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From the Desk of Tim White

National Service

In recent years, the National Ski Patrol has been making great strides as an organization. I would like to take a moment to recognize the hard working and dedicated staff of the national office that are contributing to this continued success.

In all, there are 12 full-time employees and a few part-time people who manage the sizable task of running the day-to-day operations of the NSP. They include: Cheri Overton, membership registration and national awards, Josh Jacobson, Cathy Boudreau, and Rob Wilcox, who oversee catalog and warehouse operations, Keny Ondrak, IT support and web and database management, Christine Albertson and David Frick handling marketing and events planning, Darcy Hanley, Carol Hudson, and Sarah Hadsall running education programs and course registration, Wayne Block and Joanne Galko doing finance, and Candace Horgan overseeing communications. Every day, these individuals are making a difference in a variety of ways, from going the extra mile to help a member to looking for cost-saving measures to help the NSP's financial position.

I can say without hesitation you can be very proud of the

Fundraising and
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group; I sure am. They are focused on their mission to serve the membership to the highest level possible. In fact, the staff has created the following mission statement to demonstrate their commitment to service:

"To serve the membership in whatever capacity that may be required to build a foundation for the growth and success of NSP."

If the opportunity presents itself, I encourage you to send a note complementing a national staff member on a job well done. They certainly deserve it, and would appreciate hearing from you.

From all of us here in Lakewood, best wishes for an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend.

Sincerely,
Tim White
Executive Director, NSP

RFBA 07-08 passed: Auxiliary classification changed

On May 20, the NSP board voted on and approved Request For Board Action 07-08 (RFBA), which reclassifies a portion of the membership. Starting in the fall, this classification change will be implemented. Under RFBA 07-08, the Auxiliary classification will be removed from the NSP and all members who were formerly Auxiliaries will now be referred to as Patrollers. Local patrol protocols will still determine what these patrollers do. For more about the reasons behind this classification change, and the exhaustive and dedicated efforts leading to it, [click here](#).

National Ski Patrol Enhancement Bill Moves Forward

The NSP is working with Congress to have a bill passed that will protect the organization and patrollers from regulation and liability. Essentially, the bill would encourage NSP members to volunteer their services not only on the slopes, but in the streets and their communities while being afforded legal protection by the legislation. The first meeting took place on May 24 in Washington, D.C. Leaders from the NSP, including NSP Board Chair Burt Mitchell and former Southern Division Director Morgan Armstrong, met with senior staff members from Senator Patrick Leahy's office. Senator Leahy's staff was interested, and will be amenable to bringing the idea forward to the Senator for further consideration. We will continue to keep members informed on the progress of the bill.

Bill Boulter named National Awards Coordinator



Bill Boulter, who has served as the Eastern Division Awards Coordinator for 11 years, has been appointed the new NSP national awards coordinator. In his previous position as Eastern Division awards coordinator, Boulter worked extensively with the two previous national awards coordinators, Myer Avedovech and Tim Politis, helping the Eastern Division receive over 200 awards per year and several National

Outstanding awards per year, to the Division's credit.

Boulter started as a patroller in 1985 with the Watertown Ski Patrol, of which he was patrol director from 1988-1994. He was the patrol awards adviser from 1995-1996, and the Central New York Region awards coordinator from 1996-2999. Boulter received National Appointment Number 9164 and the Black Demerit Star from Myer in 2007, as well as the Eastern Division Patrollers for Patrollers award in 2007.

Boulter has also served on the board of Habitat for Humanity for two years.

As national awards coordinator, Boulter hopes to continue the good work done by his predecessors, as well as update several forms in the *Ski Patroller's Manual* to align them with the *Policies and Procedures*.

Young Adult Newsletter: Tips Up!

The NSP Young Adult Program has been revitalized under the direction of new Young Adult Program Adviser Christopher Rousseau. The Young Adult webpage has expanded information for those interested in starting a young adult patrol, and a new young adult newsletter, *Tips Up*, has been launched as well. Read the inaugural issue of [Tips Up here](#). In this issue, the dates and information for the "fireside chats" regarding the program are listed. Each division will have a fireside chat opportunity. The three dates are May 31, and June 7.

