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Ohio Region Spring Meeting, Saturday, April 30th



The spring Ohio Region meeting will be held at Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Resort (Brandywine Lodge)

At this years event, besides hosting the annual business meeting, the Ohio Region Board will provide afternoon education/training meetings. For more information about the agenda, training sessions, reception and Celebration Banquet and reservation form, hotels, and suggsted activities in the area, please turn to pages 8 and 9 of this issue.

The BMBW Ski Patrol looks forwarding to hosting this years event!

NEWS FROM OUR REGION DIRECTOR

With the advent of warmer weather Ohio Region ski areas are now closed for the season. Most areas enjoyed plenty of cold weather and lot's of snow from mid-December until early March. Again this year, we had some great powder days – a rare pleasure for Ohio! I hope that you all got out on the snow as much as possible, that you were able to participate in the programs that we offered this season, and that you either achieved your personal goals or that you are continuing on your journey to enhance your skiing and riding skills and proficiency. Congratulations to all who completed another leg of their ski patrolling journey.

I am now looking forward to our annual Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet that will be held this year at Brandywine on April 30. Tom Ciranna and his team are busy making plans for the event which will include a Region business meeting, educational events that will be offered repetitively throughout the day and an awards banquet in the evening. Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend.

Thanks to all who participated in our programs this season, and a special thanks to all Region staff, instructors, trainers, evaluators, advocates, et al, who volunteered countless hours and traveled countless miles to conduct our programs. Thanks also to those region staff members who are stepping down from their positions and who will be recognized at the Awards Banquet for the time and effort they have given to the Ohio Region. Also, please welcome the new advisors and assistant advisors who have joined the Region Staff and who will also be recognized at the Awards Banquet. As I traveled around the Region from Big Creek to Perfect North Slopes, I received many compliments and constructive comments from all who participated. Here are a few highlights (see articles elsewhere in this issue for more details):

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Bill Currier, Region Director

OHIO REGION 2011 CALENDAR

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 8-10		MTR 1 Field Session	Mad River Mountain	Bill Schick and Dave Zeager
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

Region Director's News, continued from pg. 1

- 840 patrollers were registered in December.
- 13 candidates, 8 of whom successfully completed the SEM evaluation during the March test at MRM. Also, 5 successfully completed the Aid Room Module.
- S&T events included:
 - A Division S&T Clinic held at Boyne Highlands in December with about 25 Ohio Region Patrollers participating
 - STW's held at BMBW and PNS in January
 - SES's and TES's held at all resorts in January and February.
 - A Telemark SES held at Holimont, NY in February
 - A Senior Clinic and a Senior Test held at BMBW in February with 17 candidates (16 ski/board /13 toboggan) and many others who were either evaluators, administrators or advocates participating. 12 candidates successfully passed ski/board and 7 passed toboggan.
 - A Certified Pre-Qualification clinic held at PNS in January and a Division Certified event held at Lutsen, MN, in March at which about 13 Ohio Region Patrollers participated.
- Region and National award nominations have been reviewed and winners selected by their respective awards teams. Plaques and certificates are now being prepared for presentation at the Spring Awards Banquet. Elections for the Section Chief position in Sections O3 and the Region Director are in process and results will be announced at the Spring Banquet.

As you can tell it has been another very busy season. That pace will continue throughout the summer as John McGoff and his team finalize plans for the Central Division Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet that the Ohio Region will host and that will be held from Sept. 9-11 at the Marriott Cincinnati at River Center. This is a huge, very significant event for the Ohio Region. John and his team are

looking forward to your help and support during the planning as well as your participation in the event. I hope to see many of you at Brandywine on April 30 and everyone in September in Cincinnati. Have a safe and happy off-season.

Bill **Bill Currier - Ohio Region Director**

MOUNTAIN TRAVEL & RESCUE LEVEL I SOLD OUT

Bill Schick and Dave Zeager are pleased to report that the April 8-10 MTR Level I Class at Mad River Mountain is fully booked. A great time is expected for this class while they learn outdoor travel and survival skills, hike and camp, practice map and compass navigation, conduct low angle rescue drills, perform a simulated search and rescue operation and in the evening, swap yarns and tall tales around a campfire. While they are having fun they will be earning an elective credit toward becoming a senior patroller.

