www.nspcentral.org

Please contact me with questions, comments, and/or nominations.

Beverly Janke **Ohio Region Elections Officer**
pjanke@columbus.rr.com

David and Carole Cobb Retire



Dave and Carole Cobb are retiring from ski patrolling. They joined the Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol in 1978. They both earned their senior badge. Dave was elected Patrol Director in 1990, and was Section Chief in 1992 and became an Assistant Region Director. Carole was long time Region Historian. Both hold a National Appointment (Dave #7410 and Carole #8324). In 2008 they received their 30 year service awards. (The photo is a crop from their service award ceremony picture.) After so many years serving both their patrol and region, they will be missed. Have a good retirement and stop by to ski a few runs and to swap stories with us!



By the time you are reading this the ski season will be well under way. We'll be fulfilling our "duty shifts" as well as engaging in training in our perspective disciplines that exemplify our leadership abilities and skill sets. Five Patrols have already registered SEM courses and I suspect have started or will be starting their SEM training shortly. The following information is important for all parties involved with SEM.

WHAT SEM IS AND WHAT SEM IS NOT

The objective of the Senior Emergency Management (SEM) program is to enhance the patroller's management skills during an incident. The focus of the program is to evaluate the candidate's capability in decision making, problem management and leadership.

NSP has only **ONE** first aid. There is **NOT** a higher (harder) level for SEM. The performance arena might be more difficult but the first aid is not. **First aid becomes an issue ONLY if it affects morbidity and mortality and is generally considered as Problem Management.**

The scenario format is designed to demonstrate the candidate's leadership capabilities and NOT intended to assess the ability to apply a splint.

Senior Emergency Management General Guidelines

Key Dates

- **February 27** - Sign Up Deadline for Station Managers, Evaluators, Advocates, and Assisting Patrollers. Patients can be identified up to March 6th.
- **February 27** - Final Deadline for Senior test application and module fees (\$25). Test application and module fees must be in the hands of Senior Program Advisor, along with formal notice that written scenarios and sign-offs are complete. Original sign-offs and written scenarios must be turned in to Senior Program Advisor on day of SEM, if not submitted with Test application. This submission must be given to Tom Tavenner.
- **March 12** - SEM calibration meeting at Mad River at 7 p.m.
- **March 13** - SEM Clinic hosted by Mad River Mountain

NOTE: Submission deadlines are definite. If you miss the deadline you will go to a waiting list. This is especially important for candidates - if they register late they will only be allowed to test if there is an opening in any of the preset rounds. It is essential to the effective coordination of the event for all that all participants are identified and prepared in advance of the clinic

day. Due to the nature of the testing format and manpower required, enrollment is limited to a maximum of 24 candidates.

Candidate Qualifications:

- Must currently be a registered Alpine, Nordic, or Auxiliary patroller in good standing
- Good quality OEC basic skills must be signed off at local level.
- Completion of two written scenario responses (chosen by local SEM advisor from Appendix G of Ski Patroller Manual.)
- Submission to region administrator of one original scenario in OEC standard format graded level 5-7.
- Successful lead of at least four SEM scenarios in local practice sessions.
- Payment of fee and timely submission of application form.



Dave Baumlein, ROA

Area Support

- Each area must supply a minimum of one full toboggan, backboard, and pack for every each three candidates. This is to be coordinated with the ROA in advance.
- A total of about three people per candidate are needed to run the program.
- At least one of these people should be considered a helper, in addition to any evaluator/advocates that sign up from that area. The extra people (helpers) are to be identified in advance so that they can be contacted to be prepared for the day in their assigned role. The helpers would be assigned to one of the following positions: Station Manager, Assisting Patroller, Patient, and Bystander. Remember, lots of extra help can be used so it's a great opportunity for a variety of folks to get involved.
- Remind your candidates to bring their ski/board boots to wear when testing.

