



# February '05 SnoJob



Ski areas closed for weeks on end, Bluewood cancelled, record warm temperatures in January. In the past 15 years of patrolling on Mt Hood, I can't remember when it took so long for the snowfall to stay around. This makes for a very difficult time staying focused and prepared for the patrol days ahead.

### Message from the President

Bill Boyd  
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But there are some who manage.

Ken Allen, Larry Cahill, Dave Atkinson, Andrew Degner, Matt Dindia, Steve Eversmeyer, Jeff Ezzell, John Gastineau, Matt Hickok, Jim Holway, Jerry Johnson, Shelly Johnson, Jim Kitchin, Mike Klein, Mark Lambrecht, Bonnie Lynch, Akana Ma, Ian Malkasian, Dan Mead, Roger Meier, Kelly Miller, Ryan Minikis, Kat Moore, Tom Moore, Terry Niedermeyer, Matt Rea, Garth Rhoads, Joe Sheean, Mac Sheldon, Bob Tise.

I would like to say thank you to the patrollers who have found ways to succeed!

They stayed focused, signed up and patrolled when they found the areas were short handed, and have managed to get their days in. Thank You!

As we work through the remainder of the season with anticipation of that next major storm, I would like you to take a few moments and reflect on this patrol, what it can do for you, and what you can do for it. We have 9 council positions up for election this year and as yet, only 2 candidates have stepped forward, both for the same position.

As corny as it may sound, we get out of this Ski Patrol what we put in.

We are a member driven organization, and if not recognized, we can fall victim to a quiet killer. Indifference. This very action (or lack of) can direct the most respectful organization to days of despair and turbulence. If left untended, we could cast the image to our areas of being a group that are all talk and no walk.

### Calendar Changes

**The Skier Enhancement Seminar has been postponed**

### General Meeting

**February 14th - Happy Valentines Day!**

### Upcoming February Events

- 13th - FRT & Sled Updates at Tline**
- 14th - General Meeting**
- 19th - 21st - Presidents Day Weekend**
- 19th - FRT & Sled updates at SkiBowl**

### **22nd - Council Meeting**

- 25th (PM) - FRT & Sled updates at SkiBowl**
- 26th - Avalanche Refresher**
- 26th - Senior S & T**
- 27th - Senior EMM**

### Upcoming Early March Events

- 4th (PM) - FRT & Sled updates at SkiBowl**
- 5th - 6th - Apprentice First Responder Training**
- 9th - Mountain Travel and Rescue**
- 12th & 13th - Tryouts**
- 12th & 13th - Senior S&T - with Oregon Region**

**...AND MUCH MORE-SEE FULL DETAILS IN THE CALENDAR...**

**Message from the Patrol Chief**  
Don Gardner  
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All Patrollers - New Protocol  
Starting Sat. Feb. 12, when you are at Ski Bowl or Timberline Call in your lift. (MHM already does this) After you load your chair, call your "20:.

For example:	Call # +Lift
one patroller	"Pucci"
Two patrollers	"2 - Pucci "
Three etc	"3 - Palmer"
Patroller + sled	"Pucci with sled"

Patrollers include both associates and hill. This is a great method to keep track of your hill disbursement.

Hill Captains - At the end of the day please put the pouch where it belongs - in the locked cabinet. Thank you !!

All Members

When you are assigned a radio for the day you are responsible for its care. Normal wear and tear (battery problems, broken switch) are understood. Broken antennas are not acceptable. One of the brand new radio's (used possibly 4 times) fits this description. Dropping or forcing the radio into the cabinet is no excuse. Everyone carrying a radio should have either a radio pouch or a special radio pocket that zips in your coat. If you don't have one...DO NOT carry a radio.

A special thanks to all of you that have dispatched and are doing your days. The rest, please be part of the team and dispatch.

Thanks,  
DON GARDNER, PC

## *Patroller Responsibility Code*

Service before self, the needs of the mountain come first

Be on time

Never leave a patroller in need

If you need help, ask for it

Keep your training current

Always act in a manner that reflects well on the patrol

Associate Director

Greetings all! I'm delighted to report that this past month we have had two well-attended pot-luck dinners at the Gov'y Building. Both the food and the company were terrific, and it was wonderful to see so many patrollers having fun socializing at our building. I hope we continue to have these gatherings and encourage you to participate when you can. This past month Corinna Kupelwieser, Jim Freeman, and Roger McIntire have helped out in the first aid room. I'd like to extend special thanks to these Hill Patrollers for their assistance and remind any Hill Patroller or Nordic Patroller who would like to spend a day (or more) in the first aid room that you are welcome to do so. Simply call the Associate Supervisor for the day(s) you'd like to be there and let them know of your interest (and make sure the first aid room isn't already fully staffed). I'd also like to thank those patrollers who are fulfilling their service commitment and I'd like to encourage those patrollers who are behind in their days to be sure to dispatch and get them in. See you on the mountain!

Eric Einspruch  
AS461

**Message from the Associate Director**

Eric Einspruch  
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Well its about time. Three foot of new snow and that's on the valley floor. That should make all of us smile a..... Oh uh! That actually happened on the East Coast. I presume then that we are still waiting for the big snow dump. I know I am.

Well, guess what? Yes, they still love us at Timberline. One point that Jim has been talking about that is relevant to all areas. WHEN IN THE AIR - BE AWARE. What I am trying to say is that while riding up in the chair lift, instead of talking to all the people with you or nodding off for five minutes of sleep; Look at what is happening on the ground. You could see a rope line that is down; bamboo that needs to be reset; a jump that is being built; an accident that just happened; an out of control skier which could be an accident about to happen, you could help direct patrollers to a needed area; you could report excessive noise on the towers rollers and sheaves;ect. We believe that this would help Timberline, but would also help Bowl, Meadows, and Summit. Give it a chance.

Remember to complete your required days, and then add a few more to help the patrol and the areas we serve.

Dave Wheeler  
Timberline APC

**Message from the Timberline APC**

Dave Wheeler  
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Overly enthusiastic patrollers mark the bare spots wherever they find them...

# Committee News

## Committees

Lisa Hargrave, Vice President

Fun Day! Fun Day! Fun Day!

Are you ready for some FUN? What was old is new again. Fun Day will be coordinated this year by a committee from the general membership. Interested volunteers should contact Lisa Hargrave – [lisa@philhargrave.net](mailto:lisa@philhargrave.net) or 541-386-6835.

## Message from the Vice President

Lisa Hargrave

We're still in the process of designing a new t-shirt, hat and coffee mug. If you have ideas or suggestions, please let one of us on the committee know and we'll run them by the Council and go from there. