MHSP SnoJob March 2007

President's Choice - Lisa Hargrave

Ski patrolling is fun!

Spring is so crazy. Here in Hood River the crocuses are blooming through the snow we got this weekend.

As the weather warms and the flowers start to bloom it is easy to get distracted from our mission to rescue injured skiers and boarders. Our mission is a noble and necessary one needing your participation throughout the spring.

As long as all four ski areas are still open we need to have approximately 25% of our patrol on the mountain every weekend day. While you may have gotten your minimum days in, our need has not diminished. We have a great group of new apprentices but they are only nearing the end of their training and won't be coming on as full patrollers until late March through April.

Working alongside more experienced patrollers really helps apprentices. The bottom line is we need each patroller to put in an average of one day every other weekend through April. Will you be one who steps up?

Another key need is governance. If you are interested in directing the future of the patrol consider a run for council. At the very least come to the elections meeting in April. If you can not attend the election meeting you can still vote via absentee ballot; see the absentee instructions on page 4.

Spring is also time for recognition. Think about nominees for one of our many awards. And be sure to reserve May 5th on your calendar for our annual awards banquet.

See you on the mountain,

Lisa

Lisa Hargrave
MHSP President
phone 541-386-6835

Time to think about AWARDS nominations. You may turn in nominations to mhsp@onebox.com or turn them into any council member on the mountain or at the March or April general meetings. These awards are presented annually:

- Rod Morrison Apprentice of the Year
- Barney MacNab Patroller of the Year
- Jerry Edgar Hill Captain of the Year
- Apprentice Associate of the Year
- Irv Huppin Associate of the Year
- Associate Supervisor of the Year
- Mountain Host of the Year
- Ralph Wiese First Aid Instructor of the Year
- George Anderson First Aid Excellence
- Bent Pole Award (patrollers injured on duty)

These awards are presented from time-to-time:
* John Keyes Meritorious Service * Dave Hitchcock Avalanche Service Award

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Membership Commitment

Gold = 20 days total, including 2 summer days.
Silver = 17 days total, including 1 summer day
Bronze = 12 days total.

Total days includes training days and days as an instructor or coach.

Ski year ends on Labor Day

VP's Ramblings
– Joel Stevens

With apologies to television show - *Car 54 Where Are You?* We have had great snow conditions the past couple of weeks, but we have been really short of patrollers. Remember *Ski Patrolling is Fun* (S.P.I.F.). Come on up and have a good time. While you are at it, you will be helping the areas, and your fellow patrollers. If you are short for meeting your commitment, you have even more reasons to come up.

MHSP Classifieds:

The new want ads on the listserver seems to be working well. Remember you may use HTML in your ad. If you need to have your ad run again, you need to send it to me again.

Elections:

Patrol Offices: Your job as a Council member is the best way to be involved in the future of the MHSP. We have one candidate for most of the offices now, although I understand the treasurer position still has no candidate. It would be much better if we had more than one candidate for each office to provide more choices for the membership. Don't be afraid to run for an office and lose. In the past, many patrollers have run for an office and lost, without losing face. I personally have run for two or three offices I did not win.

Joel Stevens

Veep in the Deep

It's Snowing at Timberline **Photo by Steve Eversmeyer**

Chief Notes
– Steve Eversmeyer

It was another GREAT day on the mountain. The forecast for was right on the money. Cold and snow falling all day long. Everyone worked together. We all got to play some as well. I managed to find a wind drift for a Timberline face shot, in the trees! And yes, I was still upright and had not fallen face first.

If you missed another weekend on the mountain, there's time to get in on the fun. The forecast is snow on and off, adding up to 4 more feet by the first weekend of March. There are lots of things happening as we finish up training. We'll have our last try-outs, do Senior EMM, polish up the Senior group's skills, provide the Level 1 and refresher avalanche classes. We could use everyone's help.