Dave Baumlein

Ohio Region OEC Administrator

OEC 5th Edition Delays Impact Ohio Region OEC Program

Kathy Glynn and Karen Hadden, Central Division OEC Supervisors, learned during the NSP Supervisors Dec 10-11 meeting that the 5th edition of the OEC manual target availability date has been set back to April 27th 2011. Additional slips are possible. The most recent delay was caused by the American Heart Association changes to Life Support (CPR). Availability will trigger a series of events in the Central division as the OEC supervisors prepare summaries of the changes from the 4th edition to the new 5th edition and get this information out to the ITs so that they can in turn update the OEC instructors. With so many ITs and instructors, this will require a major scheduling effort. Using electronic meeting technology, they

OEC 5th Edition Delay Impacts, cont.

hope to be able to get the updates to the ITs in June. Based on current estimate schedules, *Kathy and Karen request that all new OEC class starts be delayed until after July 2011.*

After spending two long days in December reviewing available parts of the 5th edition, the Division OEC supervisors, Medical supervisors and some members of the National Board concluded that there are too many changes to make switching from the 4th to the 5th edition during an OEC course feasible. The delayed starting date for OEC classes is unavoidable. The OEC refresher Core components in Cycle A will be based on the 5th edition. Refreshers are expected to be longer this fall.

In the Ohio region, actual starts of all OEC instruction and tests after the March 13, 2011 SEM at Mad River Mountain will be on hold until the 5th edition OEC manual and instruction's materials are available. This delay will affect the usual OEC class starting dates for several patrols and require a major OEC instructor update effort starting in mid summer.

(Article based on Email from Kathy and Karen to Region OEC Administrators)



Troy Southwick

Toboggan Training

As always, we have a full schedule of events this year. It all starts with the two region Ski Trainers Workshops (STW). It is essential that Senior Evaluators attend. Senior Candidates are also invited to get a chance to see what the standard is and get some practice time in as well. All toboggan trainers are required to attend an STW every three years, but you are certainly welcome to participate more often.

To sign up, just visit the Ohio Region website www.ohionsp.org.

Next, we will be bringing the Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (TES) to your area. Area Reps, we would like to hear from you. Help us bring a TES tailored to the needs of your patrol. Contact your local toboggan advisor or APD of proficiency to sign up.

This year we are offering a fantastic opportunity to senior level patrollers. A look at what it takes to run a toboggan at a Certified level. Certified patrollers will put on a clinic for those who are interested to see if they have what it takes. This will be done at the January 22 TES held at Perfect North Slopes. Space is limited so please email me at southwick@limitedbrands.com to sign up.

We will wrap up the year at Boston Mills on February 26 with the Senior Alpine Toboggan Clinic (SATC), where Senior Candidates and evaluators get a final chance to work out any wrinkles, nerves, or other jitters, before February 27 the Senior Ski and Toboggan Test. *please continue top of next column*

Toboggan Training, continued

Looking forward to another great year!

Save these dates:

STW Perfect North Slopes	January 8-9
STW Boston Mills	January 15-16
TES Perfect North Slopes	January 22
TES Paoli Peaks	January 23
TES Snow Trails	February 5
TES Mad River Mountain	February 6
TES Alpine Valley	February 12
TES Boston Mills	February 13
SATC Boston Mills	February 26
Senior S&T Test	February 27

Troy Southwick - Ohio Region Toboggan Advisor



The Certified Program



Dan Moss

"It is the desire of the paid patrolmen of the NSPS to continually strive for higher standards for all ski patrolmen. Hence this Certified ski patrolmen program is instituted to give recognition to those who have devoted the extra time and effort to pursue a course of self development beyond the minimum requirements of the senior ski patrolmen. This program is necessary for the NSPS to keep pace with the technological developments in the sport of skiing and to encourage ski patrolmen to better fulfill the ever increasing demands and expectations of ski area management and the skiing public"

That was written 46 years ago in 1964. In 1969, the pilot program started in the Eastern Division. It in part started as a reciprocity program with the Professional Ski Patrol Association to bring members into the ranks of the NSP.

As a program it is really somewhat difficult to explain. In general terms, it's not for most NSP members. Statistics support this: because there are only 13 Certified patrollers in Ohio. Yet Ohio region has more Certified patrollers than any other region. It's incredibly exciting, and yet very stressful. It's fully geared at education and growth, yet it places a huge debt on your shoulders for your future patrolling years. It's a go-it-alone type of training program, yet it yields lots of camaraderie. It requires a continual sharpening of your skills and re-testing, not just a refreshing of something in the past. In the end you must have (demonstrated) confident resolve in testing.

Some of you may have gotten excited when you read that paragraph of contrasts. Some readers have already moved on to another article! I understand.

