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From the director's desk

Several changes to my existing staff had to be made. I am proud that our Eastern Pennsylvania Region is a valuable resource for talents at the division level.

It is satisfying that we can provide the people needed on division, even so I have to make arrangements to assure continuance of the delivery of our programs.

Flo Rutherford, EPA Assistant Region Director and Instructor Development Program Advisor was promoted to Division Instructor Development



Program Supervisor. Flo will be busy fulfilling her duties on the Eastern Division level.

I designated Doug Howlett to take the helm of the Instructor Development Program, in addition to his duties as head of the Awards Program.

To supplement my staff, I elevated Jack Peck to the position of EPA Assistant Region Director, replacing Flo Rutherford. Jack's duties include the management and continuous upkeep of the EPA region calendar, the EPA data base and he will act as my communications coordinator.

Jack has the experience and insight, having served for six years as Section Chief for the Southwestern

Section. In addition he will be responsible to approve bills, which Flo handled in conjunction with Assistant Region Director Sharon Friedel.

Kurt Adam steps down as our Ski and Toboggan Advisor and Ken Kelly from Elk Mountain will take the reign.

Richard Hartman took the additional responsibilities to guide the Avalanche program. Richard is very knowledgeable in this area and has worked in very close coordination with the program over the years.²

It is with deep regret I had to accept the resignation of Bruce Holmburg. Bruce had to decline for health reasons to act as our Regional OEC Administrator. This is a very work intensive and difficult task to full fill. Dennis Zercher succeeds Bruce. You probably know Dennis from his long tenure in different position within the region. I am confident that the changes made will assure our delivery of programs and keep the standard high.

Our Newsletter Editor, Linda Doell, volunteered for an

additional role as Newsletter Publisher, which all in all is not an easy task. If you ever tried to get something out in print and on time, you know the challenges

I would like to thank all people who gave their time and talent, those who are still serving and others who stepped in to take on new tasks. Thank you for your support,

Gerit Lewisch
Eastern Pennsylvania Region
Director

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How do your patrol's by-laws rank?

By George L. Hannon
Alternate Region Director

Our patrol recently decided to review its existing By-Laws and Policies and Procedures which were written in the 1998 and 2001 time frame and have served the patrol well over the years. We wanted to determine if updates are needed to keep pace with the changes that have taken place in the National Ski Patrol (NSP), and to better reflect the role of our ski patrol and its members in working under the authorization and direction of ski area management. As a result our ad hoc committee concluded that some significant changes would be desirable in both documents, but we decided to focus first on the By-Laws.

Early on, we consulted with Robert Scarlett, now the National Legal Counsel, and a former EPA and Division Legal Counsel. Bob gave us some initial suggestions that we decided to incorporate in the By-Laws update.

The most important change that our committee is making will be the inclusion of provisions that describe our patrol's relationship with ski area management and the authority and chain of command for all of the things we do as patrollers. Our present By-Laws contain very little about the relationship with ski area management, and primarily reference to the NSP By-Laws, and NSP Policies and Procedures. I suspect that would also be the case for other patrols' By-Laws of the same vintage.

Consider the following thoughts about how patrollers currently operate, and ask yourself if your patrol's By-Laws

and Policies and Procedures sufficiently reflect the current day status of NSP and the patrolling activities you perform under area management's direction:

1. You are a member of the National Ski Patrol, not an NSP patroller. NSP does not authorize its members to patrol, nor accept any responsibility for the patrolling function. NSP identifies the member who ski patrols as an agent of management.
2. NSP considers itself an educational and training entity which provides educational and training materials to its members. The NSP programs provide the training and OEC credential basis for you to patrol. But NSP only sponsors training, not patrolling.
3. NSP's training programs do not cover some activities like the lift evacuation function that most patrols perform for management. The basis and standards for training and performance of this function must be set by ski area management, and could be referenced in the patrol by-laws.
4. There is a Joint Statement of Understanding between the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) and NSP which describes the separatism of the training and patrolling functions and outlines certain mutual agreements about responsibility for legal claims should any occur. This

accord dates from 1993 and is included in Section 2.1.9 of the National Ski Patrol Policies and Procedures. The Joint Statement has served well over the years as a national level document between NSP and NSAA, but does not contain working relationship details unique to the ski area patrols and their respective local ski area managements. And, the home ski area may or may not be a member of NSAA. An up-to-date set of Patrol By-Laws, Policies and Procedures can include the more significant details about the working relationship between the ski patrol members and ski area management.

5. As volunteer ski patrollers, all of us must deal with the questions of health and accident care, the risk potential for lost work-time and wages as a result of accidents when on duty, and personal liability. Your ski area may or may not be covering such items to the extent you desire, or you may be signing a waiver agreement that details the limits of ski area responsibility. It is also possible that you may not be aware of the extent of this coverage and who is responsible for it. An up-to-date set of by-laws, policies and procedures could include pertinent details of the

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responsibilities, risks, and benefits.

6. A patrol that operates without up-to-date by-laws, policies, and procedures that have been found acceptable by ski area management could be leaving the volunteer patroller in a difficult position when dealing with management, versus being under the protective umbrella of a Patrol organizational structure operating in concert with area management.
7. The term volunteer is used at points throughout this discussion because it is assumed that a paid patroller, as a paid employee, has an entirely different and well-identified basis and connection to his/her employer, the ski area.

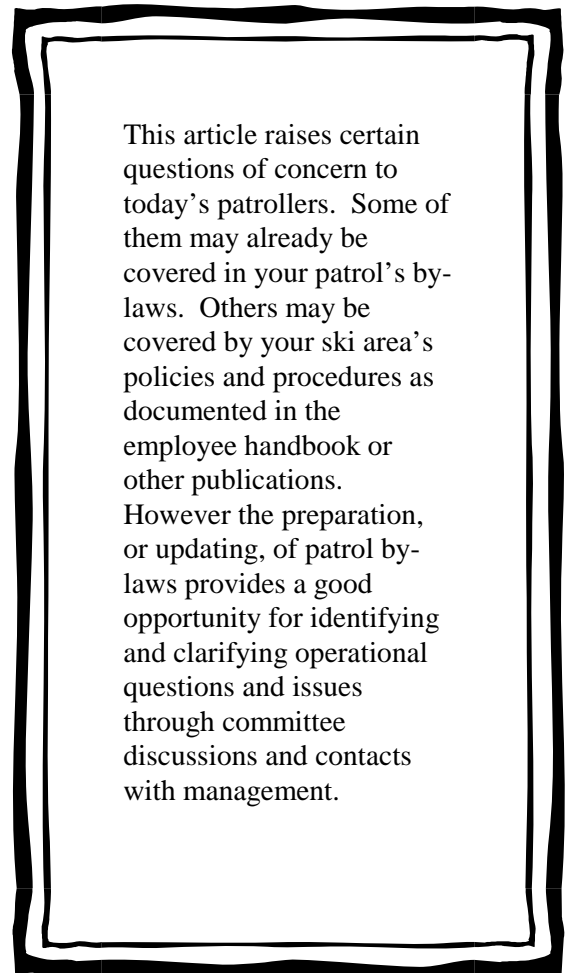
In conclusion, this article raises certain questions of concern to today's patrollers. Some of them may already be covered in your patrol's by-laws. Others may be covered by your ski area's policies and procedures as documented in the employee handbook or other publications. However the preparation, or updating, of patrol by-laws provides a good opportunity for identifying and clarifying operational questions and issues through committee discussions and contacts with management.

I recommend that your patrol by-laws, policies and procedures, should:

- 1 Include specific reference to

ski area management as the authorizing and supervising entity for the ski patrolling function,

- 2 Identify the procedural and training basis for each skills program (management or NSP),
- 3 Address the need for members to carry their own health and accident insurance, and identify management policies and/or insurance coverage applicable to volunteer patrollers,
- 4 Address personal liability concerns and methods to minimize risks, as well as existing management insurance protection against liability claims,
- 5 Identify the chain of command from management and patrol officers to patrollers,
- 6 Provide references to management policies and procedures of significant importance to patrol members,
- 7 Provide the opportunity for ski area management to review and comment on the By-Laws, Policies and Procedures and to accept them as the patrol's



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governance and operational basis.

