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Chris Raudabaugh, Ohio Region Director

Message from Chris Raudabaugh:

The Ohio Region hosted the 2019 Central Fall Meeting in bustling downtown Cleveland Sept 6-8. The event hosted many fun events that ranged from bike workshops to clay sporting. There were several education meetings and the Division board meeting. The event finished out with the awards banquet where we celebrated many award winners, and were entertained by a Beatles tribute band. Thanks to everyone who attended the event. And a BIG thank you to Guy Day and his committee of helpers that worked very hard to make this event happen.

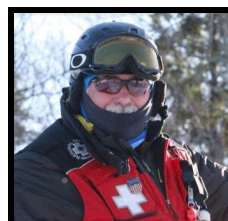
Many plans and schedules are underway for the fall and winter season. We have refreshers, TES's, SES's, Certified event, and Senior testing dates ready to be published. This should be available after Region Fall meeting currently planned for Oct 13th, Rusty Bucket, Olentangy River Rd, Columbus, OH. If you plan to attend, please consult the Ohio Region calendar for final details.

The big news in the Ohio Region is the recent announcement of Peak Resorts merging with Vail Resorts. The actual transaction has not taken place as of this writing, but it will most likely happen before the lifts in Ohio start spinning. It is difficult to guess how this might affect our Region. For those that are currently a Peak Resorts patroller, I ask that you continue doing the awesome professional jobs as patrollers. I'm sure there will be some positive effects that Vail will bring to our Ohio resorts

I ask that everyone interested in expanding their patroller leadership experience to please visit ohionsp.org <<http://ohionsp.org>> and check out the current open positions. We have a couple of opportunities that are open, and would like to see more applicants. Please check it out!

I hope to see as many Ohio Region patrollers as I can over this season, let's think snow!

CYA,
Chris Raudabaugh



Get Involved!

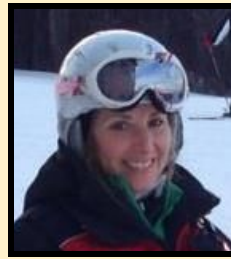
Soon it will be ski season and we will be heading to our local areas to begin another great winter as patrollers. This season, I would like to challenge you to get involved in the patrol outside of just the annual OEC Refresher and required duty shifts. The Ohio Region NSP offers many opportunities to expand your involvement as a patroller.

There are Ski/Ride and Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (SES's and TES's) for personal growth and skill development, Senior Ski and Toboggan clinics for those interested in Senior certification, and clinics for patrollers who wish to be involved as a trainer/evaluator for the Senior OEC program. Please refer to the Ohio Region website (www.ohionsp.org) for dates of upcoming events.

Also, there are several Leadership positions on the Ohio Region Staff that are open. If you are ready to get involved beyond the local level please check out the Ohio Region website for job descriptions and apply through the online application. The Ohio Region Board would love to welcome some new faces to the staff.

If you are not sure how to get involved in or have any questions regarding programs, clinics, or events in the Ohio Region please reach out to me. I'm happy to help.

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Region Records Digitization

It's time: The age of paper files and cluttered file cabinets is over. The Ohio Region is moving to digitized files and cloud storage to enable greater organizational efficiency, access to information and communication. We are looking for a Project Manager to lead this effort. There will be funding to cover outside services to help with digitizing existing paper files. This is a great opportunity to help at the Region level without a long term commitment, as this project is expected to be completed within this upcoming ski season. If you're interested, please go to the Region website and apply for the role!



Clara Hilgefort Assistant Region Director -- Administration

2019 DIVISION AND NATIONAL AWARDS RESULTS FRESH FROM THE SHORES OF LAKE ERIE AND THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME!



The Central Division Meeting is behind us now, and thanks to the crew at Boston Mills Brandywine Alpine Valley for all their work in putting together the meeting. The weather was fantastic, as was the friendship of patrollers from far away. As we know, all patrollers are family, no matter where they are. (The Tennessee Titans being in the same hotel was just a bonus.) The main purpose of the meeting was to celebrate our 2019 Awards winners, and as usual the Ohio Region was represented at both the division and national levels.

Central Division Certificates of Appreciation were presented for the Ohio Region patrollers who were very active in planning and running the fall Division meeting including Rose DeJarnette, Dave Baumlein, Janet Glaeser, Alida Moonen, Tom Ciranna, Scott Griffith, Harold Park, Lee Shirley, Mary Day, Bill Currier, Ron Gerdes, Chris Raudabaugh, Guy Day; Tim Chylik, Pat Conochan, Josh Herchl, Pawel Razny and Staci Kaliner.