If you already fulfilled your days and are dispatched, please consider adding another day or two. If you are behind, take a hard look at the remaining season. Get caught up. Closing dates are not set but typically the Bowl's ski season wraps up in late April with Meadows in early May. Despite the excellent snow, I find the crowds start to thin this time of year, allowing for some extra turns, often in the untracked stuff. It's a great time of year for a run down Alpine or Glade after helping at Timberline, especially with the longer daylight hours.

Awards and recognition nominations for our patrollers will be made at the MHSP Banquet. If you see someone going the extra mile, please take a minutes and let someone on the council know. We'd like to get our members nominated in time for the National awards so we're well represented at the Division Meeting MHSP hosts this August. The extra lead-time for nominations now is critical. Think about it and let us know.

I hope to see everyone on the mountain this month. Come on up, bring a fellow patroller and join us in the fun making patrolling worth doing, year after year!

First Aid Chief – Jodie Jeffers

"See you on the mountain. Leaving tracks of all kind!"

Don't get caught empty-handed

Saving lives means having the right equipment. Every time. **Ensuring we have all supplies for cases is expected normal routine.** Please, advise others to do the same....."hey lets check this bag out together."

Your suggestions help make us all, pro-and volunteer patroller together, successful. Here's a few:

- Every patrol morning make it a priority to ensure we have enough C -collars, both adult and pediatric,
- Check all the straps on backboards,
- Make sure all pieces are with the traction splint,
- First aid bags you can count on! Ready with tape, gauze, all the accoutrements required to stock first aid bags.

Here's a scary thought... "I'll punt, improvise..." That may be appropriate only for those exceptional times, say, if something happened to the bag, say; after you arrived the well stocked bag blows off the cliff.

Remember...You can't punt with oxygen, masks or ambu bags. What if this is your best friend's child you're treating? Are you prepared to deal with it? You are ultimately responsible for the outcome. What are your choices? Helping or possible further damage to a patient...worst case scenario...death.

Unfortunately this can become very real. The importance of checking ALL the equipment at the start of the day as well as with repacking can never be stressed too much.

Taping and zip ties make no guarantee everything you need is in the bag. Check them yourself.

Start your day out by checking to make sure you have what you need. The bottom line is by making sure this is done and correct it may save a life! It may be someone you know.

Thank you for your time on this.
First Aid Chief Jodie Jeffers

Want to try for your Emmy Award?

- *I....cant.....catch....my.....breath.....need....air...*
- *Oooooooowwwwwww, cry, sniffle, CRY .....^&*^&*.....my (*&^% knee HURTS!!!*
- *Hey Dude, bummer of a fall, sweet jump but my hand really gnarled up....*
- *Sir..Sir...can you hear me....sir.....*
- *Cry, Wahhh.....MOMMMYYY!!!!....sniffle sniffle....hurts!*

Any of this sound familiar? Need to refresh your first aid skills? Want to mentor someone? Help out with an OEC class as a patient or 2nd patroller! We are gearing up now. We start first week of April, every Thursday night at Meridian Park Hospital from 6:30-10:00 p.m.

We welcome your help.

Email tailwaggin1@msn.com.

MHSP & Mountain Hosts Awards Banquet

Date: May 5th

Time: No-host cocktails at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm

Place: Red Lion Jantzen Beach

Awards banquet to honor our finest and our new members. Mountain hosts invited,

Bring your significant other.

Sounds like Summit
- Diane Kindall & Dave McKay

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to all the patrollers who have dispatched at Summit this season. In fact, in February ALL dispatch days were covered, including President's Day! That must be some sort of record. It's absolutely wonderful that folks are generally pre-dispatching ahead of time, and helping to cover an area that appreciates us so much!

In recognition of that fact, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the second annual END OF SEASON PARTY at Summit Ski Resort on April 14th, 4:30-ish to 7:00-ish Charlie will be hosting pizza and other goodies. Drinks will be BYOB (that way, you can have what you like). Of course, we'll have an Easter egg hunt for the kids, and back by popular demand will be Adult Avalanche Transceiver training....(for the over-21 crowd). Yes, "gift-switching" will be permitted. I suspect Charlie might also have some other activities up his sleeve. You might recall sno-mo skiing from last year? So, plan on putting in a day on the hill, and then come to the party. Or, just come up to the party if you can't dispatch that day. OF COURSE, FAMILIES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! See you on the hill!

