



the REGIONAL

Eastern Pennsylvania Region - National Ski Patrol

What Do All These Changes Mean To Us

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Change of Address

Address changes should be sent to your Patrol Director and to the NSPS National Office, 133 South Van Gordon Street, Lakewood, CO 80228.

Articles

EPA NSP members and patrols are encouraged to submit articles for publication. All submissions must be received by June 1 of the year of publication. Articles may be sent to the Regional editor.

At the last Board of Directors meeting in June, the proposal to restructure the board was overwhelmingly approved. The new board will consist of twelve members plus the national chairman who will vote in case of a tie.

Members will be chosen rather than elected based on experience and expertise in fields where there is a need. Several checks and balances were put into place to prevent this new board from becoming a self-sustaining club of good friends. Term limits, staggered terms and an independent selection committee are just a few of them.

The new board will concern itself only with matters of strategic importance to the national organization. Issues such as stronger alliances with industry partners such as NSAA, equipment and clothing manufactures, and other sponsors and how to make NSP more valuable to area management will be just a few of their concerns.

We all hope that these changes will help to strengthen our organization and get it moving in the right direction to preserve it for future generations. Any NSP member in good standing may apply to the selection committee for consideration for a seat on the BOD.

On the division and region levels, what does all this mean to us and how will it impact on what we do? With the new

board's charter in place, it will no longer concern itself with matters of local interest. This leaves divisions to determine their own fate in regards to issues such as the size of the division, boundary lines, regions, governance (how leaders are chosen) and program delivery. The division may chose to divide itself into smaller more manageable divisions, redraw regional boundaries and determine how RDs and SCs are selected if in fact these offices are kept, and how our many programs are delivered to our members.

The Eastern Division has a transition committee in place at this time to study these issues. No decisions have been made at this time, only discussions of a very general nature have taken place. With the Eastern Division comprising nearly a third of all NSP membership, it seems likely that some reorganization will be suggested. Hopefully, this committee will have a series of recommendations for consideration by the spring officers meeting. Clearly, any changes that are decided upon will require 1-2 years to implement.

I think that the potential implications of all of this are obvious. We just have to be patient. For more information on these changes, see an excellent write up by Jerry Sherman that is posted on our website.

John Pelliciotta

NORTHERN SECTION

Tom Kneiss

Section Staff

OEC Coordinator: Chuck Fountain

S&T Advisors: Ken Kelly

Awards Advisor: Roeb Gravel

Media & Info: Rick Hopkins

Once again the Northern Section was rocked with the loss of one of its patrollers. **Tom Fountain of the Elk Patrol passed away while hunting.** It was activity he loved as much as skiing. Tom is considered the father of telemark skiing at Elk and in the Northern Section. So whether your heels are locked down or free, please remember Tom in your thoughts and in your prayers as you make turns this season.

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Mother Nature threw another curve ball at the ski area managers this year. Everyone had to scramble to get snow made and opened during the Christmas week. This was the latest opening date anyone can remember since snowmaking was introduced. Most areas reported higher than normal skier visits for January and February, attributing the increase to southern skiers traveling farther north to find more open terrain and better conditions.

The usual events were held in the section with a few last minute additions. When lack of snow at Whitetail Ski Area almost caused the cancellation of the Senior S&T, an all out effort was made by **Sam Arfenalla** (Montage Patrol), **Bill Jordan** and

Bob Bluff (Elk Patrol) to get the Montage Ski Area approved as Senior S&T terrain.

Montage was a gracious host and the two-day Senior S&T evaluation was held on Presidents Day weekend to the relief of the patrollers who trained all season for that day. A one-day Senior S&T challenge was held a few weeks later at Elk Mountain. It was also a great success.

Ski Big Bear at the Mast Hope Ski Area also stepped up to the plate after the season was over when the EPA Region put together a last minute MTR course and the Northern Section was asked if one of the sections ski areas would be able to host this course.

Mast Hope Patrol Representative, **Jerry Dulay did a great job** making all the arrangements for the MTR people to come in and put on this program with short notice. This kind of commitment to NSP was one of the reasons why **Jerry was selected Eastern Division Outstanding Patrol Representative.**

Sectional awards - Elk patroller **Ken Kelly selected as the Section Outstanding Instructor** for his commitment to training patrollers in the S&T discipline in section level and in division level. Last March, **Ken also completed a major**

accomplishment by becoming the regions latest Certified Patroller.

Mast Hope Rapids patroller, **John Jagger was selected as the Section MVP.** John is a veteran NSP patroller with 38 years of service. He has contributed greatly to every patrol he has been registered with.

**Congratulations
John Jagger
Ken Kelly
Jerry Dulay
for a job well done for
their patrols and the
Northern Section.**

Two OEC courses are planned for the up coming season - one in the fall at Montage and another during the ski season at Mast Hope. Contact the PD for more information about these courses or to help instruct. It's a great way to brush up on your First Aid skills.

This will be my last season as Section Chief and the last section article I write for the newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the section for their support and hope I have served you well over the past six years.

Tom

CENTRAL SECTION

Kirk Moyer

Section Staff

OEC Coordinator: Doug Howett

S&T Advisors: Dave Wells

Kurt Adams

Awards Advisor: Ken Gabel

Media & Info: Kurt Adams

The Central Section had another good year with many members completing NSP educational courses and enhancing their skills.

**Sectional Alpine II
Toboggan Clinic
(S&T Road Show)
celebrated its third
year**

In addition, the Sectional Alpine II Toboggan Clinic (S&T Road Show) celebrated its third year and once again the instructors conducted clinics at four mountains in the Central Section.

The clinic was well received and approximately 80 patrollers participated in this year's event. The fourth edition of the S&T road show is already being planned.

At Blue Marsh, **Jim Hammill pitched in as the interim patrol director. Eric Hess, the current patrol director, was sent to Europe for seven months** by his company. **We thank Jim for taking over the reigns in Eric's absence.**

For Blue Marsh ski area it was another good year. The expanded tubing run was a big success. Because of the change

in padding and the slope of the run out the number of accidents decreased.

Prior to the start of the season Blue Marsh held another well-organized OEC refresher. The Blue Marsh patrol is also gained some new OEC Instructors this season.

At Blue Mountain, **Jim Dailey completed his first year as patrol director.** The patrol has expanded their role and taken on the responsibility of skier safety.

Twelve new candidates were trained during the past season and the number of patrollers continues to increase. As always, Blue Mountain hosted a number of NSP functions and a few patrollers achieved Senior Patroller status.

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At Spring Mountain, the patrol finished their second year under new management. The patrol hosted an OEC refresher and trained several new candidates.

The patrol oversaw the newly created Incident Investigation Team that was responsible for collecting information after serious accidents. During the off season a new patrol room is being built and the patrol is providing coverage for mountain bike races.

At Eagle Rock, the patrol enjoyed another good season at this ski and golf resort in Hazleton. The number of skier visits continues to increase every year and the patrol continues to host regional events. This year the patrol hosted the Level I Avalanche course and will host two EPA Regional events next year. The patrol continues to look for new candidates to add to their roster.

At Bear Creek, the patrol trained some new candidates and hosted a Senior OEC refresher. The patrol introduced a new paperless computer system for accident reporting and tracking. The patrol increased the number of OEC instructors and has some candidates in the Senior program. **Bill Brown was re-elected as patrol director** and starting his second two year term.

Kirk

SOUTHWEST SECTION

Jack Peck

For not having more than 9" of snow, we did all right in the Southwest Section business-wise. Financially, some did better than others; however it was not the disaster one might have expected.

Student Program

Brant Maley has accepted the position of Student Advisor for the Southwest Section. He will work closely with each ski area's Student Advisor, assisting them to establish a sound program so students have an opportunity to be introduced to the Ski Patrol experience.

Whitetail Ski Area has a program outline that they are willing to share with other Patrols. It includes all facets of the program from the patrol management side.

Ski Roundtop students excelled this past season by being part of the team that took first place at the Montage Patroller Competition held in February. The first prize consisted of a check for \$500 and a new Cascade toboggan for their ski area. The students from that team, consisting of **Krista Bensel, Kyle Helm and Ian Sheffer** used the money to attend the Division Student Competition at Smugglers Notch, Vermont. **Kyle Helm finished #1 overall with a 1st place in the toboggan competition, Krista Bensel took first place in the skiing competition and 3rd place overall, Ian Sheffer took 11th place in the OEC Competition.** Each of the students worked very hard preparing for the events and it certainly paid off for them.

The Senior Program

We always have had a strong presence in the Senior Program and I am happy to report that continues.

The Southwest Section was fortunate to have added a number of new Seniors to help assure the quality of patrolling at our areas.

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Why do we feel it is so important to push the Senior Program at that time? New patrollers are still in the learning curve and are probably as efficient in their OEC skills as they will become unless they are in the healthcare field. They also are eager to learn more of the other aspects associated with patrolling i.e. Mountain Search and Rescue, Avalanche, or becoming an instructor, that will assist them in becoming a better patroller.

Each of us is always trying to improve our S&T skills. What a great way to accomplish this.

Skiing Safety Initiative

A Skiing Safety Initiative has been started at all the SW Section areas. This combined initiative of the three areas was precipitated by an influx of teenagers who come for night skiing and disregard the safety of other skiers and demonstrate poor behavioral actions.

Each area will have a committee made up of personnel from all appropriate area departments which will deal with all safety and behavioral issues that may develop anywhere on the premises. The program is education-based but will include punitive action guidelines.

Some initiatives being considered to reinforce safety and conduct guidelines are: material sent home to parents, education of all ski club school advisors and leaders, group talks when they arrive at the area, signage at critical points at the area, safety discussions during Ski School lessons, and on-the-hill Ski Patrol and Mountain Safety awareness.

As we consider ourselves family areas, this will reinforce those values.

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The Pocono Section Report is not published in this issue of **the REGIONAL**. The report was not received in time to be included before the newsletter had to be sent to the printers. Information is available on the EPA web page <http://www.nspepa.org>.

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Other

Bob Scarlett, Eastern Division Legal Advisor, who patrols at Ski Liberty, hosted a crab feast at Pasadena on the Chesapeake Bay for the patrols of the Southwest Section. I understand this was an unofficial NSP gathering. Participants had a great time boating, sailboarding, swimming, biking and just having fun. The camaraderie was great as it gave all who attended a chance to renew old acquaintances and get to know the patrollers from their sister patrols. Of course the highlight was the crabs! All you could eat, plus all the other dishes everyone brought. I know those who attended will be looking for a repeat next year. See what you've started!

What's New and Coming

During the summer, Whitetail Ski Area went through major lodge renovations. The expansion included new administrative offices, which had been off-site prior to this, a new ski shop, and expanded/renovated guest area. This is worth seeing, so come on down and ski at Whitetail. Also, for the night skiers, lights are being added to two additional expert slopes to accommodate the better skiers.

Ski Liberty is relocating their Half Pipe. The new location will give easier and better access for the boarders. It will be located directly above the Chapel.

Both Whitetail and Liberty will be joining the world of tubing. Each area has put in a new Tubing area for their guests to enjoy.

Ski Roundtop's primary thrust this summer and fall will be the completion of a water supply project. Their lack of water used for snowmaking has been an ongoing problem for some time. The drought years we have experienced recently have left them guessing as to their ability to cover the mountain with snow. This project should alleviate the water problem.

Congratulations!

(Awards for the 2001-2002 Season)

Ed (Fast Eddie) Hirshman, Ski Roundtop, retired EPA Region Director, received EPA Region and Eastern Division Outstanding Administrative Ski Patroller Award. He was also presented with a Gaveled Plaque from the Region in appreciation for his many years of diligent service as EPA Region Director. At the Albany Eastern

Division Meeting

Ed was presented a National Black DeMerit Star. (For details on this award, see Ed)

Harry Goldman, Ski Liberty, received EPA Region, Eastern Division and National Outstanding Auxiliary Award

Bob Davies, Ski Roundtop, received the National MSA Award (Meritorious Service)

Bob Scarlett, Ski Liberty, received the National DSA Award (Distinguished Service Award)

David Weiss, Ski Liberty, received SW Section MVP Award

Bill Capers, Ski Roundtop, received runner-up SW Section MVP Award

Jeff Marks, Ski Roundtop, received his Nations Number

Dick Bensel, Ski Roundtop, received his National Number

Greg Johnson, Ski Roundtop, received a National Black DeMerit Star (Certified Program)

Jack

AVALANCHE PROGRAMS 2001-2002

Rich Hartman – Program Administrator

The 2002 EPA Basic Avalanche class was held at Eagle Rock ski Area last season. Eagle Rock is a little Pennsylvania secret spot just outside of Hazleton.