The opinions and recommendations in this article are primarily my own and are offered with the intent of assisting other patrols in dealing with current issues through their By-Laws and Policies and Procedures. The decision to update such documents rests with each patrol and its members.

Focus on the election process

**By Bob Davies
Election Chairperson**

An election was held in March 2007 for Section Chief/Region Delegate for the Northern and Southwest Sections. The term for Section Chief/Region Delegate is for two years with a maximum of three terms for an individual. Robert Morgan was elected to his second term as Section Chief/Region Delegate for the Northern Section. Robert Bernatos was elected to his first term as Section Chief/Region Delegate for the Southwest Section.

In March 2008, the Patrol Directors/NSP Patrol Representatives in the Central and Pocono sections will be electing their Section Chief/Region Delegates.

This fall active members of Eastern Pennsylvania Region will be electing our Region Director for a two-year term beginning April 1, 2008. The balloting will be at the fall refreshers beginning at the first refresher at Camelback on October 6, 2007, and continuing through the final refresher at Whitetail on November 3, 2007. All active members with primary registration in the EPA region are eligible. Alumni, Medical Associates, Candidates, and Professional Division Members are excluded from voting. Voting will be by secret ballot with the results known after the last refresher. Absentee balloting will be allowed by contacting the Election Chairperson. Voting for write-in candidates will be allowed, but information must be supplied on the ballot so the Election Committee can contact the person for the necessary

approval.

The requirements for Region Director are:

- Active registered patroller in the region
- Minimum five seasons patrolling experience
- Have achieved Senior Alpine, Senior Nordic, or Certified status.
- Auxiliary patrollers are qualified if they have met the requirements sometime in their patrol career.

Nominations for Region Director will be accepted beginning August 1, 2007 and closed September 6, 2007.

Nominations may be submitted by any active member or by the member themselves. A candidate must submit their acceptance accompanied by their written resume and platform. The resumes and platforms may be viewed on the EPA web site and at the refreshers.

Nomination forms are available from Bob Davies, Election Chairperson.

And now on to national news

By Gerit Lewisch

This time I appeal for your patience. Numerous changes have occurred on the national level. To start, we seated nine board members who were elected by our members in a democratic process. The position of executive director, to

be vacated by Mark Dorsey effective July 1, 2007, will be filled after a national search produced 42 candidates. Mark will devote all of his time to handle the duties of executive director with our Snow Sport Industry Partners.

Terry LaLiberte took the helm and assumed the duties of National Chairman, replacing Jim Deweerd who was leading our organization in tumultuous times. The transition was based on our bylaws and Robert Knox replaced the board seat vacated by Jim DeeWeerd.

Why is that important, why should you care?

We have pressing issues at the national level, which really need the attention of the new board. Many challenges lay ahead.

The number one issue is finances. It has been a long time since dues were increased. By no means did the legal issues help the cause, but that is not the only factor. Looking at the overall picture, you can see that the National Ski Patrol, including the Eastern Division and Eastern Pennsylvania Region, are working very close to a deficit. A situation which we can not sustain very long. I do not have to tell you that we have to tighten our belt. My advice at our division meeting to our board member Bela Musits was to let our members know now and not to wait to announce a dues increase after the board meeting

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In May of 2007 I voted for no increase in dues at the division level. EPA dues will not increase this season, but we have to do some soul searching on how we can get by.

The number two issue is the new edition of the OEC book. Keep in mind the book brings

revenue, but many matters have to be resolved on how to proceed technically and factually.

The number three issue concerns board seats. Four vacancies remain. Nominations are accepted at the present time and all of you are encouraged to apply. We have to fill the positions with people who are qualified and willing to do the work.

With that, I will say it is now up to the new board to go forward and to strengthen our organization financially and to produce results we all want to see.

Take the opportunities to get involved

By Jack Peck

EPA Administrative Assistant

I had the pleasure of speaking at the Whitetail Resort Ski Patrol Awards Banquet recently which gave me an opportunity to talk about the programs NSP and EPA have to offer to our patrollers. I was surprised myself to find the variety of educational opportunities we have. Our Region offers a number of S&T clinics and schools, OEC Enhancement Seminars as well as other courses such as Mountain Travel and Rescue, Avalanche I and II, and Instructor Development which trains you to be an instructor in the venue(s) of your choice. These are some of many educational opportunities offered to our patrollers. These programs and courses are available to all patrollers; however, if you are a patroller who has recently come off your candidate year, what better time is there to enhance your skills than now. You are fine tuned to learning, so take advantage of continuing your education.

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The Senior Program is the premier program for continuing education. In addition, the Elk Mountain Patroller School and Ski with an Instructor are a great way to get started if you have not already taken advantage of them. You can further enhance your skills in S&T clinics held at some EPA ski areas prior to the S&T evaluation.

If you have not experienced working through the Senior program you have not experienced what the total OEC program has to offer. You received your OEC technician card prior to becoming an area patroller. With the Senior SEMM, you will get "the rest of the story". As a patroller you will be subject to many OEC situations that will require just the bare Emergency Care provided in the technician course. SEMM provides you with the knowledge to manage those situations where more than the basics are required. You will, in your patrolling experience,

your patrolling experience, encounter problems dealing with multiple patient injuries and multiple patients simultaneously. That is where problem management comes into play and is critical in the outcome for all concerned. SEMM gives you that level of education and confidence. Learning and enhancing your skills in whatever venue you choose, is only half the reason you should be continuing your patrolling education. The comradeship and friendships that are developed with patrollers from other areas are as much a benefit as the skills portion. What you learn while working with fellow patrollers from other ski areas skills that surpasses what you could ever get out of another training exercise at your own mountain. You can only experience this by being involved. Do you want to be a greater asset to your patrol? Now is the time to sign up and start taking the courses you are interested in. Get more out of your patrolling experience by being involved and continuing your education.

News from Eastern Division Spring Officers' meeting

**By George Hannon,
Alternate Region Director**

The Spring Officers Meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Albany, New York on May 4th to 6th. The Eastern Pennsylvania Region was represented by Region Director Gerit Lewisch, and Section Chiefs Susan Ballek, Bob Bernatos, Bobby Morgan, and John Stinsmen. All of these elected officers were eligible to vote on agenda and floor originated issues and motions. A number of other regional and division advisors and/or program coordinators from EPA also attended to participate in meetings pertinent to their functional assignments. These representatives also sat in on certain open meeting discussions.

National news and events were reported by Division Director Rick Hamlin and by Bela Musits, National Board member and Assistant National Chairman. As a result of the By-Laws changes, and National re-organization brought about by last year's challenge from the divisions, the National Board has now been completely re-structured through direct vote of the NSP members. It was reported that all members of the original Board, the National Chairman, and the Executive Director have been and/or are now being replaced through attrition, administrative actions, and/or resignation. Nine new Board members have been elected under the new procedures and nominations are being received for four additional vacant seats. In addition, recent events since the Eastern Division meeting include the resignation of the then current National Chairman, Jim DeWeerd, who is now replaced by Terry Laliberte from the Pacific Northwest Division; and Executive

Director Mark Dorsey has now left NSP and will exclusively serve the American Snowsports Education Association (ASEA) (PSIA/Snowboard). There is currently a search underway to hire a new Executive Director, who will then be tasked with recruiting a person to fill the vacant National Education Director position.

Bela Musits gave us an overview of where the National Board was, where it is now, and where they look forward to going. The key is that we are now member driven. We have the right and the obligation to vote for our directors. The Board is still fighting certain fires, but Bela urged the officers and members not to get discouraged. The Board is trying to open the lines of communication to the members. You can now log onto the National website and send questions directly to the Board. Each month a different director will be tasked with responding to the questions. Read the members' forum and stay informed. The National Website also has copies of financial statements and Board minutes, which are open for the members to read and digest.

In my opinion, the main task now is to preserve NSP and nourish its re-growth as a member driven and governed organization. However the legal challenge was costly and has left the National office very low on reserve funds. Other cost factors include the fact that National will now bear the entire burden of the Executive Director's salary instead of sharing it with PSIA as was formerly the case. Also a fire on the roof has resulted in damage to the NSP building and office equipment, which introduces additional costs at National

level. The attending officers tasked Director Hamlin and Bela Musits with the message to promote fiscal responsibility and control at National. However, National has operated at a large deficit for the last three years, spending \$600,000 more than was taken in; and the accumulated four year deficit will reach approximately \$1,000,000 in FY 2008. Although the above factors have certainly contributed to the large differences between income and expenses, **it has been seven years since the last dues increase at National, and a dues increase is both overdue and basically unavoidable.** We took legal steps to restore National to its former image, and that fight was costly at all levels. Now we need to pay the cost of that endeavor and gradually re-build the reserve funds at National level. However the exact amount of the necessary increase in National dues is yet to be determined.

The Division's finances are in better shape than National, but we have run deficits for the past two years and have spent down our reserves by about \$29,000 during FY 2006 and 2007 combined. The budget for FY 2008 was approved by the attending officers with additional projected transfers of about \$36,000 from the investment (reserve) fund and from the operating fund. However, the Division is healthy with accumulated unrestricted net assets of over \$268,000, and is ready to provide its programs to the members for the new fiscal year.

There were many interesting discussion items, both at the formal meeting and at the informal sessions

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that preceded it. EPA Section Chief John Stinsmen chaired the Friday night session of the Section Chiefs/Region Delegates, which produced many items of interest that were reported to the main body at the formal meeting. Items discussed included: Senior program re-certification, liability and health insurance coverage, special awards to maintain patroller morale, patroller recruitment, internet information sharing, simplified paperwork, lift evacuation standards and performance criteria, and budget approval.

One item of particular interest is the fact that National is considering

drafting and sponsoring national legislation to provide immunity against personal liability claims for patrollers while performing their function of assisting injured skiers and snowboarders.

The Ski Roundtop Patrol was selected as the Division's Outstanding large Patrol, and the award was made at the Division Awards Dinner on Saturday night. This qualifies Ski Roundtop for further consideration at the national awards level.

The two-day formal meeting went very well and the Division's governance is in very good hands. Division Director Rick Hamlin has volunteered to serve out the remainder of his maximum term of office if

requested by the Eastern Board of Directors. In addition, the Board itself consists of the elected Region Directors, supplemented by the Region Delegates (Section Chiefs) from each region, who vote on the annual budget and other selected items. The minutes of the meeting are posted on the Division website at www.nspeast.org and contain more detail that will be of interest to members.

Please register with me at least two weeks before the course.

The divisional MTR, Avalanche and

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Try your hand at mountaineering

**By Rich Hartman,
Interim Regional MTR advisor**

This years MTR I course is being held in the nether reaches of the Region at Whitetail ski area on Nov 17th and 18th. It's the weekend before Thanksgiving and its usually just cold enough to see your breath in the evening and maybe even a little frost on the top of your tent. It's the perfect intro to the ski season for me. I get to see fellow instructors whom I haven't seen for a year and practice some skills that I don't often get to use in my everyday patrol work, roped rescue and rappelling and an extensive half day module on organized Search and Rescue where the students lead a sometimes stressful formal search in whatever conditions nature has set out for them. There is a map and

for them. There is a map and compass module that will stress the use of these tools for route selection in varied terrain, a skill that will be built upon in the Avalanche course that will follow at Whitetail in February. And there is more; we will discuss the latest and greatest technologies like the new GPS units which seem to advance with each new catalog, we'll talk about food and nutrition on the trail and how to stay warm in the winter with a minimum of gear and how to use an ice axe and crampons for that trek to Tuckerman's that you've always wanted to make. And we'll spend an evening around a blazing campfire swapping ski and camp stories of times gone by and times yet to be. This is the first year that I will be acting as instructor of record for this

this course and I can promise you that it will be at least a little different from the years that preceded it. You'll get to show off your knot tying abilities or learn some new ones. You'll build campfires and emergency shelters, learn to make gourmet meals on a camp stove and discuss the finer points of bathroom etiquette in the winter base camp. All this and more taught by a bunch of crotchety old guys and a couple of young ones who will do their best to keep you entertained. Speaking of old guys and mtr, this program is looking for young people (and old ones too) who would be interested in becoming MTR instructors. It's a great way to get out doors and learn some new skills and it all starts by taking your first MTR course.

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Nordic meeting for instructors and wanna be instructors is being held at Northfield Mountain Mass on Sept 8th and 9th. This is continuing ed for these disciplines and is a requirement to be met at least once in three years for current instructors. This year it will be a camp out program where the instructors will practice what they preach for a few nights. The contact is Butch McQueen who can be reached through the division Web site.

Now a word about avalanches and training

By Rich Hartman

The world of avalanche education in North America lost its founder this year. Edward LaChapelle died while powder skiing in Colorado of a heart attack.

Edward LaChapelle wrote the first avalanche text that I owned and one that we used here in Eastern Pa for our level 1 courses. The ABC's of avalanche safety was the first book of its kind. Ed also had his hand in the development of the first avalanche beacons. His fieldwork in the mountains from Utah to Alaska formed the basis for avalanche hazard prediction in the US.

I was never fortunate enough to meet Ed but I have had the privilege to have studied under some of the great names of avalanche education today including Bruce Tremper and Knox Williams who owe much of their knowledge to Ed. He will be truly missed. Bruce Tremper has written eloquently about Ed in his

annual report from the Utah avalanche center. This is the site that I go to daily in the winter to keep up with what is going on in the Wasatch. Take a look; you'll be glad you did.
http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/season_report/SeasonReport2006-07/SeasonReport2006-07.pdf

I'm often asked why does a patroller here in Pennsylvania need to know anything about avalanche science. All those avalanches happen somewhere else don't they? Well yes and no. Avalanches occur where you have the three building blocks to create a slide: terrain, weather and snowpack. You need steep enough terrain to create an avalanche usually between 30-45 degrees, you need a snowpack conducive to avalanche activity and that means a poorly bonded layer somewhere within that snowpack, and you need the weather to create enough snow to fall on that snowpack. I spend most of my sky days at Blue Mountain ski area where the slopes are cut across terrain that measures thirty five to thirty eight degrees. The steepest run is Challenge and that measures twenty eight degrees but many of our beginner runs are switchbacks that are cut through the above mentioned thirty some degrees. So we do have the terrain. What we don't commonly have is the snowpack. Most of our snow is man made and well bonded to the surface and of course that snow is well groomed twice a day, which makes it bond to the surface even better-like bootpacking in the early days. Then there is the weather, which has mostly been warm the last few years and hasn't produced much natural snow. But it is weather and it can be unpredictable and drop two feet or more in a short period of time as it did in the 93-94 season when it did give us an avalanche which slid onto one of those beginner trails.

So if that's not enough reason to take a

course and learn about avalanche safety and rescue then how about the fact that most of us take trips to the west or Europe where avalanches frequently occur. Personally, one of the high points of my year is spending most of the month of March in Utah where there is lots of avalanche producing terrain, weather and snowpack. By knowing a little bit about what makes avalanches happen I'm able to feel just a little bit more comfortable when I step under the ropes (or through the control gate) and head into what I call the lift served back county. You know what I mean. The new powder that fell the night before is all chopped up by noon and its time to go in search of fresh tracks. Maybe you've got your family and friends along and because you're a patroller you are the defacto leader of the group. Don't you want to be as informed as you can be when you step out of the ski area? That information comes from a variety of sources but starts with your first avy class. Learning how to recognize avalanche terrain to keep yourself out of trouble or to rescue yourself or your companions if caught in an avalanche is just one of the things we do in the lectures and field work that make up Avalanche fundamentals and rescue.

This year the Eastern Pa avalanche educational team is going South. We will be offering our course at Whitetail ski area. The date is February 9th, 2008 and the instructor of record is Bob Vocke. Bob is a valuable member of our team who has taught me much of what I know about snow science. He always has something new up his sleeve so I expect it will be a very interesting class.

Please remember to register with Bob not me. Send him your registration form and money thirty days in advance for this course. Register early as there is a maximum of thirty slots available.

Happy Trails

Take the road to patroller success through Senior program

By Greg Johnson
SEMM Program Administrator

Well, I'm sure you all heard this one before, "What a year!" Better put would be, "what an unusual year". Wait, I said that last year. Here I thought that two ski seasons ago would top this year. I was wrong. For the SEMM program, I can say that it was another good year. I'm happy to report that out of 31 candidates this year; we now have 25 new members that passed the SEMM. So, if you passed the S&T portion, and your electives, well then, congrats to the full seniors.