- Dave and Diane

Mt. Hood Ski Patrol
GOLF BENEFIT
Honoring Lt. Col. John Keyes

The Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Golf Benefit (aka John Keyes Memorial) has a new logo, thanks to Kathy Lee, Michael Bailey and Adam Sirkin's hard work. We will have our new brochures soon and hopefully some new sponsors - keep your fingers crossed!

Better yet, uncross those fingers, clear your mind and think about any contacts you might have for sponsors. Gordy Winterrowd, Mac Sheldon, Ike Anunciado and Scott Croucher are contacting major sponsors. David Hornibrook and Chris Peredney are working on restaurants, Patrick Lacey and Corey Schneider are talking to hotels and John Moss is addressing resorts. Everyone, **you included**, is bringing in auction and raffle items.

This event will only succeed with your help. Don't put off making contacts! This is the time of year that companies set aside funds for donations and we want to be on their list!

Your Golf Committee

Jerry Knowlton, jerry@jhkinc.com

Pat Stevens, pat@sdeltd.com

Jaye Carlson, jmiller@linear.com

Dear MHSP,

I am proudly celebrating my 10th year as a NSP. Why should you care you ask? Because it all started with you guys at Mt. Hood! I was a candidate in 1995-96 under the fine instruction of the wonderful volunteer instructors. I have since been with two additional patrols and completed Senior Alpine certification.

All of this because of the great work you guys do in making this passion for skiing into a lifelong commitment to the safety of the skiing public.

Thank you for all that you do and keep up the great work!

Susan Manning (now Allen)

MHSP #1249

Election for Executive Council will be held at the April General Meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting you may request an absentee ballot by email at MHSP@onebox.com or by US Mail at PO Box 4384, Portland, Oregon 97208. **Requests for absentee ballots must be received by March 23rd.** Completed absentee ballots must be returned via US Mail to MHSP, PO Box 4384, Portland, OR 97208. Absentee ballots must be RECEIVED at the PO box by 5:00 PM April 6th to be counted in the election.

Only full members may vote. Red Shirt members and Apprentices or transfers who have not received their badges are not eligible to vote.

Step Outside
- Mac Sheldon

Photo: Jeff Heppler—Off the Glade a few meters, in some sugary powder. Very nice stuff, with Mac.

I'm not as daring as I used to be. Not that I was ever a human dynamo, but that part of my brain that asses risk seems to be a little more paranoid with each passing year.

The real problem is my obligations often have a sedating affect on my days. I've heard life is full of a thousand deaths, small events steering you toward a safer, more sedentary existence. It might be your job, social responsibilities, your video game system, your Tivo; anything that teaches you to stay indoors and play it safe. We can let our lives get a little dull sometimes.

How do we protect ourselves from these little deaths? How do we banish dull feelings from our lives? We all need adventure. Adventure can be the spark that electrifies us; the gust that blows us out of the doldrums of the 40-hour work week. We don't have to risk life and limb, we just have to step outside of our normal routine. Even days off can become banal if we do the same thing. Adventures can make a single day or a weekend seem to last forever.

Now I wish that I could say that I'm a great adventurer, a step behind Stuck and Harper climbing Denali (first to summit in 1913). But I'm not. In all honesty, I have a hard time getting out of bed in the morning on many days. But there's a way to bring this sort of excitement into your life, even if the thought of an adventure trips your risk sensor gene and sounds an alarm: mini-adventures, or adventures that last only a day or a weekend.

Demo a pair of tele skis, or take a snowboard lesson. Rent snowshoes and hike the Crosstown trail after a day of Alpine Patrolling. Need a little more to challenge your routine? Mountain Travel and Rescue (MTR) is offered this year. Sign up. You'll never know the uncanny quiet of a snow cave until you've dug and slept in one. Still not enough? Skin into a Yurt and ski the backcountry for a weekend. Utah is two hours away. So is Jackson. Or, Heather Canyon if you've never dared it before. Ski the Glade or Alpine after patrolling at Timberline.