Certified Certificates were presented to #826 Mark Branham PNS and #829 Tracy Buchanan BMBWAV

Central Division Certificates of Appreciation for patrollers for Quality Assurance for the 2018-2019 Senior program to OEC: Kim Durrum PNS, OET: Jay Zedak BMBWAV, and Troy Southwick MRM.

Central Division Outstanding Supervisor Award: Ron Gerdes, Perfect North Slopes

DIVISION DIRECTORS AWARD: Chris Raudabaugh, Mad River Mountain

Meritorious Service Awards: Dan Moss, Cheryl Raudabaugh MRM, Dale Mihuta PNS, Troy Southwick MRM

2018-2019 CENTRAL DIVISION OUTSTANDING FIRST RUNNERS-UP

OEC Instructor: Alida Moonen, Boston Mills/Brandywine/Alpine Valley, Ohio Region

2018-2019 CENTRAL DIVISION OUTSTANDINGS

Outstanding Alpine Patroller: Alex Herrmann of Perfect North Slopes Ski Patrol (Alex also receives the Yellow Merit Star from National in recognition of being Central Division's representative for National Judging.)

Outstanding Patrol Representative: Tom Ciranna of Boston Mills/Brandywine/Alpine Valley Ski Patrol. (Tom is further recognized as the **National Outstanding Patrol Representative** and also receives the National Outstanding Trophy and the Gold Merit Star from National.)

Lastly, Jim Woodrum of the Ohio Region (at least at heart) was inducted into the National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame.

So please congratulate our Division Runners up, winners and national winners when you see them next! **And as I always say – NOW is not too early to start working on awards for next year!**

Lori Ringley MHS PT

Ohio Region Awards Advisor



Mad River Mountain



Hello from the Top of Ohio:

Our training season is in full swing, we have had two candidates pass the written portion of the OEC test and will be holding the practical portion in October. September 15th, we held our annual OEC refresher. October will be a busy month for Mad River with our Ski Swap/ Fall Festival on Saturday October 5th. On October 12th and 13th the patrol will be working the Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience in Dayton at the Eastwood Metroparks as one of our fundraisers. On October 20th we will have our CPR/Lift evacuation refresher. Our Mountain host program has a new host rep Wally Taylor has agreed to step into the position, Wally's plan is to use the host program as a feeder to the Patroller status. We had 5 patrollers representing Mad River Mtn at the annual Central Division meeting.

At the fall division meeting, we had two Mad River patrollers among those recognized for outstanding achievement within the Central Division.



Cheryl Raudabaugh: Central Division Outstanding Supervisor, for work in the Skills Development Programs.

Troy Southwick: Division Directors Award, for implementing the toboggan instructor movement analysis program.



H. Scott Griffith, Patrol Director,
Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol





The OEC and ARM Modules of the Senior Program 2019-2020

As we approach the new season, plans are underway for the OEC Module of the Senior Program (OECMSP) and the Aid Room Module (ARM). Since this year's test is scheduled for the weekend of January 11 & 12, 2020 it is important that candidates identify themselves ASAP to the local trainer/evaluators and begin their preparations for one or both of the programs. Your leadership team for these programs include Alida Moonen – Region Administrator, Janet Glaeser – Senior Test Coordinator, and Julie DuChane – ARM Administrator.

Any Ohio Region patroller who has had a minimum of 1 ski season of experience is eligible to become involved in this program -- i.e. passing ski/snowboard/toboggan skills tests is NOT required.

Qualifications for becoming a candidate for the OEC Module event in January 2020 include:

- holding current OEC Technician and CPR cards
- submitting the Candidate Application form signed by your PD
- enrolling in a registered Senior Training Clinic for OEC on the NSP website
- completing all OECMSP training requirements which include
 - skills check offs
 - a minimum of 4 successful leads on training scenarios
 - written essay/discussion of 2 written senior scenarios and the development of a written senior level scenario
- submitting the region test registration form and paying the fee
- enrolling in the registered Senior Evaluation for OEC on the NSP website

Qualifications for becoming a candidate for the ARM include:

- The ARM specific training requirements which would replace those listed above include
 - Activity for Aid Room Design and Flow Process
 - Completion of Assignment Checklist
 - Written responses to a minimum of two scenarios,
 - Discussing the written assignments with one or more AR-MSP Trainers/Evaluators (T/E)
 - Demonstrating/discussing the topics/objectives during training sessions
 - Successful completion of a minimum of two practice scenarios

In order to ensure that all areas and candidates get the information they need to engage in training to prepare for the evaluation(s) we will hold conference calls that will be made accessible to all patrol leadership, TEs – especially the local training coordinator – and candidates for either of the 2 evaluations. This year's evaluations will be held on January 11 (ARM)-12 (OECMSP) at Mad River Mountain. Some program dates are listed below – others which are still tentative will be posted on the region website as soon as they are available.