We held two evaluations, and two clinics. The clinics were held at Sno Mountain and Ski Roundtop. The evaluations were held at Bear Creek and Elk Mountain. The Elk event was the EPA's Senior-In-A-Weekend. The Elk Mountain was another great experience and with that, I would like to thank Howie Wyandt and his crew for such a good time and the use of their facilities. Bear Creek hosted the other evaluation and I would like to thank Ken Gable for their facility use.

The break down goes like this: Bear Creek had 17 candidates with 14 passing. Elk had 14 with 11 passing.

The 2008 SEMM is scheduled and all set to go. We will hold two evaluations and two clinics this year, the same as last year. There will be no SIAW this year. We anticipate having one the following year in 2009 at Seven Springs again.

The backbone of the program is the candidate themselves. They toil, sweat, get bruised, and nervous to get to where they are today to better

themselves as a patroller. A well prepared candidate will go far into the program and succeed. Thus, I would like to thank the candidates for making the program for what it is today.

As mentioned above, the candidate is the backbone of EPA's outstanding SEMM program. So, please get out there and talk about it to all fellow patrollers to get involved so that they can evolve into a better patroller, a better patrol, and a better region.

Here are a few tips on registration for the candidate. You must attend an SEMM clinic before attempting an evaluation. These are set up to assist you in how to manage the scenario's problem and triage if needed. Upon sending in your registration, you will receive a packet that has to be completed before the evaluation. In this packet will be a skill and scenario's worksheet for the candidate to work on. The skills session can be signed off by an OEC Instructor. The scenario sessions must be signed by a Trainer/Evaluator (TE).

Remember to do your electives also. The electives can be done at anytime during the process. They do **NOT** have to be complete before any clinic or evaluation. If there are any questions on this, please feel free to e-mail me or call me with the information provided below.

Last but not least, are the accolades that are due to the TE's that helped in the SEMM program. These regular patrollers go above and beyond the call of duty to help administer this fine program. They are there

because they care about the quality of the program, and most importantly they are there to help you. Remember they are trainers first. So, ask them any questions that you have about the program, or what to expect while you are in training. I would also like to thank Andy Cline and Bob Davies for the unyielding attention to the program, and the help in the aspects of the administration.

Now, here are the SEMM dates that you have been patiently waiting for.

Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008
Clinic #1
Camelback

Saturday, Jan. 19,
2008
Clinic #2
Roundtop

Sunday, Feb. 10,
2008
Evaluation
Sno Mountain

Sunday, March 2,
2008

Evaluation
Blue Mountain

Have a bowl of alphabet soup from the mind of the ROA

By Dennis Zercher
Region OEC administrator

In this day and age of alphabet soup and txt messaging we are constantly being bombarded by sets of letters and numbers that we may or may not be aware of their meaning. How many of these prime examples can you properly identify: 24/7, IRS, OEC, RD, CSI, ARD, AFV, IT, IOR, PD, WEC, and of course ROA? Now that you have tried to identify the examples with some success I would like to deal with the last entry of the list. What do the letters ROA mean? What does an ROA do for the ski patrol system? How long does an ROA work in that position? Have you ever met and talked to the ROA? How does the ROA affect me as a Ski Patroller? Who is the current ROA? With all these questions you may be asking yourself just what does it take to be an ROA?

The ROA must be a person of many talents and possess positive personality traits. The ROA needs the wisdom of Paris Hilton and the tact of Simon Cowell and Rosie O'Donnell.

The refresher planning wheels are in motion and I would encourage you to check the Regional Calendar for the refresher dates and locations. As for the OEC Instructors you will notice there are four Instructor Refreshers scheduled. We have planned one Instructor Refresher in each Section – 100% attendance would be a dream come true. Also new this year is a program asking OEC Instructors to preregister for their refresher.

They must be trustworthy, truthful, and knowledgeable like George Bush. Your ROA must be a soothsayer just like your local meteorologist. When the treatment of people is the name of the game the ROA cannot play favorites and must be willing to treat everyone like Archie Bunker. When it comes to observation skills and

monitoring people's progress the ROA must be a Sergeant Shultz. In order to plan, organize, and orchestrate the people, places, and materials needed for Fall Refreshers the ROA must be a Kramer. When you look back over the aforementioned attributes you may be finding yourself asking "Who could possibly do all of these things?" Well, the answer is your ROA and with that I'll take a slightly more serious side.

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Respectfully submitted by your ROA.

It's all downhill with S&T

By Kurt Adams

As I sit here and gaze out my window, I ponder existence in our known universe. Is there an entity out there that can assist us in our inner selves to be truly the best that we can be or is all of this some type of jumbled rubbish made to confuse the masses? Ouch, that really hurts! I know that is how I felt this past ski season when I was out on my bike and playing golf over Christmas break. I should have been skiing, but we all know how the season started. However, Swen the God of Snow and Winter came to our assistance in early January.

Even with the poor start there were many S&T activities. Patroller School at Elk was a casualty of the warm weather, but after that event was cancelled things began to change. Ski with and Instructor took place at Elk the last weekend in January. Ken Kelly had good weather to once again run a great weekend of skiing instruction. There were several clinics which I attended and had a blast. The first clinic of the season was at Whitetail. Doug van brunt was to run a bump clinic, but he went and tore his ACL, thanks Doug! The clinic ran anyway and the bumps eventually grew by lunch time and the day was a blast. Blue Mtn. had a two day S&T clinic in early March. The conditions were great, the weather was nice, everyone had a blast and I was humbled on my teles. Ski Liberty ran an S&T clinic the following weekend. They had a big turnout and a beautiful day. The following weekend was my clinic at Bear Creek. For the second year in a row the wonderful groomers mowed the bumps the night before.

They promised all week that they would not mow the bumps, oops, they forgot. The day was not a total loss. The weather was fine, the turnout great and everyone had a good time. Next on the list is the first of two senior S&T events. The first at Whitetail went well. The weather was questionable, so we grouped everyone together to get through the day. The sleet and freezing rain never came. We had snow for most of the day and things were good. The bumps were hard at first, but after five or six inches of snow they became fun. The next senior event was the first weekend in March, Senior in a Weekend at Elk. The S&T facet of the test was held on Saturday. Again, the weather was great. The bumps were hard early, but they softened up later in the morning and a good time was had by one and all, at least those evaluating.

There was a veritable plethora of things to do this past season once the weather began cooperating. The clinics were great, the tests were great and most of all the people at the events were absolutely great (I know, I used the word great far too many times). I would like to thank all who attended this past season's events. Thanks for coming out and participating. For those of us who orchestrate and run the clinics we love to see your smiling faces. I would also like to thank those who instructed and evaluated this past season. Ken Kelly, Pete Mangum, Chris Fraser, Mike Jarriel, Ron Dallago, Sharon Friedel, Dave Wells, Mark Miller and the list goes on and on. I would also like to personally thank all of the PD's who permitted the use of their respective

areas for clinics and the senior events. Without the patrol director involvement we could not run the majority of the S&T programs.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of you in EPA who have attended, evaluated, instructed and whatever else you have done to be involved in the S&T program over the past three years. I will be passing the hat to Ken Kelly from Elk Mtn. at the start on the 07/08 ski season. I have enjoyed running the program for the past three years. I will continue to be involved, just not as an administrator. I need to give special thanks to Gordie Bell and Billy Sachs. They had confidence in me many years ago when I was full of opinions and much younger. I still have opinion, but I'm just a bit older. Gordie and Billy facilitated my success by believing in me and my abilities when I was a very outspoken student. Thanks for your encouragement and support. I would also like to thank my evaluating partner Dave Wells. Dave is retiring this year as a member of the EPA staff. Dave has spent a "million" years as part of the EPA S&T staff (he is really old). Enough of the mush! Next season will be here before we know it.

Hopefully Swen will be gracious to us next season, "point em' down hill and let em' run". That comment is always there for my friend Scott Nedal. One final note, "tele is the way to go!" I have crossed over and it's a blast! Have a great summer and think snow and cold.