There are hundreds of mini-adventures that if thoughtfully planned and properly outfitted can be the stimulation and satisfaction that you need to keep life interesting. Some of us are willing to mount an expedition of epic proportions... so long as we're back at the bar in time for happy hour, and some of us yearn for a greater challenge. I for one tend toward the latter.

It's now approaching midnight in Fairbanks as I'm tucking the last items into my bags in anxious anticipation of a grand winter adventure. This promises to be the most interesting, invigorating and potentially stunningly beautiful adventure that I've heretofore undertaken, but you're going to have to come to the March General Meeting to hear and see what's about to transpire. It's now 13° F and the temperature's dipping further before the sun returns in the morning. The Aurora Borealis is faintly glowing outside my toasty hotel room, but tomorrow night will be much different. I'll tell you and show you all about it at the meeting. See you there!

The Mount Hood Ski Patrol Centerfold

This is Peter Casey and Laura Davies in the Eagle Cap Wilderness - Photo by John Gastineau

To: JERRY KNOWLTON
Subject: Thank you for helping to rescue me last March

Dear Jerry, it has been a year since I broke my ankle on Yellowjacket (March 3) and I realized I have been remiss in thanking your group for helping me get out. My rescue was mentioned in your April 2006 newsletter (I am the Oregon Nordic Club member). Please thank Eric Holmstrom and Jeff Heppler for me. I was in mild shock most of the time, and don't remember all the details of the rescue, but I do remember everyone involved helped me remain calm and gave me excellent care. I have not been back on that trail since, but I am skiing again. My husband and I have bought two way radios to bring along with us now and I am more careful to scan the trail ahead of me so as not to ski into any more creekbeds.

Thanks again for all you do.

Jennifer Klump

Is global warming really happening?

How is it affecting Mt. Hood?

What can you do to promote sustainability?

Join Oregon's Secretary of State

Bill Bradbury for a very special event hosted by MHSP

An Inconvenient Truth

presented by Bill Bradbury

Bradbury completed a training with former Vice President Al Gore to prepare for presentations around Oregon. He took part in an intensive tutorial on global warming with Gore and a team of experts and received technical training to present Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" Power point slide show. His presentation will be followed by an open question and answer session.

"Bill Bradbury is an outstanding example of the millions of
Americans who have been energized by the call to action on the
climate crisis. We are so pleased that he has made a
serious commitment to become part of this
unprecedented grassroots effort."
- Al Gore

This event is open to all Mt. Hood Ski Patrol members, as well as their families and friends. Spread the word! The more people who come, the better.

"An Inconvenient Truth", presented by Bill Bradbury
Athey Creek Middle School
Auditorium
Tuesday, March 27, 2007
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Admission is free

Please contact Sandy Henschel for more information.
Cell: 503-313-2439. Email: shenschel@cvk-law.com

Region

Plans are progressing for the Pacific Northwest Division 2007 Annual Convention August 10-12, 2007 in Portland at the Airport Embassy Suites Hotel. NSAA President Michael Berry will be the keynote speaker for the general session on Saturday August 11. Other proposed programs for the event are as follows:

- MTR, Avalanche, S&T, Nordic and OEC sessions
- Division business meeting and awards banquet
- Proposed special sessions
    - Life Flight, Air Life, Reach & Air Lift Northwest, Air National Guard
    - Landing Zone Safety / OEC considerations
    - Recruitment / Retention
    - Web site construction
    - Rope rescue techniques
    - Physical training
    - Pediatric / OEC considerations
    - NSAA safety programs (helmets, skier responsibility code, etc.)