There is a \$25 course fee that pays for the NSP Mountain Travel and Rescue Manual but the instruction (based on over a 100 yr. combined instructor experience in climbing, freezing, frying, hanging in a crevasse, suffering from cabin fever, summit fever, traveling in white outs, burning food and fingers, treating HACE, HAPE, snow blindness, hypothermia, and doing other good stuff) is free.

If this is something you would like to do, next season watch for announcements of another MTR 1 course and get your reservation in early.

Nine New Senior Patrollers

A big thank you is due to all senior instructors who gave up their weekends and traveled far distances from home, offering training to our senior candidates and staffing our senior core modules. Ohio Region's senior program is strong and vibrant through the efforts of our instructor core. These instructors are truly the unsung heroes of our program, and deserve to be recognized first and foremost for their dedication.

The senior alpine and toboggan evaluation was conducted at Boston Mills on February 27th. The weekend kicked off with optional training sessions on Saturday, coordinated by Amy Arnold, Ohio Region NSP-C Ski School Advisor, and Troy Southwick, Ohio Region Toboggan Advisor. Amy and Troy did a great job coordinating this last minute training opportunity for our senior candidates.

Dana Zedak hosted a region party Saturday evening, inviting all participants of the senior evaluations including their family and friends. The chicken was great, the atmosphere was lively, and the coolers were filled with festive beverages! Thank you Dana for a great party, and for welcoming us into your home.

Sunday's evaluation presented true spring skiing in the morning and then Ohio mashed potatoes in the afternoon. Several candidates were successful at completing additional steps toward senior alpine status, with a few candidates fulfilling their goal by completing the journey. It was a great event and fun weekend to spend with friends.

The Senior Emergency Management was held at MRM on March 13th. Although the area was closed, we had abundant supply of snow to conduct scenarios on the white stuff. This was Dave Baumlein's first SEM event acting as the Ohio Region OEC Advisor. Dave did an absolutely fabulous job of pulling together Ohio Region's staff and resources. Kudos to Dave and his team for putting together a superb event! As with the senior alpine and toboggan evaluation, several candidates completed their journey upon successfully passing the SEM.

New senior patrollers for the 2010-2011 season:

Senior Auxiliary:

- Dan Fancey – MR**
- Chris Nottingham – BMW**
- Cynthia Wert – PNS**
- Bethany Jarboe – PNS**

Senior Alpine:

- Randy Sedjo – BMW**
- Rashid Farahati – BMW**
- Tracy Pinkerton – BMW**
- David Pflum – PNS**
- Stephen Jarboe – PNS**

In closing, I'd like to send a personal message to our new senior patrollers. Throughout your senior journey you have faced challenges and struggles along the way. At times, you have overcome these challenges through your own perseverance, motivation and commitment. Other times, fellow senior patrollers offered assistance through their support, encouragement, and words of wisdom. Think of what you have learned throughout the journey and the support you have received from the region senior staff. How can you share your experience with friends at your local area and provide them with the same level of support you received?

The Ohio Region needs instructors, evaluators, and supporters of the program. We have one of the most active senior programs in the Central Division, and often must utilize all our resources to staff the senior evaluations. You're individual contributions will have a meaningful impact upon the direction of our program and the success of future senior candidates.

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Ohio's Turn to Shine

The Central Division Fall meeting will be held in Northern Kentucky on Sept 9, 10 & 11. "Going to New Heights for safety" is our theme for this year's meeting.



For those of you not familiar with the Fall Central Division Meeting, it is a time where all of the Division Patrollers are invited to assemble for a board meeting, program updates, courses and awards banquet where we honor our peers who receive Division and National recognition. It is a great opportunity to hear about all of the up-to-date industry and NSP happenings and to learn more about the inner workings of the NSP.

We play and work hard in Ohio. We are planning a full venue of fun activities for Friday that offer a variety of choices from motorcycle tours of the rolling hills of Southeastern Indiana and Kentucky, a golf outing, wine tasting, and a "Cast & Blast" at Elk Creek Sporting Clays where you can learn techniques for shooting and fly fishing. We end the day with a four hour evening dinner cruise on the Ohio River. We're throwing a huge party - bring your dancing shoes!