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Instructor development: It makes a difference in teaching adult learners

By Flo Rutherford

I recently took a college workshop course in Photoshop CS2 hoping to broaden my horizon in digital imaging. I arrived early for the first night of class, noticed that there were only eight other students. Wow, what luck—a small class, perfect for adult learning. The instructor finally arrived almost 30 minutes late; he couldn't operate the AV equipment, and had to find someone to unlock the computer. This instructor needed to take the EPa. **Instructor Development** course. I finally dropped the course and lost my tuition

money because this instructor was not knowledgeable in teaching adult learners!

Read on to learn about the EPa. Instructor Development Program:

Instructor Development is the basic course in understanding how to teach the adult learner. Patrollers can register to take the classroom course or the e-course. The classroom course is given in May and December. The e-course is a CD based version of the Instructor Development course. You purchase and register the course through National. There is no time

frame for completion of the entire CD modules. At the end of completion of either program you will enter into a candidate mentoring program, teaching with other certified instructors. This past year over 45 patrollers completed Instructor Development and have entered into the instructor mentoring program.

Take an Instructor Development course and join the alliance of many great EPa. instructors.

Regards,

Flo

Hall of fame, museum honors service

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On May 19th the Class of 2007 was inducted into the hall of fame at the luncheon hosted by Snow Time Inc - Liberty Mountain Resort and was an outstanding event and well attended by many patrollers and others with related interests with Pennsylvania ski and winter sports.

The Class of 2007 had seven inducted and they were Bill Bendl, Gregg Confer, David Fowler, George Hannon, Diann Roffe, Peter Snyder and Eliot Woodbridge.

This organization is a 501c3 and their mission statement says "*The Museum is a non-profit, educational organization committed to sharing with the public the joys of skiing and other winter sports. We seek their support and encouragement in expanding programs which*

preserve their history and heritage. The Hall of Fame identifies those individuals who have made significant contributions to the growth of winter sports. We honor them in special ceremonies and record their accomplishments in our permanent exhibits."

Does this get your interest as we sure hope you will visit our web site –www.paskimuseum.org and consider becoming a dues paid member and possible a sponsor for our next Hall of Fame class. You can also pay for your annual dues via our web site electronically.

There are several exhibits at Camelback Ski area which relocated and updated the original exhibits and at the Luncheon it was announced that Camelback

Ski Area will be the 2008 Hall of Fame host and Liberty Mountain Resort will become a satellite – annex Museum.

Go ahead and visit our web site and we hope to be able to keep our supporters and those interested updated better in the near future. Would you like to advertise in the Hall of Fame 2008 Program, we hope to be able to have that information on the home page too.

We hope you will become a member of this outstanding organization and yes, it's about all ski and winter sports and patrolling is a major part of Pennsylvania heritage. Please visit our museum displays and we are always looking for more display items.

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Student patroller program fosters the skills needed for encouraging tomorrow's leaders

**By Wayne Eckelmann
EPA Region Student Patrol Advisor**

The EPA Region Student Patrol program has again had an excellent year. Our own event at Blue Mountain had sixteen student patrollers from five mountains participating. Everybody had a great time and learned a lot. A huge thanks goes to Megan Eckhart, Jim Dailey, and the entire Blue Mountain Ski Patrol for making the student patrollers feel most welcome especially with the strain a group of that size and enthusiasm puts on their facilities and staff.

The EPA Region was represented this year by twelve student patrollers at the Eastern Division Student Patrol Seminar at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire. Student Patrollers from Blue Mountain, Jack Frost, Big Boulder, Whitetail, and Camelback all participated.

There were five categories of judging for awards. They were, OEC, Skiing, Toboggan, Assessment, and Overall. Once again, the Blue Mountain crew cleaned house with Courtney Seremula taking 1st place in the skiing competition and 1st place in the Overall rankings. Thomas Ackerman from Blue Mountain took 3rd place in the OEC competition. Melissa Headen from Camelback took 3rd place in the toboggan competition. Rounding things out were Courtney Seremula and Zack

LaBarre from Blue Mountain along with Cora Domsy from Whitetail with four top ten finishes each. Nearly every EPA Region Student Patroller had at least one top ten finish. Between all the student patrollers from the Eastern Pennsylvania Region, there were 26 top ten finishes within the five categories. There were 40 competitors in attendance at this event.

The EPA Region made a generous contribution of \$100 towards the registration fee to each student patroller representing us in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire this year. On behalf of all our student patrollers, I would like to thank the Region leadership for their financial support of our program. Their belief in the value of a student patrol program is an investment in the future of the National Ski Patrol.

The student program provides young adults in high school between the ages of 15 and 18 with the opportunity to participate in activities that enrich their personal development. A student patrol program encourages the development of skills in skiing/boarding, communication, emergency care, professionalism, and leadership. Student patrollers have the unique opportunity of being involved at a young age in helping injured or ill people. As such, they become more mature than their peers as they strive to follow the

good examples set by adult patrollers while they develop a sense of responsibility. Today's student ski patrollers are tomorrow's ski patrol leadership. Any patrol interested in starting a Student Patrol program at their mountain is encouraged to do so. Contact information for your Sectional Student Patrol Advisors and the Regional Student Patrol Advisor is available on the EPA website. Please contact us and we will be happy to help you get the ball rolling.

The EPA Region can be proud of the way our students handled themselves both on and off the slopes this past season. Their performance in the competitions demonstrated their ability to stand toe to toe with some pretty stiff competition from student patrollers hailing from much bigger areas with much longer seasons. Congratulations to our student patrollers for a fine performance.

As we look forward to next season, we will miss our graduating seniors and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors. They set the bar pretty high but have passed the torch on to a highly skilled, and very competitive group of returning student patrollers who are all eagerly looking forward to proving themselves again at the Eastern Division Student Patrol Seminar next season at Killington, Vermont.

Section Reports

Central Section Report 2006-2007

Despite the strange weather, warm in January and cold in April, all of the ski resorts in the Central Section had a satisfactory year. In all cases the number of snow sports visitors fell however financially there were no disasters. Bear Creek and Spring Mountain have been significantly increased their summer activities that compensate for their winter losses. Blue Mountain reported that they had the three busiest days in the areas history despite an overall attendance drop and Eagle Rock's improved snow making allowed all their slopes to be opened for the first time in several years.

Many thanks to Megan Eckhart and Jim Daily for hosting the regional student patroller weekend. Their efforts and those of their staff are reflected in the divisional student competition at Bretton Woods. Thirty-one student patrollers from eastern Pennsylvanian region placed in the top ten in the fields of OEC, skiing, toboggan handling and assessment. Over all Blue Mt. Patroller, Courtney Seremula placed first, Zack La Barre, fifth, Tom Ackerman, Blue Mt seventh, Melissa Haden, Camelback, eighth, Cora Domsy, Whitetail, ninth and Matt Abbadessa of Jack Frost, tenth.

At both the division section chiefs meeting and our section patrol directors meeting the same concerns were expressed by both groups. Here are some of them:

Senior check and older patrollers: Everyone at both meetings emphasized the need to retain our older experienced patrollers. Although they may not be as able as they were, when younger, their collective experience and dedication compensates for any diminished physical abilities. Although some New York regions do have special senior S& T seminars, the vast majority are checked out by the area staff. Suggestions that were made to retain these experienced patrollers were adjusting schedules and duties to emphasize their abilities and allowing older patrollers to register as Alumni and serve as Courtesy patrollers. Recruiting new Patrollers: Although some patrols have no problems recruiting, others do. Some solutions were approaching ambulance crews, fire company members and Boy & Girl Scout troops. It was also mentioned that although 50% of the population are female far less than that are involved in ski patrol. Lift Evacuation: Although National has Lift Evacuation on it's "to do" list I was told that its well down on that list. A few New York areas have developed Lift Evac procedures that include input from the Insurance Companies, Area Management and Area Ski Patrols. It would seem that there are enough legal differences between states that each region would need to develop it's own specific program.

Concerning what is going on at the National level please refer to Gerit's column. However it would seem that with a new national director peace is at hand.

Sadly, Ray Tuttle, the owner of Blue

Mountain passed away this spring. The Ski Patrol has seldom has such a friend. Both as Patrol Director and Patroller I dealt with Ray and his wife Diane throughout my twenty years at Blue Mt. and I can attest to the fact that Ray was always a gentleman and I feel lucky to have counted him as a friend.