Payment on OEC consignment items

OEC consignment orders for test fees are ordered by the instructor of record or by someone working for the instructor. The credit card number submitted when the order is placed with our Order Department in effect holds the order and is typically **not charged for at least 45 days**. That means you have 45 days or more to pay. In the meantime, you may receive an invoice for the amount of your order. This leeway time is provided because some orders or classes can get quite large. Payment can then be made by charging the original credit card given or by check from the instructor of record or a third party, usually the patrol. This is the general procedure. However, on smaller orders you can always request your credit card be charged immediately when placing your order if you wish. Remember, it is ultimately YOUR responsibility to let us know when and how to

charge the order.

Marketing/Communications/Events



Save the date: Patroller Education Conference 2012 (PEC 2012) at Copper

We are pleased to announce Copper Mountain and the Rocky Mountain Division are playing host to the NSP biannual Patroller Education Conference on April 12-15, 2012. Listen to some amazing speakers teach us about new and innovative ways of doing our job. Learn numerous skills sets like OEC, MTR, Toboggan, Avalanche, Instructor Development, Certified, and Young Adult from division supervisors. Talk with other patrollers about what does and does not work at their resort and form lasting friendships while skiing some of the best slopes in the Rocky Mountains. This education conference gives you a one stop place to learn and exchange ideas with fellow patrollers from around the U.S. while enjoying spring skiing in the Rockies.

Spread the word: bring your friends and family to the Patroller Education Conference (PEC) and celebrate closing weekend this spring at Copper Mountain, Colo. The more people you bring, the more money you can save on lodging and airport transportation. Come early with friends and experience some amazing skiing and snowboarding throughout Colorado in Vail, Breckenridge, Keystone, and of course Copper (with record-breaking April snow this past year). Details will be published on the NSP website and in the fall issue of *Ski Patrol Magazine*.

If you have questions currently, please direct them to [Christine Albertson](#).

Sponsor Spotlight: Rudy Project - Why Rudy Rocks!

For over 25 years, Rudy Project has been committed to developing technological innovations, offering unique solutions for serious athletes and weekend warriors. Priding ourselves on being the little guy in a big industry, and having cutting-edge technology, are two things that set us apart from the competition. Three more reasons



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For more reasons why Rudy Rocks, visit [here!](#)

BIRKENSTOCK Sponsor Spotlight: Birkenstock - Recover in Style with Birkenstock

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Join Birkenstock as they partner with *Outside Magazine* at the second annual "Outside in Aspen" weekend as the official Recovery Sponsor. Outdoor enthusiasts from around the globe will come together for a weekend of rafting, kayaking, mountain biking, and more, guided by renowned athletes in their respective fields. Before heading out to the Birkenstock Après Pool Party at the world class Sky Hotel, attendees will relax and soothe their tired muscles at the Birkenstock Recovery Lounge, where Birkenstock will be showcasing the latest styles and offering personal footwear fittings, oxygen bar sessions, complimentary sports massage, and energy-boosting smoothies. Registration for the event is still open; learn more at www.outsideinaspens.com.

Sponsor Spotlight: GoPro

New to GoPro this spring - the Battery BacPac and 3D HERO System. The [Battery BacPac](#) works as both a charger for your spare HD HERO batteries and plugs into the back of the 1080p HD HERO camera to nearly double recording times. It's perfect for extended time-lapse photo sessions and long hours on the slopes. If you already have an HD HERO, the new [3D HERO System](#) goes one step further by allowing two 1080p HD HERO cameras to be combined to create a professional quality 3D camera system. A dual-camera, polycarbonate, waterproof housing holds two cameras together while a synchronization cable plugs in the back, enabling them to function as an innovative modular-designed single camera.



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NSP Photo Site

You do not need a login ID to view the photos posted by your fellow patrollers at

the NSP photo site. Simply click this [link](#), or go to [Flickr](#) and search for NSP Photos under Users. The login ID is used if you want to post new photos of an event or your patrol. To post photos, go to [Flickr](#), click Sign In, enter the login ID "nspphotos" and the password. The password for June is Patagonia (capitalize the "P"); if the login does not work, e-mail [Candace Horgan](#).