The modules of the Certified program encompass Skiing/Riding, Toboggan Skills, Emergency Management Practical, Emergency Management Bystander, Area Operations, Avalanche Management, Chair Evacuation and Rope Rescue, and Low Angle Rescue. In short and to please turn to next page

The Certified Program, continued

steal a quote from another Division, "it's an intensive 3-day event that tests all aspects of a candidate's patrolling skills."

The prerequisites are: Senior, 21 years of age, Registered NSP minimum of 5 years, certified OEC, documented positions of leadership in the NSP, substantial contributions to the sport of skiing, filing an application and fee, and a pre-qualification clinic.

The Certified program is a Division program, thus it travels about the 8 Regions of the Central Division. This year we are traveling to Lutsen, Minnesota, 17 hours away! In 2012, it is going to be held in the Ohio Region at PNS. It's a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in the program to come see it and volunteer to help as a patient and volunteer.

As always, I'd be happy to sit down with you (or make a few runs??) and discuss the program in detail. Please go to the [certified page](http://www.ohionsp.org/members/newprograms/certified/index.htm) Ohio Region website at <http://www.ohionsp.org/members/newprograms/certified/index.htm> and check out all of the information. I've included there a lot more that we can explain here. You can also download the Central Division Certified Manual there.

Dan Moss

Ohio Region Certified Advisor



Paoli Peaks began its 33rd season at 10:00 am on Friday December 17th. Mother Nature and our snowmakers make a great team and the area opened with 100% of the runs open and conditions that looked more like mid-February than mid-December.

We also welcomed 7 new Candidates to our Patrol this season after they completed their OEC final practical on December 4th. Our new Candidates are, Pam Barrett, Mere Culbertson, Cary Gant, Ryan Johnson, Nicholas Logsdon and Paul Wesley.

Our November 7th Open House, Rod Run, Ski Swap and Cookout was the best ever fundraising day for our Patrol providing operating funds that we can use to further improve the Patrol. We have SES/SNES and TES events on the calendar and look forward to the Ohio Region instructors coming down to share their expertise with our Patrollers.

As mentioned previously, this is my 6th and last season as Patrol Representative for Paoli Peaks and it has been a wonderful ride. I look forward to moving into some other roles within our Patrol and the Ohio Region. Many thanks to all in the Ohio Region who have been great supporters to me in my role and to our Patrol. I hope to make it to several of the other Ohio Region areas over the Christmas Holidays and on into the season that I have not yet skied, namely BMW, Alpine Valley and Snow Trails. I wish everyone a wonderful season and hope you had a Merry Christmas and have a safe and prosperous New Year.

Bruce Heichelbech - Patrol Representative, Paoli Peaks Ski Patrol

'10-'11 Senior Program



Tom Tavenner

"The Senior Program is designed to provide a forum in which patrollers can enhance personal skiing/snowboarding and toboggan-handling proficiency, improve their ability to manage OEC-related problems and expand their overall patrolling knowledge and skills. In addition, the program prepares patrollers for leadership roles within the NSP"

The above caption is posted within the senior program area, on the Ohio Region website. Although this is an accurate description of the purpose and goals of the senior program, this caption does not address a senior candidate's commitment and motivation necessary to achieve success.

What drives an individual patroller to participate in the senior program varies throughout the entire NSP organization. The best motivation for attempting senior status is introspective and personal. This motivation must be strong enough to produce a genuine commitment to the program, and abundant enough to stay the course when challenges arise.

Senior candidates make a commitment to train, travel, and do whatever it takes to succeed. To be successful within the program, candidates take personal responsibility in their training by seeking out one on one teaching opportunities, challenge their own comfort level, and beginning their training early in the season. Candidate must be receptive to feedback offered, and willing to accept their skills will improve.

I recently asked one of the region's newest senior patrollers to send me comments about her experience within the senior program. I specifically asked if her achievement was worth the sacrifices she made.

Sitting in anticipation of the final call for new Seniors who passed the S&T test, I wondered if it all had been worth it. Then my name was called and I thought, "Oh, yes...DEFINITELY!!"

*Pat McCabe, Mad River Mt.
Senior Achieved 08-09 season*

If you are motivated and willing to make a commitment to the senior program, you can count on the region staff to provide support and encouragement throughout the entire process. Every toboggan, skiing, and SEM instructor/evaluator wants to see you succeed. SES and TES events are held weekly throughout the region, and SEM training courses have or soon will begin at each area where candidates have expressed interest. In addition to structured and publicized training events, senior instructors are also available for a one on one session.