John Stinsmen
Central Section Chief

Northern Section Report 2006-2007

Despite being in the northernmost reaches of the Eastern PA Region, the northern section was not immune from Mother Nature's lack of cooperation. Snow was hard to find early in the season, as were freezing temperatures and the ability to make snow. Despite all this, the northern section did have a relatively good ski season once the weather decided to cooperate.

Big Bear at Mast Hope. This area continues to grow in leaps and bounds. New lifts, new snow making and now, a new patrol room at the bottom of the mountain. All these things plus an increase in skier visits make for a busy season for the patrollers at Big Bear. Parking seems to be their biggest problem now as real estate at the top of the mountain is limited.

Elk Mountain hosted its usual

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programs and also for the first time, hosted a joint venture between EPA and Western App. Senior in a Weekend was the event. A very high pass rate was the result. The weather did decide to cooperate that weekend. Thanks to Howie and everyone else involved for a great weekend.

The Hideout experienced a season that lasted approximately five weeks. Weather and a spurt of equipment problems from November to March made for a difficult season.

Sno Mountain (formerly Montage) experienced a good season. New snow making water lines, 135 new snow guns, and freezing temperatures allowed skiing on trails that hadn't been snow-covered in approximately five years. Snow making continued until their closing weekend. The new management team has had a positive effect on the area and the patrol. Sno Mountain patrollers look forward to another great season next year.

Tanglwood experienced another uneventful season, operating four days a week. The patrol experienced a full lift evac within their first hour of operation during the 2006-2007 season.

Upper Delaware Nordic. Due to no snow-making capabilities on state forest land, patrolling was on-again off-again for the folks at Upper Delaware Nordic. However, a late season storm allowed trail skiing through April 15th. The patrol continues to do educational programs throughout the northern reaches of the region. In the past three years the patrol has almost tripled in size. Not bad for a bunch of free-heelers! Thank you to Kathy Dodge for her

many years of leadership as patrol director for Upper Delaware Nordic. Best wishes to her replacement, Pat King, newly elected PD for the 2007-2008 season.

Thank you to all who participated in the many events and programs throughout the season in the Northern Section. You make us the great group of patrollers that we are.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Morgan,
Northern Section Chief

Southwest Section Report 2006-2007

Staff

Section Chief: Bob Bernatos

OEC Coordinator: Peter Magnum

S & T Advisor: TBA

Awards Advisor: Ed Hirshman

Student Advisor: Wayne Ecklemann

Greetings from the southwest section. I want to start off by thanking Jack Peck for serving as the Southwest Section Chief and the many hours he has put in for the last 6 years. Jack is now going to be helping Gerit Lewisch at the regional level.

Wow, what a season. We had an early thaw and everyone was looking forward to a great season and then came big thaw. It seemed like we were going to lose the whole season. At one point, I think we were down to 2 ski areas open in the state in January! It finally got cold again and the mountain staffs went to work. Snow making continued around the clock and the customers came back. It was time for all of the golfers to swap

the clubs for the skis. Our hats go off to the snow makers and groomers for going the extra mile to salvage every day that they could.

S & T Program

The southwest section hosted two toboggan enhancement seminars this season. The first was at Whitetail and was attended by 5 patrollers. The second was held at Liberty Mtn Resort and was attended by 18 patrollers. Thanks to Doug VanBrundt and Mike Jarriel for hosting the seminars. These seminars are open to all patrollers, from candidates on up. We set up different tracks based on the area in which you want to work.

The following patrollers have completed the mentoring program and are now registered NSP Alpine Toboggan Instructors.

Ski Roundtop – John Yanoviak, Mike Gilmore, Kim Burkholder, Jeff Wakeen, Andy Miller and Dave Smith.

Liberty Mtn Resort - Steve Sobolewski and Eric Tanner

Congratulations to Jeff Marks, Ed Riggs, and Bob Bernatos for their success at the Division S&T TE Clinic held at Seven Springs.

OEC Program – Peter Magnum

The Southwest section hosted an OEC Instructor Refresher, two OEC Refreshers, and one SEMM Clinic this past season.

The following patrollers have completed the mentoring program and are now registered NSP EOC Instructors.

Ski Roundtop – Kathy Weller

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Student Program – Wayne Eckelmann

The Southwest Section was represented by Cora Domsy from Whitetail. She competed at both the Region and Division Student Seminars. She finished 9th overall at Division. The student program is a very important tool that can be used to build the patrols of the future. They may move on to patrol elsewhere while at college, but many return home at some point.

Senior Program

This year there were plenty of opportunities to work towards your senior patroller. The SEMM evaluation was held at Bear Creek on Feb 10, the senior S & T was held at Whitetail on Feb 25, and Senior in a Weekend was held at Elk Mtn on Mar 3-4.

The following passed SEMM this year.

Ski Roundtop – Ron Wertz, Greg Escaro, Rex Teodosio, Chuck Fernald, Maryellen Martin, Teresa Grant, and Chris Mason

Liberty Mtn Resort - Steve Sobolewski, and Kris Hoxha

Whitetail – William Zink

The following passed the Senior S & T this season.

Ski Roundtop – Marnie Stavely-O'Carroll, Steve Watkeys, Ron Wertz, Greg Escaro, Rex Teodosio, and Chris Mason

Liberty Mtn Resort - Tony Gipe

Whitetail – Debi Kapsak

Congratulations to the following on achieving full Senior status.

Ski Roundtop – Marnie Stavely-O'Carroll and Steve Watkeys

Awards

Ski Roundtop – Recipient of EPA Region and Eastern Division's Outstanding Large Patrol Awards for 2006 – 2007. Now we are waiting for the results from the National Outstanding Awards selection which will be announced after the Summer NSP Board of Directors Annual meeting. As a member of the Ski RT's awards committee, it was an experience in discovering the vast amount of detail and reviewing before the final nomination was signed and processed up the food chain.

Past Section Chief Jack Peck was the recipient of the 2006 – 2007 Eastern Pennsylvania's George Helwig Outstanding Administrative Patroller Award. The SW Section has many who have received this high regional honor in the past. Jack is of course a past Section Chief, NSP Rep and Patrol Director, an OEC Instructor and a past SEMM Trainer-Evaluator. Jack holds a National Appointment and many other awards.

Please read the regional awards pages for other awards that were presented.

Certified Program

There are currently four patrollers from the section participating in the Certified program. They are Marie Pierre Bloch from Liberty Mtn Resort and Ron Helm, Chris Raup, and Bob Bernatos from Ski Roundtop. If you want to challenge yourself and step it up a notch, attend the Certified test and check it out. The test is scheduled

to be at Hunter Mtn this year.

Candidate Program

Our ranks continue to grow. Congratulations to the following for completing the OEC course becoming basic Patrollers. A big thank-you to all of the OEC and S&T instructors who give their time and effort to training the future members of the National Ski Patrol.

Ski Roundtop – John Andrews, Dave Christensen, Ben Gotwalt, Marcus Billings. John Dickinson passed the S&T test and has moved up from Auxiliary Patroller to Patroller.

Liberty Mtn Resort - Bob Baily, Eric Bowman, Peter Chang, Dede Dascalu, Jenna Jarriel, Brian Kiehl, Matt Maddox, Kate Meagher, Alex Pidlisnyy, John Silar, and Sarah Bush are now patrollers. Bob Lee passed S&T and moved up from auxiliary to alpine basic and Mike Shank moved over from snowboard to ski.

Whitetail – Whitetail had 17 new patrollers join their ranks this year along with 2 transferees from the European Division

The following became auxiliary patrollers after completing the OEC course.

Ski Roundtop – John Churchill, Teena Hittie, Teresa Mudge, and Mark Leukus

This season Ski Roundtop has seven candidates enrolled in the OEC course and Whitetail has eleven candidates enrolled for the upcoming season. Ski Liberty is not conducting a course this

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year.

As we cross over from spring to summer it is never too early to set your goals for next season. The Senior program is there to help build your skills. Try not to look at it as a just a test. The goal of the senior program is to help you to grow as a patroller and to enhance your skills. I once read an article about the Medal of Honor. If you were to look at the value of the medal, it is around \$1.00. If you were to look at what it took to earn the medal, it is priceless.

The schedule for this years events

should be posted shortly. Look at the events that interest you and start planning. Pick a refresher and mark the dates for the events that you want to attend on your calendar or calendars. Don't wait until the last minute, as some events will be limited in size.