It's the kind of area that harkens back to the sixties - friendly lift attendants, no long weekend lift lines and a long thoughtful ride to the top of the mountain. The twenty-five AVYI students and instructors took full use of their wonderful facilities.

The natural snow conditions were marginal last year so the snowmaking team spent days blowing successive layers of snow just outside of the base lodge to accommodate the snow science section of the class.

They also went out of their way to create an artificial cornice off the top of their tubing hill with a slope of thirty-eight degrees. We put all of this to good use in the second half of the class when we went out doors

The first half of the course is spent indoors discussing what makes an avalanche happen.

The students already have a foundation from reading the text "Snow Sense" by Jill Fredston and Doug Fessler. Jill and Doug wrote the text to be the perfect primer on backcountry safety and have succeeded admirably.

The indoor portion is a series of intensive lectures and discussions on everything from slope angle to transceiver use with a heavy dose of snow science thrown in.

It's a lot in a short period of time but in order to cover all of the material a level I course needs to have it all.

Our standards are set high in order to be in compliance with international organizations. What this means for the student who goes on to Tuckerman's Ravine, the western US or Europe to take a level II course, will have the necessary prerequisites to be there.

Our standards are set high...

The second half of the day is spent outdoors and is all hands on. The students develop basic proficiency with avalanche transceivers; learn to read slope angle; gain an understanding of slope aspect, and spend a good deal of time digging and analyzing snow pits.

Of course there is a simulated burial so the student gets to spend time in a probe line pounding aluminum poles in the snow looking for dummies.

Everyone seems to enjoy that experience.

This year the EPA Avalanche Educational Team takes the show on the road to the western section of the region. We will be at Roundtop on February 8, 2003.

We do expect to have full class so if you are interested you should sign up early because there is reading assignment to do before the course date.

Please date your checks February 1, 2003. This makes things much easier for the regional treasurer who sometimes has difficulty cashing those checks that were written in June.

Once again I would like to **thanks the folks at Eagle Rock for making the 2002 course such a success.**

Rich Hartman

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT

Flo Rutherford – Program Administrator

Phase II programs have officially been phased out. If you would like to become an instructor in some ski patrol discipline, Instructor Development is the only course you must attend.

The class is held the first Saturday in May and the first Saturday in December. This **December's class is scheduled for December 7, 2002 at Blue Mountain Ski Area.**

Once you complete this class, you enter the mentoring program specific to your teaching discipline.

An instructor mentor and an

Instructor Trainer guide your development and mentoring your progress. You go at your own pace. There are no time constraints. Also, the mentoring can be done in the comfort and convenience of your own area.

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This past May we had a full class. OEC instructor wannabes' slightly out-numbered the S&T instructor wannabes. There was one candidate for MTR.

The OEC instructor candidates will be ready for mentoring during the upcoming Fall refreshers and OEC candidate classes. I'm sure the S&T instructor candidates will be eager to get their mentoring process started once the snow flies. Hopefully, you will recognize our new, energetic instructors this coming year.

IF you are giving thought to becoming an instructor, sign up early for the December 7th Instructor Development class.

Hope to see you this December!

Flo

MOUNTAIN TRAVEL AND RESCUE

Bernie McManus - MTR Program Administrator

WHO - All patrollers who have an interest in advancement of their rating to Senior patroller or who wish to know how to enjoy the outdoor winter experience, instead of just being able to bear it.

WHAT - A 12 hour weekend course in winter outdoor skills, including travel on snow, camping, compass familiarization and orienteering, knot and rope skills, belaying skills, winter outdoor cooking and gear, and updated search and rescue practices.

WHEN / WHERE - November 23 and 24, 2001 at Eagle Rock Ski Area All day Saturday and finish by noon on Sunday. Start time is 8:00 AM on the first day of class.

WHY - Just for the fun of updating your outdoor winter survival skills or improving your self image, earning an elective toward your senior rating, or even making your patrol leader sit up and notice the new you. Besides we are fortunate to have the most experienced, wild-eyed teaching staff this side of the Rockies. A more appropriate question would be **why not?**

COST - Registrations accepted up to the week of the fall OEC course at Montage, but class will not to exceed 30 students. So early registration does count.

Check for tuition (\$25 to "EPA Region NSP"; \$32.50 for non-patrollers) **must accompany registration** and should be mailed to **Bernie McManus, 1241 E Strasburg Rd, West Chester, Pa. 19380.**

Final details mailed the week before the scheduled course date.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS – RU actively involved?

Ed Hirshman – Special Olympics Advisor

My thanks to past advisor **Bill Charron** for getting myself and over a dozen others actively involved with those great athletes these past couple of years. As Certified Special Olympics Alpine Skiing Coaches, we were deeply involved and we had some great learning experiences ourselves along with all of the volunteers and athletes.

Bill tried to gather feedback from our region members on any involvement with Special Olympics athletes, especially alpine skiing and their local area patrol supported activities. Sorry to say only known reported activities were from the Southwest section's Ski Roundtop. Lets expand this request for any patrol or members services to these athletes to include other sports year round as it would be interesting to see if there is any active involvement here in our beloved region.

In Area M we were working with athletes of all ages and we learned not to call them 'kids', as some were adults even though a majority was high school aged students.

Email Eddie
hirshman@att.net
Let him know what
you are to going to do
to support Special
Olympics

Area M's head **Alpine Skiing Coach Kathy Charron** will be holding another Coaches Clinic this December for those interested. Area M includes Cumberland, Perry and Dauphin counties.