A number of experienced Mount Hood Ski Patrol members are helping with the meeting. Jerry Knowlton is planning the golf tournament. Debbie Norvell is scheduling additional activities such as a wine country tour. Donations for the silent auction and raffle are being solicited by Corinna Kupelwieser and the hospitality suite and catering are being handled by Laurie Bennett. Program details are being pulled together by Jodie Jeffers and Reba Sharp is returning as the registrar after having done a superb job when the convention was hosted by the Mount Hood region in 2002. Special thanks to all of those who are contributing to the ongoing planning for the event.

Additional volunteers are needed to assist the above committee members with planning and running the meeting. Teleconferences are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 PM to organize the session. Contact Rod Legg (rlegg@us.ibm.com) to participate in the call.

If you would like to stay at the hotel, arrangements may be made by calling the Embassy Suites at the Portland Airport at 503-460-3000. Ask for reservations. Identify yourself as being with the Pacific Northwest Division of the National Ski Patrol. You will be quoted the group rate of $104

which includes breakfast and an evening reception with hosted bar. You may also go on line at www.embassysuitesportlandairport.com. From the web site, go to reservations and the group code is "PND" to obtain the group rate. Additional pre-registrations would be appreciated as the 2007 conference committee continues to make plans for the event. Please contact Reba Sharp at (krsharp1@verizon.net) for current registration materials.

Other Events

Another event sponsored by the Mt Hood Region in conjunction with the Pacific Northwest Division of the National Ski Patrol is the annual "Nuts & Bolts" clinic. The date is currently set for June 1-3, 2007 at Timberline.

Instructor development, ski & toboggan, and skier enhancement sessions are planned for the event. Additional details will be available in the SnoJob and the Pacific Northwest Division "Nor'wester".

Mt. Hood Region Director Rod Legg

rlegg@us.ibm.com, 503-578-2380

National Ski Patrol Pacific Northwest Division

In Memoriam

Charlie Lake died about February 20 at Crooked River Ranch in Central Oregon.

Charlie was a long time mountain manager at the Multorpor and Ski Bowl areas and a great friend of the patrol. He was an incredibly good skier especially in crud.

The former paratrooper worked for Timberline for a few years in the mid 1970's when he lived just up hill from Rhodie off in the woods on the north side of the road. To get home from Timberline he would hike on skis above the Lodge high enough to be able to ski down to his house in Rhodie. No, I don't know the way and probably no patroller does either. He kept a mountain lion in a cage at his house.

After his retirement from Mt. Hood he moved to Sisters and worked part time at Hoodoo ski area as a Sno-Cat driver and groomer.

Once Charlie asked me to help him break off cornices on the west wall of the bowl. Conservative as I am, I told him I thought he should rope up and I would belay him when he went out to jump on the cornices, in case he should fall. He assured me it was OK. Naturally, he fell off with the first cornice, set off a small slide and skied out of it as if nothing had happened.

The Giant Knauss passed this sad info to me and advised that there will be a memorial later in the year. I'll keep you posted.

The Rev.

John Wilberding

MHSP# 497

More on Charlie....

One night when the upper bowl chair still went up the side of Canyon, Kurt Kessler, in his official snow ranger capacity and never one to be dissuaded regarding the correctness of any of his observations/decisions, closed the upper bowl because he saw a "crack" in the west wall that was bound to slide. (My own observation was it was probably a shadow.) Charlie, still Mt. Manager, yelled at Kurt, "You're crazy, Kurt," and other choice un-repeatable phrases calling into question Kurt's parentage and other qualities.

Kurt merely said, "Nope. That's a crack and it stays closed. Upon this pronouncement Charlie rode the chair up and then hiked up to the top peak and skied down through the "crack".

"There, Kurt are you satisfied? Nothing slid."

"Nope. That's a crack and there's danger of it sliding."

Charlie rode up a second time, climbed back up to the peak and skied back down through the "crack".

"Now, Kurt! are you satisfied?"

"Nope. That's a crack and there's danger of it sliding."

Charlie rode up a third time, climbed back up to the peak and skied back down through the "crack".

" Now, Kurt!!! Are you satisfied?"