All of our NSP programs will be represented at the Division meeting. Courses and workshops will be offered for Instructor Development, OEC, CPR, MTR, Avalanche, Transportation, NSP-C, Auxiliary, Senior, and Certified. The OEC 5th Edition will be front and center.

We have arranged housing at the 4 Star *Marriott RiverCenter Hotel* with exceptional rates from \$90 to \$114 a room.

More news and registration announcements will be provided in the very near future.

We look forward to hosting you and to your help in taking this meeting to new heights! See you in September.

Fredda & John McGoff- Central Div. 2011 Fall Meeting Committee

New Senior Patrollers, continued

Consider that your senior journey may not have ended. Perhaps it has just begun.

Tom Tavenner - Ohio Region Senior Advisor



Toboggan Training

The best way to sum up the 10-11 season.... Wow, what a season it was!

We held Toboggan Enhancement Seminars at each of the areas that were scheduled. Add in two more TES's held for the senior candidates at each of the STW's, and that makes eight. The Toboggan IT's and other trainers were very busy this year. We were fortunate to have a surprise guest trainer at Mad River. Our own Division Director Jim Woodrum stopped in and spent the day working with toboggan trainers, a lot of great information was shared. Thanks to all who helped put on several hours of toboggan training in our region.

We offered a Senior Alpine Toboggan Clinic for senior candidates to brush up on the day before their test at Boston Mills. The conditions varied with the time. From ice and sugar to mash potatoes, that was also the theme for the senior test.

Looking ahead to next year we are hoping to serve our fellow patrollers with a toboggan experience that will rejuvenate that desire to all become better toboggan handlers. We will be looking for opportunities to tailor the experience to the specific needs of the attendees. So if you have suggestions we would like to hear from you.

We have added several new toboggan trainers and one new Instructor Trainer this year.

Trainers:

Andrew French	-	Perfect North Slopes
Dave McKinley	-	Paoli Peaks
Josh Hardy	-	Paoli Peaks
Rick Jackson	-	Paoli Peaks
Mike Lee	-	Paoli Peaks
Matt Kim	-	Snow Trails
Bob Wilson	-	Snow Trails
Bill Smuts	-	Boston Mills/Brandywine

Instructor Trainer:

Bruce Heichelbech	-	Paoli Peaks
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All were evaluated and found to have exceptional understanding of the toboggan curriculum. Welcome aboard!

Thanks to all the trainers and participants for making this a successful year for the toboggan program, we are looking forward to much more next season.

I enjoyed attending all of the TES's this year and I met many new people around the region, and look forward working with you all again in the future.

Here's to a great summer!

Troy Southwick - Region Toboggan Advisor



Troy Southwick



OHIO REGION NSP-C SKI SCHOOL

The 2010-2011 ski season has come to a close and once again it was a busy winter for the Ohio Region with the ski school registering 22 events. We were able to offer a wide array of events from Ski and Board Enhancements Seminars, Ski Trainers Workshops and a Senior Alpine Skiing Clinic.

SES's and SNES's were a huge success this year. Over 100 patrollers participated in the eight events that were offered around the region. Senior Candidates definitely took advantage of the four SES/SNES's that were offered on Senior rated terrain. Also, a number of patrollers traveled outside of their local area to attend an event. If you missed out on the SES/SNES this year plan to join us next season. It is a tremendous opportunity to receive all day group instruction and video analysis from PSIA/AASI level II and III instructors.

Many of our very talented instructors participated in PSIA/AASI education credits and testing sessions this year. Thanks to all for making the commitment to add to your depth of knowledge and skill level. The following Ohio Region NSP-C Ski School Members received PSIA/AASI levels of certification:

Jon French PSIA Level III
Harold Park PSIA Level II
Alicia Knapke-Stanley PSIA Level I
Matt Kim AASI Level I

We have already begun planning for next season and would like some input from you. Is there a specific focus or skill that you would like to have at a SES/SNES? Are you interested in scheduling a one-on-one lesson with an instructor? Are you a member of the ski school and want to be more actively involved but not sure where to start? Please let us know your thoughts and suggestions. Remember that the NSP-C Ski School is here to meet your needs, so let us know what you want! Thanks to all the dedicated instructors, PD's and local NSP-C Ski School reps for making this year another success.