This coming season, **SW Section Chief Jack Peck and Ski Roundtop's Mollie Clark and Roger Gorman** will be

joining the ranks of coaches that include **Bob Hall, Bob Davies** and many more.

Bottom line is - Lets hear back from you. We know there are members working with these greathearted athletes in our region. Send me an email at hirshman@att.net

If you want information on Pennsylvania Special Olympics activities, check out their website <http://www.paso.org>

Its fun and a heartwarming experience to be actively involved with these types of local community services.

eddie

Historians Needed!

Ellie Jessum – Region Historian

As of now EPA patrols have given me the following historians"

Bear Creek	Dave Peterson
Blue Mountain	Larry Jones Jr.
Spring Mountain	Eleanor Jessum
Upper Delaware	Pat King

I would like an historian from every patrol to work with me. The

history of EPA is falling between the cracks. Please let us give honor to all those who have served by getting on paper our history.

Send your name with Patrol to

Eleanor Jessum
410 Houseman Road
Perkimomenville, PA 18704

Or email me at NSP@iglide.net

Anyone who has old directories we need them. Also facts from when PA became a region and our early officers.

Ellie

The More Things Change...

Jim Policelli - Safety Advisor

A lot has changed in skiing and the ski industry over the decades many of us have been ski patrolling. Snowmaking, trail design, lifts, customer accommodations and even the care we patrollers provide have improved remarkably making the sport safer and more pleasurable.

The same goes for ski equipment. The ski itself offers better performance and enjoyment for all levels of skiers. Of particular interest to us, as patrollers, are the release system improvements. These have been highly successful in reducing the incidence of sprains and fractures at and around the ankle.

The companies making this equipment are very good at what they do. They have to be. There is no place in the industry for anything less than the best. Only the best have survived into the modern era of skiing.

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Things sure have changed but the more things change the more confusing it is for us first-aiders.

We have seen skis get longer; then shorter; then longer, and then shorter again. We have seen skis change shape.

Through all of that, though skis always had release systems made by the few companies who had advanced the science of bindings and boots - until now.

In recent seasons, we have seen the wide proliferation on the slopes of "*not-quite-skis*" - known to many as *Snow Blades*. These "*not-quite-skis*" snow blades may be barely longer than a ski boot or up to about 100 centimeters and people use them without release bindings!

Numbers of these snow blades users are landing in the first aid room with sprains and fractures at and around the ankle.

Numbers of these snow blades users are landing in the first aid room with sprains and fractures at and around the ankle. These injuries have been relatively rare in recent decades.

But that's not the whole story. Recently my grandkids came of an age when it was time to show them the slopes. While shopping for ski equipment for them, I found a large stock of children's skis that looked about

right, but I couldn't figure out how the release system worked.

There was none!

When I questioned this, the sales person explained, "...these [*not-quite-skis*" snow blades] would only be expected for use on the 'little hills'. When the child goes to the 'big hill', he/she would get different skis."

This was not a toy store. It was a well-known and highly respected ski shop.

With all the industry sensitivity to injury avoidance, why revert to equipment with non-release bindings? Lower cost has to be a big factor. Eliminating the couple hundred dollars that release bindings would cost certainly improves affordability. But when the economy is directed heavily toward children and novices, we've got to question if this is the right direction to go.

I'm interested in your comments - Email me at jpolice@enter.net

Jim

2001 – 2002

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Robert Bluff	NOV 2001
Dave Crouthamel	FEB 2001
John Pellicciotta	NOV 2001
Robert Scarlett	NOV 2001

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

Robert Davies	APR 2002
G. Roebing Gravel	NOV 2001
Bob Hall	APR 2002
Gerit Lewisch	NOV 2001

NA / LCA APPOINTMENTS

Listed by Appointment Number

(NA = even numbers / LCA odd numbers)

Walt Larken	Spring Mountain	# 8279
Ellie Jessum	Spring Mountain	# 8285
James Dailey	Blue Mountain	# 9450
Walt Peters	Camelback	# 9528
Sharon Friedel	Blue Mountain	# 9530

EPA REGIONAL AWARDS

PARTNERS IN INDUSTRY AWARD

(Irv Naylor Award)

For Extraordinary and Outstanding Service to the Ski Industry awarded to any individual, organization or corporation.

Ray Tuthill
Blue Mountain Ski Area

ANNUAL SERVICE AWARD

Robert Hall Ski Roundtop

OUTSTANDING ALPINE PATROL

Jack Frost Ski Patrol

OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATIVE

PATROLLER *(George Helwig Award)*

Ed Hirshman Ski Roundtop

OUTSTANDING ALPINE PATROLLER

(Gordon Bell Award)

Phil Barker Bear Creek

OUTSTANDING AUXILIARY PATROLLER

Harry Goldman Ski Liberty

OUTSTANDING PATROL DIRECTOR *(Bill Ballek Award)*

Gerry Dulay Mast Hope Rapids

OUTSTANDING STUDENT *(Dave Crouthamel Award)*

Steve Snyder Bear Creek

OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTOR *(Bill Sachs Award)*

Flo Rutherford Jack Frost

SECTION OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTORS

Mike Honigman	Central Section
Ken Kelly	Northern Section
Flo Rutherford	Pocono Section
Niles Johnson	Southwest Section

OTHER AWARDS

Blue Merit Star:

Howard Daughtry — Ski Liberty

Purple Merit Stars:

Richard McVeigh — Ski Liberty

Yellow Merit Stars:

Art Blake — Montage
Sandy Dredge — Blue Mountain
John Henderson — Ski Liberty
Ken Kelly — Elk Mountain
Brant Maley — Ski Roundtop
Donald Refice — Montage
Dr. John Richard Ruby — Montage

National Certificates of Appreciation:

Blue Mountain Ski Area (25 years)
Blue Mountain Ski Patrol (25 years)

Regional Certificates of Appreciation:

The entire EPA Regional staff and officers each received an individual Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of their time and effort given in an active supportive role from Ed Hirshman as the outgoing regional director. A special thank you to the EPA Region ski areas that hosted the many alpine and nordic regional events, i.e., OEC and S&T refreshers, seminars, clinics, evaluations and meetings throughout the 2001/2002 ski season.