"Nope. That's a crack and there's danger of it sliding"

This whole incident within about one half hour. It was a titanic clash of wills that some of us were "privileged" to witness. And a real demonstration of the strength and fitness of Charlie.

Charlie was a true "animal" on skis but one of the most graceful skiers I have ever seen. One of the real ironies was that he was all over Skibowl for years but never broke his leg until moving to Timberline. As I recall he got a fair amount of razzing about that.

The mountain has seen few of his caliber.

Glen Owen

MHSP# 550

How to do the finger-splint

Materials

- 2 wickets (you know – the little thingies that hold the lift ticket)
- Cloth tape

How:

1. Open ends and weave together, so they stick together by overlapping open ends over narrow ends (hey dude – see the picture)

2. It will slide – it should look like an akia at this point – think of it as an akia for your finger.

3. slide to fit patients finger lengthwise

4. Once the length is set, spiral wrap with tape. Make sure the metal is fully covered to ensure there are no impaling metal points.

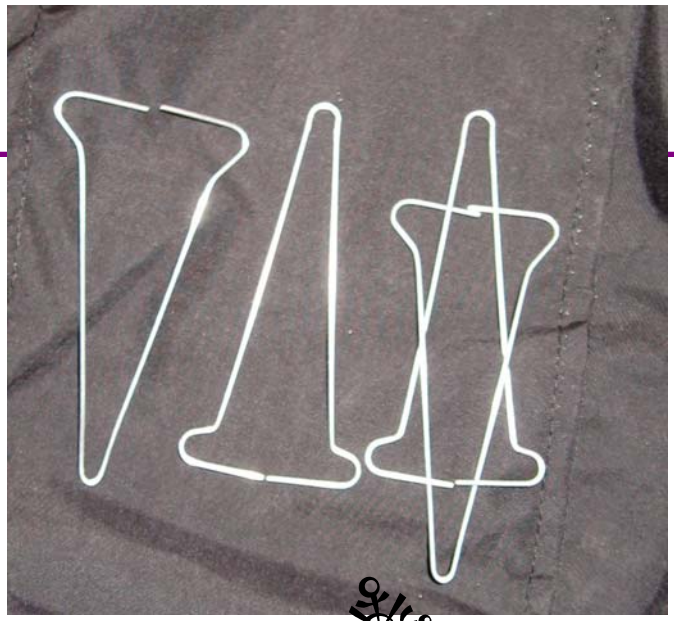
5. Curve to cradle the finger – make sure it extends about ¼ inch beyond the finger.

6. Tape it to the injured finger involved.

Make as needed – these are custom fit.

Origins – National Ski Patrol Magazine – somewhere between 15 and 20 years ago according to Dave's memory.

Contributed by Dave Hornibrook



Mountain Locater Units (MLU)

Buzz Bowman, HC134, past President and past Patrol Chief, says that MHSP was an important player in bringing the MLU's into being. This effort was in reaction to the 1986 Oregon Episcopal School climbing tragedy where seven high school students and two teachers died in a snow cave where they were trapped for several days during a storm.

Past Patrol Chief, Craig Petrie was part of the group forming the idea and raised the purchase funds. MHSP members spent hundreds of hours field testing units under different weather and terrain conditions. Patrollers were a curious sight moving slowly over snow fields holding large and bizarre looking antennae arrays over their heads while staring down at chest mounted monitors.

The group finally selected a unit that was used for tracking wild animals. The final hurdle; the manufacturer was reluctant to assume potential liability for human lives. MHSP helped raise $20,000 for legal work lobbying the Oregon legislature to create the liability exemption that ultimately made it possible to implement this life-saving system.

From the climber's registration at Wy'East Lodge at Timberline:

Where can you rent an MLU? How does it work?
An MLU system only works when; 1) the lost individual activates it AND 2)the lost individual is reported as overdue or lost to the county sheriff (call 911).

The MLU transmits a signal activated by the lost person. The county sheriff and volunteer search and rescue groups have the equipment to receive this signal, but this equipment is only functions when the county sheriff has been notified and activates the receiving equipment. Two individuals each wearing an activated MLU cannot use the devices to locate each other.