Education

A Message from Education Director Darcy Hanley

The long wait is over! **Outdoor Emergency Care Fifth Edition** is on the trucks and being delivered to your doorstep! Thanks to Brady for assisting with the rollout and answering your purchasing questions. The **Refresher Study Guide** will be mailed with the summer issue of the *Ski Patrol Magazine* around June 18. The **Instructor Study Guide** will be mailed in early June and will be available online as well. New this year is the **Orientation Exercise**. It is a refresher requirement consisting of 31 questions which must be answered and submitted at your local refresher. The **Orientation Exercise** is found under **Education Tools** on the NSP website. Please download your copy!

E-Pointers (Educational Pointers) is the electronic version of *Pointers* for all instructors. The first edition is available under Instructor Resources on the NSP site. **E-Pointers** will be available every quarter.

OEC instructor materials will be available June 15. You will be provided an access code to obtain the materials from MyNSPKit. The access code will be located under the Instructor Resources tab on the NSP site on June 15. These materials are available at no cost and can be downloaded.

Industry News

U.S. Ski Industry Tallies Second Best Season on Record

The National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) announced that U.S. ski areas tallied 60.1 million skier and snowboarder visits during the 2010/11 season, according to the preliminary 2010/11 Kottke End of Season Survey. This marks the second time that the ski industry has broken the 60-million visit threshold, and represents a 0.6 percent increase from last season's 59.8 million visits, and is just shy of the 60.5 million visit record set in 2007/08.

Nationally, snowfall at resorts was up 27 percent this season, and was the highest recorded in 20 years of Kottke research. As a result, the average season operating length increased, and some resorts opened early and/or remained open beyond normal closing dates. Most regions experienced increased snowfall, with particularly large increases in the Pacific Southwest (up 43 percent), Northeast (up 37 percent), Rocky Mountains (up 31 percent), and Midwest (up 26 percent), and to a lesser extent the Pacific Northwest (up 9 percent). The Southeast was the only region with a decline in snowfall (down 42 percent).

Gains in visits occurred in most regions, including the Northeast (up 4.0 percent from last season), Rockies (1.7 percent), Midwest (1.0 percent), and Pacific Northwest (0.3 percent). Decreased visits were experienced by both the Pacific Southwest (-5.0 percent) and Southeast (-3.6 percent). In a further indication of widespread solid performance, the industry as a whole exceeded its 10-season average by 4.1 percent, a pattern echoed by all regions, including the Northeast (up 5.3 percent from its 10-season average), Southeast (up 4.8 percent), Midwest (up 2.2 percent), Rocky Mountains (up 4.0 percent), Pacific Southwest (up 2.0 percent), and Pacific Northwest (up 7.0 percent).

NSP Bike Jersey - COMING SOON!!



NSP is excited to unveil the 2011 NSP Bike Jersey. NSP teamed up with Primal Wear Cycling to create a unique NSP-branded bike jersey. The jersey features a "recreational" fit, and is constructed with Speed-Pro material. It features popular NSP quotes such as "First on...Last off," and "We're a Different Breed." The NSP shield is proudly displayed on the front and rear of the jersey, and a wintry sublimation print gives the jersey a great look! Men's sizing runs from S-XL, and women's sizing runs from S-L. Cost of the jersey is \$65.00 plus shipping. **Jerseys will be available for shipment in July.** To pre-order your jersey, call Cathy Boudreau at 303-988-1111, ext. 2629.

For more information on the jersey, including sizing and FAQs, [CLICK HERE.](#)



Spring Catalog Sale Extended

The NSP Spring Sale has been extended through the end of June! Head to the NSP online catalog and click on the "Spring Sale" button to see all of the awesome gear at



amazing prices. New items are constantly being added, so check back often. Show your NSP pride with one of many logo items priced at 20-35 percent off!

NSP Visitors of the Month



Frank Herman

Frank Herman of the Loveland Ski Patrol in Colorado came by the office in early May.

Thanks for stopping by!!

The Sweep was created to keep NSP members informed about national news. An archive of all issues of The Sweep is maintained under the Newsletters section of [Member News](#). After logging in, click Newsletters from the Quick Links menu. If you have news that's relevant to the national ski patrol audience, we invite you to submit it for consideration for The Sweep. Please e-mail it to [editorial](#) by the 15th of each month.

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