The notification due on December 1, 2019 is not a firm commitment to take the test, and no fee is required at this point. It will allow us to pass on information candidates will need to complete the program. Your most important deadline will be **December 29, 2019**. On or before this date candidates must have submitted the Region Test Registration form, Region Event release form, test fees, written scenarios, and sign-off sheet for skills and scenarios. The completion and submission of this paperwork indicates a commitment to take the test, and withdrawal from the program after this date will result in forfeiting the test fee.

OEC and ARM Modules

Program Timeline

- Tuesday Oct 1, 2019 – initial conference call for organizational information. PD's and local training coordinators will be sent call-in information and will share with others wishing to participate.
- November 2019 – TE clinics, with final dates/locations TBA
- Week of Nov 18-22 2019 – second conference call to check on progress and field questions from all participants – final date TBA
- December 1, 2019 list of potential candidates sent to Janet/Julie
- December 29, 2019 final dates for application, scenarios and other paperwork due to Janet
- A 3rd conference call may be scheduled around this time if needed – date TBA
- January 11-12, 2020 ARM/OECMSP evaluation weekend.

For more information please visit the Ohio Region's website Senior Program page <http://www.ohionsp.org/programs/senior>. If you can't find what you're looking for or if you have additional questions, feel free to contact the OEC Senior Test Coordinator, Janet Glaeser (janet7409@cox.net).



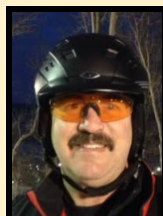
2019 – 2020 Ohio Region Senior Program

The 2018 – 2019 season was a great year for the Senior Program. The 2016/2017 Senior Ski and Toboggan test had to be cancelled due to weather, we then had 13 individuals take the Ski/Ride test and 11 individuals take the Toboggan test. We also had 10 individuals take the Senior OEC test. As a result, the Ohio Region gained 9 Senior Alpine Patrollers and 7 Senior Patrollers. Congratulations to all these individuals. I also would like to thank the Boston Mills/Brandywine ski area for hosting both events. This season, instead of a "test" weekend, we will be holding the various tests over two weekends. The Senior OEC test will be held on the weekend of January 11/12 at Mad River Mountain. The Senior Ski/Ride and Toboggan test will be held the weekend of February 8/9 at Perfect North Slopes. Additional details for each of these tests will be provided on the Senior Program page on the Ohio Region NSP site. In addition, Senior Specific Ski and Toboggan seminars are being scheduled.

For those of you that are interested in starting your Senior journey or want to find out more about the program, I encourage you to visit the Senior Program page on the Ohio Region Website <http://www.ohionsp.org/programs/senior>. I am in the process of updating this website for the 2019/2020 season. Very soon, this site will contain all the necessary applications, dates and links to any of the forms that you will need. You will be setting yourself up for success by reading through all of the information and making sure that you have the correct deadlines for applications and sign-offs for each of the modules.

I look forward to a very successful season for all our new and current Senior Candidates! Please feel free to reach out to me and let me know what I can do to help you along on your journey!

Kevin Rankey
Ohio Region Senior Program Advisor
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Ohio Region NSP-C Snowsports School



Hello Ski/Ride Enthusiasts!

This year I'm excited to serve you in the role of Snowsports School Advisor, administering our Ski and Ride training programs in the Ohio Region. As fall approaches, we are already gearing up for a great season of events! So, what are YOU doing to improve your ski/ride skills this year?? The region Snowsports school traveling instructors are here to help. Of course we will have opportunities for those working on certifications or advanced roles to train, but we also have some great plans to provide EVERY patroller an opportunity to enhance your skills on the hill, making you not only a more proficient patroller, but also adding to your enjoyment on the snow through increased confidence and skills in handling a variety of terrain. In addition, we plan to offer local trainers a chance to work on their instructing skills.

This year we have just over 1,000 registered patrollers in the Ohio Region, with an average age of 55 yrs and patrolling service of 17 years. Let's see if we can get 20% taking a ski/ride seminar this year – are you ready for the challenge to step it up a notch?

Listed below are some initial Ski/Ride Enhancement opportunities that are already scheduled and approved by the local areas. Sign up options will be available starting as early as October. Pencil in desired times/locations on your calendar now, then keep an eye on your email and the region website for announcements so that you can secure your spot early.