Mountain Shop
628 NE Broadway
Portland, Or
(503) 288-6768

REI – Portland
1405 NW Johnson St
Portland, OR
(503) 221-1938

Mt Hood Inn
87450 E. Govt Camp Loop
Government Camp OR
(503) 272-3205
(open 24 hours)

REI - Tigard
7410 SW Bridgeport
Tigard OR
(503)624-8600

Blossom

- Alumni Bill Keil

I gather that there is current interest in the somewhat forgotten Blossom Trail, which was the first road to Timberline. It ran north from Government Camp to Blossom cabin, which was about ¾ mile west of Timberline Lodge.

My first jaunt on the trail was in December 1943 on snowshoes. Ole Lien was one of the lodge caretakers during the WWII shutdown. We were both lookouts south of Mt. Hood the summer before. He was my closest neighbor, 9 miles away. I had never skied and he invited me up for the weekend.

He came down to meet me on the trail and that was the first time I had seen anyone on skis.

The first sight of the lodge was quite impressive. It was only six years old then. Ole had a small room just above the garbage room on the east end of the lodge. A register allowed heat to come up from a huge woodstove downstairs. Otherwise the lodge was unheated.

From the rentals in the ski shop Ole got me skis, boots, and poles. We went to the slope across the parking lot in front of the lodge where Ole tried, not entirely successfully, to teach me to snowplow.

The next day we went down Alpine trail, on down Mazama Hill to Summit. When we got to the washboards on Alpine, Ole realized the trip could take all day, as much as I was falling. He put climbers on my skis, which gave me a little more control. I took them off at the top of Summit and sped down that hill until I crashed.

After the war I started college, joined the patrol, and worked on the Timberline lift crew on winter weekends. I learned to herringbone with a 5-gallon can of gas in each hand, taking it up to the Otto Lang rope tow. I worked for the Forest Service in Government Camp during summer vacations.

One Saturday night another MHSP member, Harold Heacock, and I decided to stay at Timberline Cabin. We dug our way in with skis. I started a fire, only to find that the chimney was completely clogged with snow. The place soon filled with smoke, which even drove the rats out. We tried, unsuccessfully, to clear the chimney with a ski, but couldn't. So we skied on down Blossom to Doc George's in miserable freezing rain. J. Otto George had a weekend clinic in Government Camp. The patrol brought him business, so we always had a place to stay if the Timberline first aid room was full.

I had an experience somewhat similar to Corky Kosko's. In January of 1951 was going to ride over to Sun Valley with Jim Ralph, who was the Forest Service man in Government Camp. Jim shepherded the ski patrol. I was living at Timberline then. It was a very heavy winter and I had just dug out my car to go down to meet Jim when we had a report of an accident on the tramway cut. There were no other patrolmen around so I called Jim and told him to forget me. I went down and found the injury just under the tram. The driver at the time was another Mt. Hood patrolman, Ian McAndie. I flagged him down and he lowered some rope and they pulled the injured up into the car.

We had discussed the possibility of tram rescues, but as far as I know that was the only one.

I had the time off, so I went home to Portland and decided I would go over to Sun Valley on the train. We had a great few days and came back to the mountain to find five feet of new snow. Most of the buildings were buried and an avalanche had taken out the rope tow in the upper bowl. The only lift at the time was the single in the lower bowl.

Much later, a new district ranger was assigned to the Summit district. A couple of us decided we were going to break him in and took him down Blossom. Those who have skied it will remember the quite narrow twisting turns in the middle. The new guy followed along behind and then zipped right past us when we hit those turns. He knew what we were up to. We didn't realize it before, but he was an excellent skier.