Awards

by Sandy Dredge

As of May 1, 2002

Patroller Cross:

Barbara Hampel — Camelback	2000/2001
Tom Lurz — Camelback	2000/2001
Paul Shiner — Ski Roundtop	2000/2001
Larry Wenrich — Bear Creek	2000/2001

ANNUAL SECTION MVP AWARD (*Most Valuable Patroller*)

Central Section.....Rick Volinsky (Spring Mt.)

Northern Section.....John Jagger (Mast Hope)
Certificate(s): Joe Lopue (Tanglwood)
Bob Dourand (Montage)
Dave Guceini (Upper Delaware)
Aaron Phillips (Mt. Tone)
Len Holzman, (Elk Mt.)

Pocono Section.....Davin Bridges (Shawnee)
Certificate(s): Maggie Carter (Saw Creek)
Eugene Jack (Alpine Mt.)
Dave Johnson (Camelback)
Ed Solt (Jack Frost)
Frank Bosco (Big Boulder)

Southwest Section.....David Weiss (Ski Liberty)
Certificate Bill Capers (Ski Roundtop)

Check our website at www.nspepa.org.

Thank you to all the NSP members who contributed their time and expertise towards making the EPA Region Awards Program a success and making my position both challenging and rewarding for the past seven (7) years.

REMEMBER — It is strongly recommended that all patrols maintain a complete up-to-date profile form on each patroller.

Congratulations and continued success to all award recipients — *you deserve the best!*

**EASTERN DIVISION AWARDS
Presented April 28, 2001
Albany, New York**

**Outstanding Administrative Patroller
HOWIE WYANDT**

**Outstanding Alpine Patroller
KEN GABLE**

**Outstanding Patrol Director
DAVID SILVERSTEIN**

**Outstanding Professional
JOSEPH JOYCE**

**Outstanding Auxiliary
JIM GREEN**

All Outstanding Division recipients will receive a Merit Star following the National Awards presentation scheduled June 2001.

Remember:

***IF YOU CAN DREAM IT,
YOU CAN DO IT!***

EASTERN PA REGION CALENDAR - June 2002 - May 2003 *dated 14 April 2002*

Please check www.nspepa.org for late breaking calendar revisions

June 22 2002 Saturday

OEC I.T. PLANNING MEETING, BLUE MOUNTAIN

July 20 Saturday

DIVISION SENIOR EMER. MGT, MODULE TRAINER-EVALUATOR CERTIFICATION,
SKI ROUNDTOP – **1-DAY EVENT**

September 08 Sunday

OEC INSTRUCTOR REFRESHER, SKI LIBERTY

September 21 Saturday

OEC INSTRUCTOR REFRESHER, BLUE MOUNTAIN

September 22 Sunday

OEC INSTRUCTOR REFRESHER, MONTAGE

October 05 Saturday

OEC PATROLLER REFRESHER, SHAWNEE

October 06 Sunday

OEC PATROLLER REFRESHER, BLUE MARSH
OEC PATROLLER REFRESHER, SKI ROUNDTOP

October 13 Sunday

OEC PATROLLER REFRESHER, BIG BOULDER

October 19 Saturday

OEC PATROLLER REFRESHER, MONTAGE

October 26 Saturday

OEC PATROLLER REFRESHER, ELK MOUNTAIN

October 27 Sunday

OEC PATROLLER REFRESHER, BLUE MOUNTAIN

November 02 Saturday

OEC PATROLLER REFRESHER, SKI LIBERTY
OEC PATROLLER REFRESHER, SPRING MOUNTAIN

November 10 Sunday 9:00am

EPA LINE OFFICERS & STAFF MEETING, BIG BOULDER

November 23-24 Saturday & Sunday

MOUNTAIN TRAVEL & RESCUE, EAGLE ROCK
2-DAY EVENT

December 07 Saturday

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE
BLUE MOUNTAIN

December 15 Sunday

S&T REGION STAFF MEETING, EAGLE ROCK

January 11 - 12, 2003 Saturday & Sunday

EPA S&T PTLR SCHOOL/SR. CLINIC/SR. CE, ELK MT.
2-DAY EVENT

January 12, Sunday

SENIOR EMER. MANAGEMENT MODULE CLINIC
SPRING MOUNTAIN
MID WINTER SECTION CHIEF MTG., SPRING MT.

January 19 Sunday

SKIING -TOBOGGAN CLINIC
JACK FROST

January 25 Saturday

SR. EMER. MANAGEMENT MODULE CLINIC,
BLUE MOUNTAIN
STUDENT OEC CLINIC, BLUE MOUNTAIN

January 25-26 Saturday & Sunday

DIVISION S&T PTRL SCHOOL, SKI WINDHAM, NY
2-DAY EVENT

February 1 - 2 Saturday & Sunday

SKI W/INSTRUCTOR PROG., ELK MT. **2-DAY EVENT**

February 01 Saturday

SKIING -TOBOGGAN CLINIC - WHITETAIL

February 08 Saturday

LEVEL 1 AVALANCHE COURSE, SKI ROUNDTOP

February 09 Sunday

PATROLLER SKILLS COMPETITION, MONTAGE

February 15 Saturday

STUDENT S&T CLINIC – BLUE MOUNTAIN

February 16 Sunday

SENIOR EMER. MANAGEMENT MODULE EVALUATION,
SKI LIBERTY

February 23 Sunday

WOMEN'S TOBOGGAN ENHANCEMENT SEMINAR
MONTAGE

March 01 Saturday

SENIOR EMER. MANAGEMENT MODULE EVALUATION,
MONTAGE

March 8 Saturday

SENIOR S&T EVALUATION, ELK MT

April 5 Saturday

PTLR. ENRICHMENT SEMINAR, BLUE MOUNTAIN

April 12, Saturday 9:00 am

EPA LINE OFFICERS - STAFF MEETING, BLUE MT.