When	Where	What & For Whom
Jan 4	Boston Mills	Skills Development Workshop for Alpine Sr level Evaluators (invite only)
Jan 11	Perfect North Slopes	*Ski/Ride Enhancement for all Patrollers
Jan 25	Boston Mills	Senior Alpine Training and Test Prep, limited enrollment
Jan 25	Paoli Peaks	*Ski/Ride Enhancement for all Patrollers
Jan 26 (Sun)	Alpine Valley	*Ski/Ride Enhancement for all Patrollers
Jan 31 (Fri)	Perfect North Slopes	*Ski/Ride Enhancement for all Patrollers
Feb 1	Mad River Mountain	*Ski/Ride Enhancement for all Patrollers
Feb 2 (Sun)	Snow Trails	*Ski/Ride Enhancement for all Patrollers
Feb 9 (Sun)	Perfect North Slopes	Region Senior Alpine Testing for accepted candidates

***SES events open to all patrollers are expected to include: Senior Training and Test Prep, Open Training for skills development of any patroller to enhance their skills and enjoyment on the slopes, PSIA certification prep, Local Trainers skill enhancement, and video analysis.**
Looking forward to seeing many of you on the slopes!



CHERYL RAUDABAUGH, SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL ADVISOR

Central Division Certified Program

Did you know there are roughly 27,000 active patrollers in the entire National Ski Patrol? Did you also know that in the 50-year history of the Certified Program, there have been less than 850 Certified Patrollers? That makes a pretty elite group and a goal any motivated patroller can strive to complete.



The Certified Program trains patrollers to serve within the region, division, and nationally in a wide variety of leadership roles and capacities. The group focuses on skill development and verification and serves as an easily-identifiable resource to local ski areas. Is that you? Do you want that to be you? It's a challenge to take on, but the fulfillment and opportunities to give back far outweigh the challenge.

Here's what you need to know:

1. The Ohio Region website is a great resource to learn more: www.ohionsp.org/programs/certified
2. A qualification clinic is held at the beginning of every year to qualify new candidates AND allow patrollers to observe and learn more about the program. The date for that is still TBD. Location is Perfect North Slopes.
3. Those interested in qualifying must meet certain criteria and complete an application by December 31, 2019. The criteria and application can be found on the Ohio Region webpage (www.ohionsp.org/programs/certified). Completed apps must be turned into Dave McKinley (that's me) by December 31, 2019. Email: davemckinley4@yahoo.com
4. Those interested in observing at the clinic should send me an email. If you have questions, there are quite a few Certified Patrollers in the Ohio Region that would be excited to talk more.
5. The annual Certified Exam will be held at Marquette Mountain in Marquette, MI, February 27-29, 2020.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me – davemckinley4@yahoo.com



Alumni

It's almost time for another season with the NSP. The Ohio Region hosted the Central Division fall meeting and banquet in downtown Cleveland in September. Several Alumni from around the Division attended including yours truly who hosted the hospitality suite. Alumni ranks continue to grow and gain increased importance within the NSP. There are now new Alumni advisors at the national level (Tim Viall) and two Central Division advisors (Mark Holtan, West and Bob Knox, East). I personally met Mark and Bob at the meeting and found them to be very supportive of the Alumni program and to be readily available to help resolve any issues or questions that may arise. Also, Lori Ringley, Region Awards Advisor, and I met with Dick Jacques, Division Awards Advisor, to explain



deficiencies in data recorded in the registration database that we use to determine eligibility for Service awards. Because of this we have had to email Alumni and ask them to confirm their start date with NSP and to indicate what patrol they were associated with when they were active patrollers. Dick indicated that he would raise this issue with the national office to see whether it can be resolved by the time we receive the next registration data base in the spring of 2020.

Those who are currently registered Alumni with NSP should now be receiving Alumni E-News, a bi-monthly publication of information, such as how to register, current events and member profiles, that may be of interest to Alumni. To view the latest as well as past issues follow the below link <https://www.nsp.org/NSPMember/Programs/Alumni/NSPMember/Alumni.aspx?hkey=2573ec00-3232-491f-b510-b2445a426211>.

Once again it's time for Alumni to register and pay dues to National (dues have increased to \$35 which is consistent with the overall increase in NSP dues). Current members will receive an email containing registration instructions. New members should follow the procedure outlined in the National Ski Patrol Alumni Manual that can be found on the NSP web site. If you know of anyone who is considering retirement from active patrolling, please encourage them to consider becoming an NSP Alumni. Among the other benefits you will continue to earn credits for your years of service, have full access to the NSP web site including the NSP Store, receive NSP publications, including the Alumni E-News mentioned above, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow patrollers. If you are an instructor in an NSP program you may be able to continue in that role as an Alumni. Contact your local patrol director to learn more.

Bill Currier,
Region Alumni Advisor



Please send any and all articles, photos, & submissions to downhilleditor@gmail.com. The winter edition will be published January 1st, 2020. Send all submissions by December 15, 2019.

Any ski patrol members may send newsworthy items of interest!

Leah H. Morgan, Downhill Editor