Bill Keil

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Editors note: *The membership loves these stories from the Alumni, please keep them coming in. We love the history. A sincere thanks to contributors.*

Important Dates

- *March 3—Ski Historic Glade Day Trail—Contact Ski Host Bill Johnson*
- *March 3—Party at Govy Building*
- *March 3— Senior EMM@ Hoo doo—contact Kathy Lee: leek@ohsu.edu, (503) 494-2630 work, (503) 654-7494 home, leek@ohsu.edu.*
- *March 3,4—Senior S&T—contact Jeffrey Weitz, 503-525-1925, jweitz@northrimcommercial.com*
- *March 8, 15, 22, 29—Mountain Travel & Rescue—Contact Joel Stevens*
- *March 10 ,11—Level 1 Avalanche Field 1 & 2*
- *March 10, 11— Senior EMM@ Hoo doo—contact Kathy Lee: leek@ohsu.edu, (503) 494-2630 work, (503) 654-7494 home, leek@ohsu.edu.*
- *March 11—Senior S&T plus final—contact Jeffrey Weitz, 503-525-1925, jweitz@northrimcommercial.com*
- *March 12—7 PM General Meeting - Athey Creek Middle School, 2900 SW Borland Rd, West Linn, OR*
- *March 14—Mount Hood Ski Patrol Executive Council 6:45—10 PM, Portland Fire Station #12, 8645 NE Sandy Blvd. Portland, OR*
- *March 15—OEC book pickup*
- *March 17, 25—FRT*
- *March 17,18—Level 1 Avelanche Field 1*
- *March 24,25- Level 1 Avalanche Field 2*
- *March 27—Inconvenient Truth (see page 7)*
- *March 31 - MTR Overnight (tentative)*

March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Glade Trail DaySenior Emm/SkiTest Senior S&T
4 SkiTest Senior S&T	5	6	7	8 MTR	9	10 Level 1 Ave 1-Field 1/ Senior EMM
11 Level 1 Ave 1-Field 2/ Senior EMM/Senior	12 General Meeting	13	14 AHSP Council Meeting	15 MTR	16	17 FRT, Level 1 Ave Field 1
18 Level 1 Ave Field 1	19	20	21	22 MTR SnoJob Deadline	23	24 Level 1 Ave Field 2
25 Level 1 Ave Field 2/ FRT	26 Spring Brk	27 Inconvenient Truth Spring Brk	28 Spring Brk	29 MTR Spring Brk	30 Spring Brk	31 MTR Ovrnt—Tent

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Sled Training—Vince Langmann driving the sled. Photo by -Mike Kurfis HA #76018

The official MHSP event calendar is available on-line through Google. Links are available from the MHSP Dispatch website through www.mthoodskipatrol.org —OR— if you have your own Google account access the calendar directly from your web browser by typing *calendar.google.com.* The name of the calendar is "*Mt Hood Ski Patrol – Oregon*". It is a public calendar so anyone may view it.

Important Dates

- *April 5, 12, 19, 26—OEC Meridian Park 6:30 pm*
- *April 6, 7, 8 - MTR Overnight (tentative)*
- *April 7, 8, 14, 15—Tentative hill apprentice sled test*
- *April 7, 15—Avalanche Refresher*
- *April 9—7 PM General Meeting - Athey Creek Middle School, 2900 SW Borland Rd, West Linn, OR*
- *April 11—Mount Hood Ski Patrol Executive Council 6:45—10 PM, Portland Fire Station #12, 8645 NE Sandy Blvd. Portland, OR*
- *April 19—SnoJob Deadline*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 OEC	6 Tentative MTR Over-night	7 Tent Sled Tests/ Tentative MTR Overnight/av
8 Easter/ Tent Sled Tests/ MTR Overnight	9 General Meeting	10	11 General Meeting	12 OEC	13	14 Tent Sled Tests
15 Tent Sled Tests/ Avalanche Refresher	16	17	18 Powderfall	19 SnoJob Deadline/ OEC/ Powderfall	20 Powderfall	21 Powderfall
22 Earthday	23	24	25	26 OEC	27	28
29	30					

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Good Morning Timberline —Photo by John Lacey

SEND! *Stories, pictures & those wonderful words-of-wisdom for the SnoJob to MHSPSecretary@gmail.com*

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