April 25 Friday – 27 Sunday

DIVISION OFFICERS MEETING, ALBANY, NY

May 03 Saturday

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE,
BLUE MOUNTAIN

May 17 Saturday

MEMORIAL GOLF EVENT – BUCKHILL GOLF COURSE

**PLEASE SIGN – UP EARLY FOR THOSE
EVENTS REQUIRING PRE-REGISTRATION. ALL
EVENTS START @ 8 A.M. UNLESS NOTED....**

YR. 2002- 2003 EPA PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Complete this form and mail it to the appropriate Program Advisor 30 days prior to event

PATROLLER'S NAME _____

NSP REGISTRATION NUMBER _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (Day) _____

(Evening) _____

(Fax) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PATROL

REGION

CLASSIFICATION (e.g., Candidate, Auxiliary, Patroller, Senior, etc.)

I would like to register for:

(Please make a separate copy of this form for each program)

- | | | | | | |
|---|------------|------|---|------------|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Travel & Rescue | Nov. 23-24 | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Level I Avalanche Course | Feb. 09 | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instructor Development | Dec. 7 | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> EPA S&T Patroller School | Jan. 11-12 | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instructor Development | May 3 | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ski with an Instructor Program | Feb. 01-02 | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student OEC Clinic | Jan. 25 | N/C | <input type="checkbox"/> Patroller Enrichment Seminar | Apr. 5 | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student S&T Clinic | Feb. 15 | N/C | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Toboggan | Feb. 23 | \$35 |

1. **For S&T Information . . . Taking S&T On-**

Snowboard Skis Telemark

2. **Patroller School . . . Attending which event?**

Sr. S&T Clinic Patroller School

Alpine Toboggan Instructor

Parent/Guardian permission required to attend if under 18 years old.

Print name: _____

Signed: _____

dtd: _____

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Please make checks payable to: **EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGION**

PLACE YOUR PATROL NAME ON YOUR CHECK

Mountain Travel & Rescue Course

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This form is not to be used for Senior S&T/OEC Clinic's and Evaluations

FOR LATEST UPDATES – check www.nspepa.org & phone numbers

Student Program 2001-2002: A Year in Review

Jim Hanks - Student Program Advisor

WOW! I think that's the best way to describe the Student Program's 2001- 2002 ski season. While the rest of us were wondering if the good snow would ever arrive, the students of our region were out strutting their collective stuff. Not only through out our Region, but at the Divisional level as well.

Though the season started slow, with little snow and only two students attending the OEC clinic at Blue Mountain, it picked up quickly for the student program. The student programs within our region always begin with the OEC clinic at Blue. This is held the same weekend as the EMM Clinic & this year it will be January 25th.

Right after this event, the emails started coming in, each inquiring about the student contest/clinic for Division & when the regional S&T clinic would be held. All the student events – all regional events actually – can be found on the calendar on our regional web page, www.nspepa.org. Needless to say, the attendance at the S&T clinic in February had much better attended. This year it will be February 15th.

At the end of these two events, I knew we had a very strong group of student patrollers. In fact, I was pretty sure any region in the division, and probably the country, would have been glad to have those students represent the future of NSP. It was shortly after the S&T event when the truly amazing events started to happen. The Montage Patroller's Cup was

the first one. This FANTASTIC event hosted by the Patrol at Montage is something every patrol in our region should try to compete in. The amazing part is that a team comprised of two student patrollers and one other patroller won it. Granted, they won by the narrowest of margins, but they still were victorious. Based on what I saw at the student events, I'm positive any student in the region could have been 'subbed' onto that team and they still would have won. I hope more mountains will enter this fine event in the future. And yes, the winning team has decided to defend their title next year! The students will be coming home from college just for this event! Hope you'll be there!

As if winning a competition within our own region wasn't enough a large group – about ten students – from our region attended the Division Student School/Competition and the winning ways continued... Our region won the top prize – best over all – as well as best skier. This competition is held in New England every year and the winning students have generally trained and attended this event for two years before winning. It is quite an accomplishment to win these two titles & not be from the Northeast region. It is even more amazing to win in your first year.

WOW! That's quite a list of accomplishments for one year. Now what do we do? For starters, we try to continue with setting a

high standard of courses for the students in the region. Secondly, we get more people involved. Not just more students, but more officers and mentors as well. This year we will have student advisors at the section level for the first time. This should help facilitate getting the word out about programs and help coordinate getting the students to events. These folks will also be attempting to get people like you to be advisors and mentors at the local level. Let's face it, it truly does all start at the local level. Third, we get an even better presence on the web. What student doesn't like the web???

Finally, well, what the heck. Let's have another contest. Right now it looks like the our Western PA brethren - and possibly the South (i.e. West Virginia) as well – are in the process of planning a Student competition similar to the one at division, but for teams instead of individuals. The tentative location is SevenSprings and the tentative time is the first weekend in March. This is subject to change, so look for more in the next newsletter. Hopefully we can be as successful locally on the team level next year as we were at the Division level last year. Please check out our region web page – <http://www.nspepa.org> – in the near future for more details.

Jim

Second Annual Patroller Skill Competition

Tom Kneiss

The second annual Patroller Skill Competition saw **Team Round Top** patrol members - **Brant Maley** and Student Patrollers **Krista Bense** and **Ian Shedder** take the First Place prize of \$500; a new Cascade Toboggan, and the coveted First Place Cup. A close second was defending champions **Team Jack Frost** followed by **Team Montage**.

The weather cooperated once again with a warm day making lying in the snow easy and the cook out a pleasure. The rain didn't come until after the last competitor crossed the racecourse finish line.

The toboggan racecourse was

changed from a dual slalom to a single course because of insufficient snow cover on the second starting ramp. The course was still very fast as the patients in the loaded sled runs can attest to.

Three teams didn't show because of confusion on the date of the event. The EPA newsletter had the wrong date listed. **Mark your calendar for Sunday February 9, 2003 at Montage Ski Area** and get your registration in early because this year the competition is going to be opened to patrols outside of the EPA region. The event planners also hope to expand the prizes once again - possibly include an AED along with the

Cascade Toboggan and cash.