This season concludes my term as the Ohio Region NSP-C Ski School Advisor. I would like to thank everyone for the support and encouragement I have received over the last three years. It has been a wonderful experience and I am proud to have been able to serve the Ohio Region's patrollers. A special thanks to Jon French for fulfilling the duties as Assistant Advisor. Marty Collins, a PNS Patroller and a PSIA Level III instructor will be leading the ski school next season. Please extend Marty a warm welcome as he begins his new role.

Have a wonderful summer!

Amy Arnold
Ohio Region NSP-C
Ski School Advisor





Congratulations to Region's New Certified Patrollers

Darcy Hanley and Sandi Hammons successfully completed their certified journey during the March 3-5 Certified Test in Lutsen, MN! Darcy and Sandi are the first Ohio Region women to achieve certified status!



Darcy Hanley



Sandi Hammons

This is a significant achievement that takes a huge amount of personal commitment, perseverance, and dedication. It's a lonely journey at times and success is only achievable by having the right mindset and motivation. Sound familiar? This motivation and commitment is similar to that required of a senior candidate to achieve senior status.

As I am proud to be associated with these patrollers and their achievement, I wanted to share the news so we could join in the celebration with Darcy and Sandi. If you feel led to do so, please send a communication to Darcy

and Sandi congratulating them on their success.

Tom Tavenner - Ohio Region Senior Advisor

Friends....it has been amazing to watch these two Ohio Region Patrollers work hard, laugh hard, cry hard, and Now SMILE BIG!

My cheeks are still sore from smiling all the way home (from Lutsen Minnesota)!

These 2 ladies blew the roof off the Chalet and Minnesota is still wondering, "were those 2 really from Ohio?" Ohio Region couldn't be happier!

Jay Zedak - Ohio Region -ARD Programs

New OEC 5th Edition Features



In case you missed Darcy Hanley's email announcement about the new OEC fifth edition, the new material summary is printed below. But that is not all. You can read more about it on the [Brady website](#).

The fifth edition contains all new material—with each chapter written and completed using the latest available evidence-based medical information. Chapters will start with a case study and conclude with the case disposition. Chapter key

New OEC 5th Edition Features continued

items are listed up front. OEC skills provide a visual reference for procedures and identify the CPIs. A web based Resource Central will have video animated learning aids and an interactive audio glossary that provides definitions AND pronunciations of key terms. More features are described on the web site.

NEW IN the Fifth EDITION

- ***Stop, Review, and Understand*** features incorporate **workbook**-like exercises throughout each chapter to check the reader's comprehension. They also offer a write-in chapter review assessment.
- ***The first chapter includes the history of the National Ski Patrol and Outdoor Emergency Care***, and includes an important discussion of some of the legal aspects faced when caring for a patient.
- ***Chapters on both communication and documentation are included*** to help readers become familiar with current EMS language in order to communicate among each other and with other EMS providers using the same vernacular.
- ***Patient assessment is now presented*** in the same way patients are assessed in the overall healthcare system. In addition, the A&P section has been expanded; the format for case management has been modified for ease of use by the reader; and skill guides have been included in each chapter to enable the reader to readily assess his or her ability in the field.
- ***New information that is current with present pre-hospital patient care*** includes a new assessment module, pulse oximeters, an expanded role in assisting patients with medication, use of Mark 1 kits, enhanced role of tourniquets, new ways to bandage and apply splints, and more in-depth discussion of anatomy.
- ***The material in the fifth edition meets—and in many cases exceeds—the National EMS Education Standards for Emergency Medical Responder education.***
 - Uniquely, this material is presented in a format that combines the disciplines of urban EMS with wilderness medical rescue.
- ***Chapter 36***, authored by a physician who has written extensively for the wilderness medicine field, helps the OEC Technician understand what advanced EMS providers do.
 - When asked to assist these providers, the OEC Technician can provide this assistance.
- ***Beyond the textbook, students have access to MyNSPKit***, an online resource that includes additional exercises to reinforce content and skills.
 - Instructors have access to a PowerPoint presentation, test bank, an Instructor's Manual, and other resources necessary to teach the course.