The region cannot provide you with the personal drive and motivation it will take to be successful, but we will provide you with abundant support and opportunities to achieve your goal. **Success is obtainable to all who follow through with their commitment to achieve senior.**

LOCAL SENIOR ADVISOR

As a new administrative process for the Ohio Region senior program, local senior advisors have been identified at each ski area. The please continue on next page

'10-'11 Senior Program, *continued*

local senior advisor is a senior patroller or senior candidate, who is well informed with respects to the process, paperwork, and all other aspects of the senior program. In short, your local senior advisor is your main point of contact. Myself and other region staff are always at your disposal should you wish to contact us, however the below individuals have been identified to provide an extra layer of local support. I'm sure many of you have received communication from these individuals well before reading this article, but if not and if you plan to participate in the senior program this season, please reach out to your local senior advisor. The region has encouraged these individuals to facilitate and identify training opportunities to senior candidate. The local senior advisor will also assist you in completing paperwork for participating in the program and core modules.

LOCAL SENIOR ADVISORS

Mad River Mountain – Pat McCabe
patricia.l.mccabe@gmail.com

Paoli Peaks – David McKinley
dmckinley_40026@yahoo.com

Snow Trails – Kim Matthew
kim.matthew@att.net

Perfect North Slopes – Cindy Wert
cmwblackswan@yahoo.com

Boston Mills/Brandywine (northeast OH region) –
 Mark Santos kuldad@neo.rr.com

Paperwork and module fees (\$25 for each module)

New Candidates Process:

- New Senior Candidate Applications are due 30 days prior to first senior core module participation
- Copy of NSP Education Profile (www.nsp.org / member services / member resources / education info / your education profile)
- Test Applications, module fee, and completion of senior sign-offs (both for S&T and SEM Test) are due 14 days prior to event

Returning Candidates Process

- Copy of NSP Education Profile if new senior elective completed since last submission
- Test Application, module fee, and completion of senior sign-offs (both for S&T and SEM Test) are due 14 days prior to event

Candidates may utilize the electronic test application or download paper application within the senior section of the region website.

All paper applications must be signed by the local area PD and submitted with the module fee to Ohio Region Senior Advisor (Tom Tavenner tom@tavgroup.net).

On-line electronic test applications and module fee payment by Paypal are available on the Ohio Region site. If the candidates use the electronic application for submission,

their PD will be notified. PDs can then confirm candidate approval by email.

Deadlines & Dates

Below is a list of important dates and deadlines related to the senior program. Please adhere to all deadlines related to paperwork, and get your applications in early to secure your spot in the core module you plan to attend.

1/08/11 & 1/09/11 – Ski and Toboggan Workshop / PNS (senior specific session planned)

1/15/11 & 1/16/11 – Ski and Toboggan Workshop / BMBW (senior specific session planned)

1/30/11 – New Senior Candidate Application due if participating in S&T Test

2/13/11 – Alpine S&T Test Application and module fees due

2/13/11 – New Senior Candidate Application due if participating in SEM

2/26/11 – Senior Alpine Toboggan and Skiing Clinics / BMBW

2/27/11 – Senior Alpine Toboggan and Skiing Test / BMBW

2/27/11 – SEM Test Application and module fees due

3/13/11 – Senior Emergency Management / MRM

In addition, several SES & TES events are scheduled throughout the region. Senior candidates should check the region calendar and take advantages of these clinics, especially when being held on a senior rates hill (PNS & BMBW).

Tom Tavenner - Ohio Region Senior Administrator



NSP-C Instructors: NEED AN ED CREDIT TO MAINTAIN YOUR PSIA CERTIFICATION?

AS-364 - Patroller Development has been added to the Perfect North Slopes PSIA_C event on Jan 22-23, 2011. This workshop is designed for NSP/PSIA duo members registered in the NSP-C Ski School. It is designed specifically to help NSP Trainers/Evaluators improve their skills by developing a better understanding of skill applications and movement patterns.

The Early Registration Date is Jan 7, 2011. The Final Registration Date is Jan 14, 2011. To register download the event application form from the PSIA-C website <http://www.psia-c.org/forms/1011EventApp.pdf> complete and send it in. Please contact Cheryl Hillis at the PSIA-C office with questions. Her phone number is 517-327-0601, Ext. 18

This education course has a limited enrollment of 8 spots. Two have already registered; so don't hesitate. No unscheduled event fees will apply.