One thing that Rick Hamlin wanted us to take with us from our orientation as new officers is that this is your organization. Picture an upside down triangle. The patrollers are the baseline which is now at the top. We need to hear from the members. Let us know what is on your mind. Let us know when you are not happy, or when you are. Work with your local

patrol directors/NSP reps for local issues. If your concerns are at the region, division, or national level let your local reps know and they can pass it on or you can contact me directly at rbernato@comcast.net. Don't forget to vote. It was a long and costly battle to get where we are now, so exercise your right to vote. It is hard to complain about the leadership if you did not participate in the election process.

Have a great summer in be safe in all of the activities you participate in. Fall will be upon us sooner then you think and we will be into another season of skiing and riding.

Put patrol history on paper before it gets lost

**By Ellie Jessum
Historian**

The process of acquiring the complete history of E. Pa. Region has been very slow. Out of 21 Patrols, I have only 7 Historians. Would the Section Chiefs and Patrol Leaders work on fulfilling this request.

To all the Section Chiefs -- would you please send me the names of all your Patrols, past and present. If you know their inception dates and closing dates if no longer active, please include them.

To all Patrol Directors -- please help by appointing a Historian for your patrol

and having the history of your patrol written up. It should include all the names of officers and dates they were in office.

We also would like to be sure you have photos of your doings over the years. Can you imagine how a present patroller would love to see the outfits and equipment we wore back in the 50ths, 60ths and even 70ths? I have found that at the few tables I've shown these at, there has been a great interest.

Young patrollers can't imagine patrolling without radios like all patrols had to years ago. We must capture all this before it is lost.

Check the region's Web site, www.nspepa.org for calendar updates and the latest news of the region.

2007 EPA Irv Naylor Partners in Industry Award

By Bob Bernatos

As an organization that prides itself it rewarding its members the EPA Irv Naylor Partners in Industry Award was created in the year 2000 as it was thought it was time to recognize someone other than ourselves. The Eastern Pennsylvania Region decided to recognize an individual, organization, or corporation that has given extraordinary and outstanding service to the ski industry.

The first award winner was Irv Naylor, who was the founder of Ski Roundtop and Snow Time Inc. Irv's leadership and dedication to the sport of skiing has been recognized by many. As the first award winner, Irv was honored by having the award named after him and other recipients include Gregg Confer in 2001, Ray Tuthill in 2002, Mountainside Ski and Sports in 2003, Rick and Gayle Buckman in 2004, Nick Frederick in 2005, and Eric Flynn in 2006.

The 2007 EPA Irv Naylor Partners in Industry Award has been awarded to PSIA/AASI-Eastern Division.

The PSIA-E and AASI are educational organizations of the nonprofit American Snowsports Education Association (ASEA) with a combined membership nationally of more than 28,000 members who are dedicated to promoting snowsports through instruction.

PSIA was formed in 1961 to standardize the way skiing is taught in America. It is comprised of 9 geographic divisions. Their Eastern Division is comprised of 7 regions covering 14 states from Maine to North Carolina. There are over 11,000 full-time and part-time Snow Sport

Instructors working at more than 250-snow sports schools/learning centers here on the east coast.

PSIA-E/AASI conducts nearly 600 educational or certification functions each season in five snowsports disciplines: Alpine, Snowboard, Nordic Track/Skate, Nordic Downhill, and Adaptive (disabled). They offer racing programs and others specific to various populations such as women, children and seniors. These one-to-five day programs are conducted by highly trained members of their professional staff; some of the finest clinicians in the country. These programs are fun, fulfilling and a great value and many members are certified in more than one discipline and this association encourages such diversification. Members attend educational updates at least every two seasons in order to stay current with the latest in snowsports education and sharpen their own skills. When members join PSIA-E/AASI, they also are joining the American Snowsports Education Association (ASEA) which opens up to them many member-only benefits, resources and tools available via the Eastern Division web site, national association web site, or the national web site for snowboard educators. Relating to their educational materials and resources, ASEA publishes numerous "core" manuals to support the American Teaching System. In addition, PSIA-E/AASI publishes many manuals and study guides specific to various programs or subjects. Many of these resources are available both in hard copy and online. Last but not least like their snow sports partners, area ski patrollers, they enjoy that camaraderie of lifelong colleagues, the fun of learning, the reward of teaching and the joy of skiing and riding! PSIA/AASI Eastern Division has recently extended an invitation to the

members of the National Ski Patrol to attend selected educational events focusing on skiing development, racing, moguls, trees and steeps, and backcountry accreditation.

Many local Learning Centers have a working relationship with their area ski patrols and provide training at various clinics and Patroller continuing education events supporting Patroller and Ski with an Instructor programs.

We take the honor to expand the scope of past award recipients to include PSIA/AASI-Eastern Division for the 2006/2007 Irv Naylor Award of the Eastern Pennsylvania Region. This year's recipient of the Irv Naylor Award exceeds the requirements set forth in selecting a well-qualified recipient and this partners in industry continues to promote the growth of our snowsports as a lifetime activity through fun and fulfilling educational experiences.

The dedication of this organization and its members continue to provide outstanding and well-accepted services as these services are a valuable educational tool to the outdoors sports industry and their customers-patrons making their members an outstanding 'Partner in the Industry'.

The award will be presented to Michael Mendrick and Mickey Sullivan at the annual SANY PSAA NSAA Trade show which will be held at the at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino in September.

Racking up awards, accolades around region

By Doug Howlett

The 2006 – 2007 ski season was a busy one for awards! Because not all of the awards have been presented to the recipients, not all the 2006 – 2007 awards are listed. Included in the list are awards presented after the 2005 – 2006 Trail Sweep article was prepared. The following awards were presented to deserving individuals:

National Appointment

George Treisbach (Ski Roundtop)
#10486
Eric Flynn (Snow Time, Inc.)
Honorary NA # 10354

Purple Merit Star

Robert Cook (Blue Mountain)
Denny Perry (Ski Roundtop)

Blue Merit Star

Greg Johnson (Ski Roundtop)
Dave Smith (Ski Roundtop)

Yellow Merit Star

Liz Carroll (Liberty Resort)
Bill Haley (Jack Frost)
Larry Hassman (Ski Roundtop)
Thomas Kneiss (Mount Sno)
Ed Kupillas (Blue Mountain)
Nils Johnson (Liberty Mountain)
Greg Wasson (Ski Roundtop)
Jeff Marks (Ski Roundtop)

Distinguished Service Award

Walt Peters (Camelback)

Patroller Cross

Gordie Bell (Ski Roundtop)
Brian Flanagan (Ski Roundtop)

Outstanding Awards

Jack Peck (Outstanding
Administrative Patroller)
Courtney Seremula (Outstanding

Student Patroller)
Ski Roundtop (Outstanding Large
Alpine Patrol) – Also received from
Eastern Division

Ed Hirshman Outstanding Service Award

Rich Hartman

Irv Naylor Partner's in Industry Award

Eastern Division PSIA and AASA

Additional certificates of appreciation were presented to deserving members at the section and patrol level.

Now is the time to start thinking about awards for the 2007 – 2008 season: National Appointments, Leadership Commendation Appointments, Distinguished Service Awards, Merit Stars, and yes, unfortunately when the time comes, Patroller Crosses! The categories for the outstanding awards include Student Patroller, Patrol Representative/Director, Auxiliary Patroller, Professional Patroller, Alpine Patrol – Large/Small, Nordic Patrol, Partner's In Industry Award (EPA

Region).

The award nomination process involves two stages – e-mail and paper. Anyone interested in nominating someone for an award should contact me by e-mail at dhowlett11@comcast.net. I will review the requirements and the initial submission procedures, which are accomplished through e-mail. Once the award is finalized, paper copies are then sent to me for processing to the Eastern Division. Please note, all awards now require a letter of submission to accompany the appropriate NSP form and each must not only have a date when the award is needed, but also a date when the award will actually be presented. If the latter date is missing, the national office will assign a date of one year in the future for the award. Notification of the award will not be published by national prior to that date.

A large round of thanks goes to all of the individuals who took the time to prepare awards for their deserving colleagues. Without your efforts, the award program would not be possible.