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SEM/ARM:

The decision was made last year for our Region to do only one SEM event and it took place at Mad River Mountain on Sunday March 13, 2011. Although the Resort was closed, we were still able to perform the outside scenarios “on snow”.

The weather cooperated with temperature in the lower 40’s and partly cloudy skies. The only negative was that this event occurred on Daylight Savings Time change day and resulted in losing an hour’s sleep.

A huge thank you goes to Kim Hiser, MRM PD and Troy Green MRM APD for their roles in the hosting coordination at their facility involving scenario layout, equipment, moulage, and especially the food! Their efforts really enabled the activities for the day to run smoothly.

Mike Case, a former ROA for Eastern Michigan Region, did the QA for an examination support staff of 62 that put on this event for 13 candidates. He shared that a nice job was done by all, things went smoothly, and he was really impressed with the TEAM support given by fellow Patrollers for this SEM event.

By the end of the day, 8 more Patrollers either enhanced or completed their Senior journey by successfully completing this discipline in the Senior program. Congratulations go out to Stephen and Bethany Jarboe, Han Vanderloo, Christopher Korte, Kevin Rankey and Kim Durrum from Perfect North and Jennifer Noble and Tracy Pinkerton from Boston Mills/Brandywine.

A new calibration process was successfully implemented by having Evaluators and Advocates meet the night before the exam to calibrate their specific scenario stations. This greatly enhanced the activity flow for Sunday, reduced the stress level, shortened the day yet provided a more standard evaluation environment.

Phyllis Mauntel was in charge of the ARM event with Freddie Shima and Kim Hiser assisting in the evaluations. The following five people successfully completed the Aid Room Module : Bethany Jarboe and Cindy Wert from Perfect North, Jennifer Noble from Boston Mills/Brandywine and Chris Van Breukelen and Lori Logan from Mad River. Congratulations to all!

My heartfelt thanks to my assistant, Laura Scott-AV, Tom Tavenner-MRM, Senior Program Advisor and Cheryl Raudabaugh-MRM for all of their support and hard work in helping me to put on this event and keep me on my toes and to everyone who put up with my endless emails and reminders.

Next year’s event will be hosted by Snow Trails and likely to be at the end of the season unless NSP guidelines and thinking change again. Stay tuned!

Please take time to recognize the success of these hardworking Ohio Region candidates and if you were not involved this year, consider being part of the program next year. There is definitely room for all that are interested in being part of the experience!

OEC:

We’re hopefully only a month away from getting the new 5th ED. Please see attachment below from Darcy Hanley concerning the new 5th ED book as it contains important information OEC class IOR’s as well as OEC instructors. I realize that it’s impacting OEC class schedules for some and I thank all for their patience.

I will be contacting people again in the next several months to discuss and ascertain OEC IOR’s, OEC instructor status, IT’s and the instructor QA status program.

FALL OEC REFRESHERS:

Now that the ski season here is over PD’s and OEC IOR’s will be turning their thoughts to the Fall OEC Refreshers. There will undoubtedly be some changes because of the 5th ED coming out that perhaps will alter the time constraints for us to put on these events. Therefore it is paramount that ALL patrols are flexible on when they choose to put on their refreshers and MUST be better coordinated than in years past. More will follow at April Region meeting.

OEC 5th Edition:

Thank you for all of the questions and requested clarifications about the OEC 5th edition. Please continue to ask so you have the information you may need. Here is an attempt to clarify questions that we have received.

Availability

OEC ITs and members of the National Medical Committee will be able to access the e-book free for **one year** using the website www.coursesmart.com. The e-book is for iPad and personal computer, and cannot be printed.

The e-book for all other patrollers may be purchased for \$44.00 from the website www.coursesmart.com on May 1. **That is a subscription price for one year.**

Order date: Patrollers, candidates, OEC instructors, and Associate members can order their printed book starting the week of **April 18**. The book will not be shipped until May.