(Article contributed by Bill Currier)

MOUNTAINOUS CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OHIO'S HILLS



Schmidt

One just never knows when opportunity will strike. A few years ago, deep into the dark night of a snowy cold hot-tub party a challenge was splashed from the corner seat. Greg Schmidt, said, what difference can everyone make in the National Ski Patrol System, and at what Level within the NSP System will that change be impactful?



Hanley

Just about that time, a grizzly bear sized patroller, jumped out into the snowy pine trees, made a snow angel, and nearly dove head first back into the tub....it was a sight to behold! Now that the water is back into the tub and the waves have stopped splashing over the sides, we can look back and see the efforts of the Ohio Region patrollers and be full of pride on the impact our brothers and sisters have made across this system.



Glaeser

Our own Darcy Hanley now sits behind her new desk in the National Office, and the door reads, National Education Director....way to go Darcy, we are proud and excited to see her leading us in an ever changing industry, equipment, and health standards.



King

Janet Glaeser is serving as a National Board Member, and will soon enough be tooling around the Big Mountains of Ohio in her New Subaru. Janet is hard at work serving on many committees and more late night conference calls than one would ever care to imagine. Just after the New Year, she will be joining Darcy at the National Meetings.



Crowl

Rick King, a patroller from Perfect North Slopes is currently serving as the National Mountaineering Advisor, and is driving the making of a "New" manual for that program.



Southwick

In December, many Ohio Patrollers served as Staff at the Central Divisions STW's held in Trollhaugen, Boyne Highlands, and Cascade Ski Areas. Group Leaders were Jim Crowl, Troy Southwick, Chris Raudabaugh, John McGoff, Amy Arnold, Dale



Raudabaugh

Jim Crowl, Troy Southwick, Chris Raudabaugh, John McGoff, Amy Arnold, Dale



McGoff



Arnold



Mihuta

Worley - sorry, no photo

Mihuta, and Marty Collins. Additional Staff: Tom Worley, Dan Moss, Jay Zedak, and Cheryl Raudabaugh. Ohio Region had approx 30 additional members registered for one or more clinics at the Central Division's STW held at Boyne Highlands.



Collins

Past Patrol Director of PNS, and past Region Director of Ohio Region, Jim Woodrum now is serving on his 3rd and final term as Central Division Director which also has Jim serving on multiple committees at the National Board. (Governance, Finance, and Elections)



Moss

Central Division Program Supervisors from Ohio:

- Dale Mihuta- Central Division Avalanche Supervisor
- Tom Worley- Central Division Outdoor Transportation Supervisor
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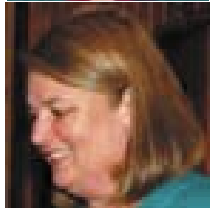


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With this kind of involvement, Ohio is off to a Great Start. To that I say, Zip up, buckle down, and don't leave any snow untracked. The Ohio Region has 2 STW's in January, multiple SES's & TES's, a Certified Pre-Clinic, and the Senior Weekend Event & Exam February 26th & 27th- not to mention hosting the Fall Division meeting and banquet in Cincinnati in Sept. 2011. Plenty of opportunities for you and your friends to join in and have plenty of fun as well as make an impact at the shift level, local, regional, division or national level, everyone can make a difference!



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Happy Holidays,
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OHIO REGION TRIVIA QUESTION

Tom Tavenner, editor of the Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol Newsletter, posed the following trivia question, "Who was the first Ohio Region NSP registered Alpine Snowboard Patroller?"

Tom believes that the first alpine snowboarding patroller registered at Mad River was Brian Neiss.

Dale Garlock who patrols at Alpine Valley and has 41 years NSP service, was appointed the first Ohio Region Snowboard advisor by Gary Bizjack, RD in 1994. Dale has qualified as an alpine patroller on alpine skis, Telemark skis and snowboard. But was Dale the first snowboard alpine patroller registered in the Ohio region, or were more than one snowboarding patrollers registered together at the same time? At what ski area? When?

If you know the answer(s) to this question contact *DOWNHILL* editor Max Davis by phone, email DOWNHILL@woh.rr.com or send a letter to the address listed below.

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