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In Memoriam

Ted Stevens, a longtime Camelback patroller

**By Tim Fortner
Camelback Ski Patrol Director**

Pennsylvania's Camelback Ski Area Ski Patrol lost a dear friend and colleague on December 8, 2006, when Ted Stevens Jr. passed away from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Ted was 52 years old. Ted joined the NSP in 1982

and was a member of the Camelback Ski Patrol for 24 years and attended the basic avalanche course in 1985 and obtained his Senior classification in 1986.

Ted worked for Johnson Diversey Company for 26 years. He was a former YMCA Soccer coach, a minor league baseball coach and a former Club Scout Den Leader.

He is survived by his wife Gina Quaresimo Stevens, a son Matthew of Philadelphia, PA. and a daughter, Michelle at home. His brother Michael Stevens is a patroller at Camelback Ski Patrol.

Ted will be greatly missed by all of his patrol family, family and friends.

Ski Roundtop Patrol honors the memory of Tyler Davis

By ed hirshman

After the Division Spring Officers meeting Saturday evening banquet awards presentations, Gerit and Dave Nelson, the division Memorial Fund Chairman, came over and said this is for you and they had one of the division Memorial perennial plaques in hand. I asked why as I had in position and proudly holding very tightly the division O/S Large Alpine Patrol perennial plaque and was confused as some say its normal these days. Dave explained that the Division Outstanding Patrol gets the honor to display and be one of the memorial plaques caretakers for a year. Now I understood their offer and was less confused, but still proud.

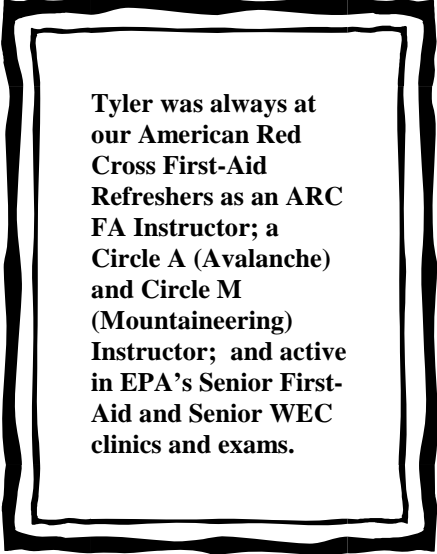
Thinking real fast, I said we really did not need it as Ski Roundtop Patrol had no one that was on the current plaque even though we honored a member many years ago, but asked if we could honor Tyler Davis who was a mentor and friend to many of us at Roundtop.

Dave who is a long time friend just

smiled and said that idea was one of the best eddie had in years and we then asked Guy Lombardo and Bill Cline from the Seven Springs Patrol – Western Appalachian Region to be the caretaker of this Memorial division plaque until Dave needs it back for next years division Spring meeting. Some Patrollers do not know that Tyler's home patrol was Seven Springs as he spent many hours in EPA.

Tyler was always at our American Red Cross First-Aid Refreshers as an ARC FA Instructor; he was my Circle A (Avalanche) and Circle M (Mountaineering) Instructor; active in EPA's Senior First-Aid and Senior WEC clinics and exams (evaluations) and Trainer-Examiner re-certifications. Tyler also as the Division Awards Advisor was involvement with the early Ski Roundtop division award honors of the 1980s.

On May 19th, this plaque was displayed at the Seven Springs annual Patrol Banquet and they were honored to be the caretaker in memory of Tyler. The members of the Ski Roundtop Patrol are proud that we could share



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this division honor in the memory of Tyler Davis who passed away August of 2006, as you see; Tyler was a friend to many of us at Ski Roundtop. *eddie*

For additional information on the Eastern Division Memorial/Scholarship Program, Link is <http://www.nspeast.org/html/memfund.htm>

Eastern Pennsylvania Region Calendar

Check www.nspepa.org for update changes

2007

Date	Day	Event	Location	Contact
April 14	Sat	EPA Line Officers Meeting	Blue Mt	Gerit J. Lewisch
May 4/6	F/S/S	E. Div. Meet, Albany	Desmond	Gerit J. Lewisch
June 9	Sat	OEC Refresher Planning	Blue Mt	Dennis Zercher
Sept 8	Sat	OEC Instructor Refresher	Ski Roundtop	Dave Smith
Sept 9	Sun	OEC Instructor Refresher	Blue Mt	Sharon Friedel
Sept 15	Sat	OEC Instructor Refresher	Shawnee	John Christy
Sept 16	Sun	OEC Instructor Refresher	Sno Mt	Tom Kneiss
Oct 6	Sat	OEC Patroller Refresher	Camelback	Joanne Policelli
Oct 7	Sun	OEC Patroller Refresher	Roundtop	Dave Smith
Oct 7	Sun	OEC Patroller Refresher	Bear Creek	Kimberley Allmendinger
Oct 13	Sat	OEC Patroller Refresher	Sno Mt	Ron Pagatto
Oct 14	Sun	OEC Patroller Refresher	Blue Mt	Sharon Friedel
Oct 20	Sat	OEC Patroller Refresher	Elk Mountain	Dave Christiansen
Oct 21	Sun	OEC Patroller Refresher	Jack Frost	Dennis Zercher
Oct 27	Sat	OEC Patroller Refresher	Spring Mt	Hank Jansen
Nov 3	Sat	OEC Patroller Refresher	Whitetail Resort	John Moriarty
Nov 17/18	Sat/Sun	MTRF/1	Whitetail Resort	Rich Hartman
Nov 11	Sun	EPA Region Meeting	Bear Creek	Gerit Lewisch
Dec 2	Sun	Instructor Development	Blue Mountain	Doug Howlett
Dec 16	Sun	EPA T/E S&T Staff Meeting	Blue Mountain	Ken Kelly

2008

Date	Day	Event	Location	Contact
Jan 12/13	Sat/Sun	EPA Patroller School	Elk Mt	Bill Jordan
Jan 6	Sun	SEMM Clinic	Camelback	Greg Johnson
Jan 19	Sat	SEMM Clinic	Ski Roundtop	Greg Johnson
Jan 26	Sat	EPA Alumni Day	Blue Mountain	Bob Barette
Jan 26/27	Sat/Sun	Ski w/ an Instructor	Elk Mt	Ken Kelly
Feb 10	Sun	SEMM Evaluation	Sno Mountain	Greg Johnson
Feb 8/9	Sat/Sun	Avalanche	Whitetail Resort	Bob Vocke
Feb 23/24	Sat/Sun	EPA Student Seminar	Blue Mountain	Wayne Eckelman Megan Eckhart
Mar 01	Sat	Senior S&T Evaluation	Sno Mountain	Ken Kelly
Mar 02	Sun	SEMM Evaluation	Blue Mt	Greg Johnson
Mar 02	Sun	Women's S&T Clinic	Sno Mountain	Sarah Keating
April 12	Sat	EPA Region Officers Meeting	Blue Mt	Gerit J. Lewisch

2007 – 2008 EPA Program Registration Form

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

PATROLLER'S NAME	
NSP REGISTRATION NUMBER	
STREET ADDRESS CITY	
STATE & ZIP	
TELEPHONE (Day & Evening #)	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
PATROL REGION CLASSIFICATION (e.g., Candidate, Auxiliary, Patroller, Senior, etc.)	

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I would like to register for: (Please make a separate copy of this form for each program)

11/17 & 18/2007	MTRF/1		02/08&09/2008	Avalanche
12/02/2007	Instructor Development		02/10/2008	SEMM Evaluation
01/19/2008	SEMM Clinic		02/23&24/08	Student Seminar
01/06/2008	SEMM Clinic		03/01/08	Senior S&T Evaluation
01/12 & 13/2008	EPA Patroller School		03/02/2008	SEMM Evaluation
01/26 & 27/2008	Ski w/Instructor		03/02/08	Women's S&T Clinic
<i>For S&T Information</i>	<i>Taking S&T On-Snowboard - Skis Telemark Circle Choice Above</i>		<i>Patroller School . . . Attending which event?</i>	<i>Sr. S&T Clinic Patroller School Alpine Toboggan Instructor Circle Choice Above</i>

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

Print name: _____ **Signed:** _____ **Date:** _____

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR REGISTRATION FORM

**Please make checks payable to: EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGION
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