Everyone (patrollers, OEC instructors, medical advisors, OEC ITs) can purchase the book in a hardcover for \$65.60 thru the NSP website on **May 1**, then the link to www.bradybooks.com will be provided. That is 25 percent off retail, and that price will be honored for one year.

NSPKit is available beginning **May 1**. This is where the instructor/student materials will be located. After you have purchased the book/e-book, you will be able to access NSPKit.

Bulk Orders

Bulk orders of five or more books, please call **Customer Service** is **800-922-0579**. Shipping costs will be added to the price of bulk-shipped orders of five or more books. That could be 8-10 percent additional cost.

Webinars

Webinars will be set up with two per week during the month of April. You will be able to select a webinar date and time that works for your schedule. You will need a computer that has Internet connection (not dial up) to attend the webinars. These webinars are designed to walk NSP instructors through the new product and technology offerings.

Candidate Class/Affiliate Members

The Instructor of Record for the OEC class can provide the coupon code to the candidates, who can purchase their book/e-book through www.bradybooks.com.



**Dave Baumlein -
OEC Administrator
Ohio Region**

Dick Thalacker

Dick Thalacker, a patroller of fifty years, former member NSP Board of Directors, and a good friend of many patrollers, passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2011. He originally joined the National Ski Patrol in 1961, and had patrolled at Mt. Brighton since 1976. He will be missed by the whole Mt. Brighton family, and across the Central Division.

A short memorial service was held on Sunday, Feb 20th at 8:30 AM at Mt. Brighton at the top of the Red Chairlift.

A photo gallery from the memorial service can be seen at <http://www.mtbrightonskipatrol.com/gallery/v/ThalackerMemorial/>

Another memorial service for Dick was held on March 27 at St. George Lutheran Church in Brighton.

Linda Barthel

Photo by Jacci Angell, AVSP



Ohio Region Senior Alpine Ski, Snowboard and Toboggan Candidates, Evaluators and Region Staff at BMBW for Feb 27 Alpine Senior Test,

Ohio Region Meeting/Celebration Banquet

Saturday, April 30, 2011

All Activities Located:
Brandywine Ski Resort
 146 W Highland Road
 Sagamore Hills, OH 44264

The Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Patrol welcomes you to the Ohio Region spring meeting. At this year's event, the Region Board will hold their spring meeting during a morning meeting and then offer afternoon training sessions to all Ohio Region NSP members. The day's activities will conclude with our annual celebration banquet, where we'll highlight a great season and recognize special individuals. Please see below to confirm your reservations. We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, April 30th !

AGENDA



9:00 AM – Noon: Ohio Region Board Meeting

(Located in Brandywine's Banquet Room)



1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Training Sessions

All training sessions will be offered during the afternoon and are open to all patrollers and their guests. (See right column for class details.) To reserve a spot for any session, please email your session(s) request(s) and contact information including your name and patrol and your session preference(s) to tciranna@aol.com .

Session reservation deadline is April 20th

All sessions will be held at the
Brandywine Ski Lodge.



6:00 PM Reception One complimentary drink/ Cash Bar/Appetizers

6:30 PM Spring Celebration Banquet Buffet Dinner: Beef Tenderloin Medallions Apricot Barbecue Glazed Chicken Ponzu Vegetable Stir Fry

(Reservations form on next page)

TRAINING SESSIONS

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM - Session I

Option 1: Dryland Ski Instruction Focus learning and ski Immersion tactics and goals. Covering vocabulary, terms, ATASE, WAIDS, and more...

Option 2: Avalanche Awareness Introduces winter enthusiasts to the basics of avalanche hazard and the knowledge and skills needed before venturing into avalanche terrain.

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM - Session II

Option 1: CPR Certification: CPR class will use the latest CPR standards. Participants will be required to purchase the new AHA CPR manual and completion card.

Option 2: OEC 5th Edition Update: Learn about all the upcoming changes in the OEC Manual 5th edition.

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Session III



Buckeye Sports Center's local ski shop will provide the latest boot fitting techniques and demonstrate why your boots should be correctly fitted for maximum performance. Bring your boots.