A side note, the Student Patrollers from Team Round Top said the Patroller Skill Competition was a great tune-up for the Division Student Patroller Competition. **Krista Bense** took first in skiing and **Ian Shedder** took first overall. Both Krista and Ian promise to be back this year to defend their title and prove that the kids have better skills than the veteran patrollers. Stay tuned to see, better yet come on up and see if you can beat them.

Tom

PATROLLER COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

Patrol _____

Team Name (Optional) _____

Team Members (1) _____ Tee shirt size ____
(2) _____ ____
(3) _____ ____
(Evaluator) _____ ____

Team Contact (Name) _____
(Address) _____

ZIP _____
(Phone) _____
(Email) _____

Registration Fee (Team) \$40.00

Mail to: Tom Kneiss
1015 WLE
Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Make checks out to Montage Ski Patrol

For Additional Information (570) 489-7153 email – trkneiss@bigfoot.com

OEC

Sharon Friedel - OEC Administrator

OEC (In Review)

The 2001/2002 season was another banner year for OEC with many Candidate OEC Courses, 13 Refreshers, 2 Instructor Development courses, and 12 newly certified OEC Instructors.

For the Senior Emergency Management Module (SEMM), formerly Senior OEC, there were 2 clinics and 2 evaluations with many participants and staff in attendance. A slight modification in the schedule for this season will include a SEMM clinic on a Saturday and one on a Sunday, with the evaluations also being on a Saturday and Sunday.

Be sure to sign up early for any of the events as space is limited.

What's New With OEC???

As we begin the 2002/2003 season, NSP will be introducing the 4th Edition of Outdoor Emergency Care. This latest edition, published by Jones and Bartlett, features significant upgrades that greatly improves the quality of our training. Some of the new features include

The 4th Edition of NSP Outdoor Emergency Care is available online and from NSP's Catalog.

photographs of real patrollers in real situations, 4 color illustrations, and new chapters with information on Interfacing with EMS and Other Medical Personnel, Behavioral

Emergencies, and Outdoor Adaptive Skiing, just to name few. Some of the expanded Training Materials will include a Student Workbook, an online Student Review Manual, and a website with additional resources and web links.

Be sure to order the Outdoor Emergency Care 4th Edition from the NSP Catalog, or check the NSP Online Catalog at <http://www.nsp.org>.

Have a great '02/'03 season!

Sharon

NSP NATIONAL 2001-02 AWARDS

NATIONAL OUTSTANDING STUDENT PATROLLER

**Steve Snyder
Bear Creek**

NATIONAL OUTSTANDING AUXILIARY PATROLLER

**Harry Goldman
Ski Liberty**

Remember when you shoot for the moon and miss, you still land among the stars.

Senior S&T Report 2002 - 2003

William Jordan – S&T Program Administrator

What can one say other than we had “strange winter”. Even though Mother Nature only made a fleeting appearance, the Senior S&T Program had a strong showing. I would like to express my thanks to the S&T staff for their continued selfless dedication to our region.

Those of you who participated in the Senior Program noticed some changes. The biggest change was the introduction of a **one-day clinic evaluation format**. This was held at Elk Mountain on March 9, 2002.

We had twelve candidates taking part in the program with everyone successful! **Well done!**

We also ran a **two-day clinic evaluation**. This event was originally scheduled at Whitetail but had to be moved to Montage Mountain in the eleventh hour because of limited snow cover. Twenty-two patrollers participated, with 14 passing.

I think everyone who attended would agree - the Montage patrol rolled out the red carpet for us. The tireless efforts of PD **Val Larioni, Ken Glantz and Tom Kneiss** made sure that we had bumps to ski and the “catering crew” provided a great lunch. Thank you! We’ll be back.

For the upcoming season, EPA will offer one **Senior S&T Clinic/Evaluation**. It will be held at **Elk Mountain on Saturday March 8, 2003** and it will be a one-day event.

To make sure that everyone who attends this event is as well prepared as possible, I would like to stress the need for the check off sheets to be filled out. This has always been a requirement of the Senior S&T program. No one likes to attend a senior evaluation and not be successful. Hopefully by requiring these sheets to be signed off by a T/E, we can give the individual the best chance of passing.

**Sara Keating is
running the Woman’s
Toboggan
Enhancement Clinic
at Montage,
February 23, 2003.**

Where can you get the training necessary to complete the training sheet? Well I’m glad you asked.

The **2003 Patroller School**, under the tutelage of **Bob Bluff**, is scheduled for **Elk Mountain January 10-11, 2003**. It will feature a format designed to meet the needs of the individual

patroller. As in the past, there will be the traditional format, which consists of one day with a PSIA instructor and one day with a Certified Patroller doing toboggan skills. The emphasis is on a fun, stress-free learning environment.

The **second format** will be for patrollers taking the senior S&T exam. We will show the senior candidate the “whole test” in a positive non-testing environment. This will hopefully give the patroller individual feedback of their strengths and the areas that may need a little extra help. This clinic meets the requirements for EPA Senior Clinic and National CE.

The **third format** available will be designed for those patrollers who are planning on becoming alpine toboggan instructors or a Senior Trainer/Evaluator. Emphasis will be placed on teaching and training effectively. If you are interested in becoming a T/E or a local toboggan instructor come on up. Of course the famous Saturday pizza party will also be included.

The Eastern Pa Region has a long tradition of innovative programs tailored to the individual patrollers needs.

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YR. 2002-2003 SENIOR PROGRAM REGISTRATION

EPA Region - Eastern Division

Complete this form and mail to the appropriate Program Coordinator 30 days prior to the event.

Patroller's Name

NSP Registration Number

Street Address

City

State

ZIP

Telephone Numbers (Day)

(Evening)

(E-MAIL ADDRESS)

Date became Patroller/Aux. Patroller

Total Number of Sign-On Days

Patrol Name

Patrol Director

Region

Section

I would like to register for: (Please make separate copies of this form for OEC and S&T)

- Sr. Emer. Mgt. Module Clinic..Jan. 12 N/C* Sr. Emer. Mgt. Moduel Eval..Feb. 16 \$20
@ Spring Mountain (must register for a evaluation to attend) @ Ski Liberty
- Sr. Emer. Mgt. Module Clinic ..Jan. 25 N/C* Sr. Emer. Mgt. Moduel Eval..Mar. 01 \$20
@ Blue Mountain (must register for a evaluation to attend) @ Montage
- S&T Senior Evaluation.....Mar. 08 \$35
@ Elk Mountain

Will be attending Senior S&T on Skis Snowboard Telemark

**EPA REGION POLICY -- 1st full year Patrollers are not allowed to attend a Senior Evaluation.
It is recommended you work on your required Sr. electives.**

- * All Senior Emer. Mgt. Module Candidates must register for an EPA Senior OEC Clinic prior to the evaluation.
** All Senior S&T candidates must attend an EPA S&T Clinic prior to the evaluation. All Senior candidates for OEC and S&T must complete their check off sheets and practice problems prior to taking the evaluation.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Please make checks payable to Eastern Pennsylvania Region & put your Patrol name on your check.

SENIOR CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE DATED

SR. S&T TE Approved for 1 day Eval.

This certifies that the above named candidate has demonstrated all the Basic Ski Patroller or Auxiliary skills and has sufficient knowledge, skills, and experience to participate in the NSP Eastern Division Senior Training Program.

PATROL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE (MANDATORY)

DATE APPROVED BY PD

Parent/Guardian permission required to attend if under 18 years old.

Print name: _____ Signed: _____ dtd: _____

SR. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MODULE

Jeff Marks
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SENIOR S&T

Bill Jordan
104 Sturbridge Road
Clarks Summit, PA 18411

New
Address

New Name Same Challenge

Senior Emergency Management Module

Jeff Marks – Senior EMM Coordinator

The old Senior OEC Program has been renamed to the **Senior Emergency Management Module** or **SEMM**. The change is more than a new name.

Committing to the program early will allow ample time to prepare to ultimately be successful

The purpose of this phase in the Senior Program is to evaluate the candidates' ability to "manage" an accident scene - not simply to administer the correct first aid. All ski patrollers, regardless of experience level should possess the same first response skills.

The mark of a true "Senior" is his or her ability to assess the situation; make rapid decisions about the best use of personnel and equipment, and confidently lead the team so it can deliver the best possible care to our skiing public.

Do you feel that you can be a true "Senior" patroller? Please take the challenge to better yourself and your patrol.

Take the challenge to better yourself and your patrol.

The course is designed to be educational and to provide you with immediately useful skills. It is not designed to be easy, but nothing worthwhile is easy.

This year make stepping up to the Senior Program your goal. The process begins with the 2002-2003 Senior application.

This year make your goal to step up to the Senior Program.

The application must be completed and most importantly signed by your patrol director to indicate your readiness for the program. First year patrollers are not eligible.

Please select one clinic and one evaluation date you wish to attend. Enclose the proper fee and send it in! Committing to the program early will allow ample time to prepare to ultimately be successful.

The 2003 season schedule of events is as follows:

Clinic No. 1	Sunday, January 12, 2003	Blue Marsh
Clinic No. 2	Saturday, January 25, 2003	Blue Mountain
Evaluation No. 1	Sunday, February 16, 2003	Liberty
Evaluation No. 2	Saturday, March 1, 2003	Montage

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This year, we will offer a **Woman's Toboggan Enhancement Clinic at Montage, February 23, 2003.** This program will be limited to the first 18 applications, so get them in early.

I asked Sara Keating to organize this program. For those of you who do not know Sara, she is a certified patroller from Elk Mountain. She and her staff will cover all aspects of toboggan handling from outside the handles in bumps, to tail roping. This will be done in a friendly

non-intimidating atmosphere, while stressing that strength is not a component of sled running. I believe that this program will definitely compliment the others that EPA offers.

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<p>Key: New – from the 2000-2001 directory. Updated – minor changes from previous directory</p>	<p>Send corrections & updates to JP</p>

REGIONAL STAFF CHANGES

John Pellicciotta, Regional Director

Sandy Dredge has resigned as Awards Coordinator. Many thanks to her for seven years of hard work and dedicated service. **Ed Hirshman** will be assuming this position as well as Special Olympics Liason. **Tim Kelly** will be the new Legal Council.

Many thanks also to **John Henderson** for his guidance. The position of Auxiliary Advisor is being done away with. This position no longer exists at Division or National Levels as all auxiliary functions are included in with other programs. No other staff changes are anticipated before fall.

2002 – 2004 ELECTIONS RESULTS

Bob Davies

EPA Region Director

Twenty-eight ballots were mailed out and twenty-seven were returned. **John Pellicciotta** Blue Mountain was elected to serve as your region director for a two-year term of office. Pocono Section Chief **Keith Winot** was also a candidate for EPA RD. Due to NSP Term limitations, **Ed Hirshman** could not run for re-election as he completed three two-year terms of office.

EPA Central Section Chief

Five ballots mailed out and all five were returned in support for incumbent **Kirk Moyer**.

Eastern Division Board Of Directors

Both **Gerit Lewisch** - incumbent from Camelback and **Pamm Ferguson**, Genesee Valley Region's Hunt Hollow Ski Patrol were elected for a two-year term of office.

-A Program Advisor Report

Question for those who are paid to patrol..

Joe Joyce - Pro Advisor

If you are interested in a get together this season, let me know..

HI HO SILVER.....

Ed Hirshman

You should have seen the roast they did on me at my last EPA Spring line officers and staff meeting as your RD on April 13th. In my humble opinion *event production producers* George Hannon and Sandy Dredge should receive an Emmy award for their efforts in making the attendees day brighter. Roasters include Bill Sachs, Bob Scarlett, Gordie Bell, and the four section chiefs and of course many more just to give you the flavor of it all. Thank you my dear friends.. We all enjoyed it and Bob Scarlett's group sing-a-long was something to hear. John Pellicciotta said he would never sing in front of us again. JP.. We will honor that request.

My special thanks goes out to those who served on my staff and helped make my life easier, especially George Hannon, Howie Wyandt, Bob Bluff, Scott Jones, Sharon Feidel and Sandy Dredge. I can not forgot John Henderson and Tim Kelly our legal members and many more unsung hero's..

I will always be eddie to you.... Cheers & CU around..