BANQUET RESERVATIONS
RSVP No Later Than April 20th

Please send the following Information, along with your check payable to **BMBW Ski Patrol** to
Tom Ciranna
184 Sapphire Ln
Streetsboro, OH 44241
tciranna@aol.com

Name: _____ Patrol _____

Number of attendees _____ X \$30/person = \$ _____

Will be attending Region Board Meeting Yes ___ No ___ Number of attendees _____

Guest(s) Name(s) _____

Hotel Information

Clarion Inn
240 East Hines Hill Road
Hudson, OH 44236
Phone: (330)653-9191
more details on web site
\$79/night + Tx

Baymont Inn & Suites
6731 Industrial Parkway
Hudson, OH 44236
Phone: (330)650-2040
more details on web site
\$59/night + Tx

Suggested Area Activities

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad
www.cvsr.com

Natural History Museum
www.cmnh.org

Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo
www.clemet zoo.com

Great Lakes Brewing
www.greatlakesbrewing.com

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
www.rockhall.com

Great Lakes Science Center
Includes Omnimax Theater
(Tornado Chasers currently playing)
www.glsc.org –
(located next door to R&R Hall of Fame)

Akron Zoo
www.AkronZoo.org

Legacy Village Shopping Center
www.legacy-village.com



Alpine Senior Toboggan Test
BM/BW Feb 27, 2011
Photo by Jacci Angell, Alpine Valley

Sun Valley, Idaho, Revisited, After Fifty Years!

Was it the inimitable Yogi Berra that once (or twice) said, "There it was, "de ja vu", all over, again!" Exactly fifty years ago, in March of 1961, a small group of us patrollers from Santiam Pass, Oregon, drove up north to Ketchum, Idaho to "ski bum" at Sun Valley. This was the same group that skied the Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley, the previous year. Every morning, we would show up at the day lodge at 8 a.m. and sign in for "snow packing." This could mean two hours of arduous sidestepping steep pitches. It usually meant only two hours of glorious skiing out the untracked powder on the edges of the steep trails, to encourage the tourists to widen out their runs and slow down. The remainder of the day would be free-skiing the whole mountain (Mt. Baldy.)

It was a glorious time for a week, but Warren Miller was no longer living there in a trailer in the parking lot, skinning and barbecuing the native Snowshoe Hares for subsistence. He and John Jay were the "household names" known nationwide, packing movie theatres full of enthusiastic skiers thirsting to view the finest skiing flicks ever made to that time. It was the embryonic beginning of the sport of "extreme skiing."

At Sun Valley, they were still using the last, single chairlift on Mt. Baldy, where you were issued a cape to wear at the bottom and turned it in when you got off at the top. The first chairlift in the world, in 1936, was at Dollar Mountain, in Sun Valley Village, across the canyon from Ketchum. The next (single) chair went up Mt. Baldy from Ketchum in 1937. It was finally retired, forty years later.

Averill Harriman, the owner of the Union Pacific Railroad, was an accomplished mountain skier in his own right, having skied the Alps for twenty years before taking over control of his railroad. He wanted to build a fabulous ski resort in the west, which would be fed solely by his railroad. In 1935, he hired Count Felix Schaffgotch to travel all over the western states and search for his "perfect destination."

Count Schaffgotch explored the Presidential Peaks in Washington and Oregon, all of California, the Great Basin of Utah, and the Continental Divide throughout Colorado. He had a punishing set of parameters into which this ski resort had to fit. It could not be near a major metropolitan city. The mountain had to have lots of vertical, but the skiing could not be at a high altitude above ten thousand feet. Historically, the site should have little or no wind. But after a fruitless winter of searching, the Count was going to return east and report his failure to Mr. Harriman. Such an area did not exist. Then, he overheard a remark by a railroad conductor that "the little spur line to Ketchum, Idaho, cost more to keep clear of snow, than the entire remainder of track owned by the Union Pacific railroad!" "Take me there, immediately!" he ordered, and the rest, as they say, is history.

In Breckenridge, Colorado, my bed is over a thousand feet higher than the summit of Mt. Baldy! That's why I am gasping for air when I crank a turn at 12,700 feet, and only have less than 2,000 feet of vertical. At Sun Valley, the sun always shines if its not snowing powder, you have 3,400 feet of vertical, and you

start at 9,150 feet MSL. That's number two in the world, behind Mt., Aleyeska!! Remember last year, when I wrote about Aleyeska skiing that "you ski down 4,000 feet, turn left, and spread your arms, because you will be in the ocean!" Besides all that, there really is very little wind, ever! From a ski patrol vantage point, that is a very nice statistic, from avalanches to hypothermia, this mountain is kind to its people! Everybody came to Sun Valley, and, by golly, the railroad got them there, which made Mr. Harriman (and his stockholders) very happy!

Aside from this historical note, Max Davis and I accompanied the Miami Valley Cross Country Ski Club for a week in "Val Hallah Land". There were twenty-one of us, searching for gremlins and trolls, signs of Ullr, and enjoying track skiing in some of the most remote and beautiful canyons and valleys, pastures and mountains that "never saw a paintbrush!" The visual overload of majestic beauty, the solitude, and knowing that a mountain lion was probably watching from somewhere with idle interest, puts cross-country skiing in this area off the chart of memorable times. The Shoshone Indians were right, but they seldom came here, in these canyons in the winter. But then, for sheer delight and casual diversity, I was known to steal away and crank a few tellies with the natives on the high mountain, and even stay upright, which is always rewarding.

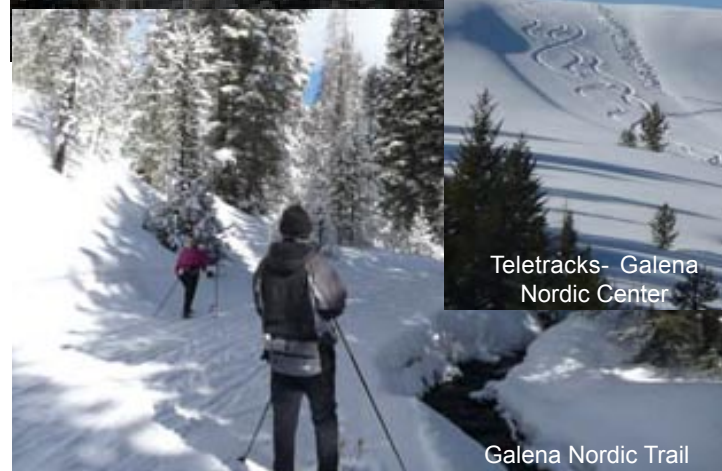
There were more than a few flying stories on this trip, but that is for another time and place. As you might guess, I am a life-long fancier of history. I like to read all about it, relive it, and ski it, whenever possible!

And, that's the news from Lake Woebbegone.

Cheers! - *Carl Hilker*



Mt. Baldy, Sun Valley Ski Area



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Jacci Angell's Photos from Alpine Senior Test at BMW on Feb 27, 2011

Proposed Changes to NSP Membership Classification Titles

A NSP membership survey will soon be out on a proposed change in membership titles. The survey will provide member opinions about a Request for NSB Board Action (RFBA) proposed by Richard Hamlin, Eastern Division Director. Hamlin's proposal, filed three years ago, would change the member classification "Auxiliary Patroller" to "Patroller" and change "Patroller" to either "Alpine Patroller" or "Nordic Patroller". In addition "Senior Auxiliary" and the current "Senior Patroller" would become either "Senior Alpine Patroller" or "Senior Nordic Patroller".

If adopted, numerous but relatively simple changes would be necessary in the *NSP Policies and Procedures* and other NSP documents and in NSP insignia.

The explanation and justification for RFBA 07-08 states that the new titles more accurately describe the roles of members in these membership categories and especially addresses that

the term "Auxiliary" does not truly reflect the level of service provided by this membership category.

Before a final determination is made, the NBOD directed that all of the documentary and supply changes and costs be estimated and that a membership survey on the proposal be conducted. Several questions related to the change are expected to be included in the survey.

Jim Woodrum, Central Division Director, urges that the 6000 members in Division give their serious consideration to the question and file their survey responses in a timely manner. "This is an issue that has many feelings and emotions on both sides. It is important that the membership guide the NSP leaders on where they stand on membership classification. This is the right way for members to provide inputs. Our organization will be guided by the majority opinions of those who provide inputs."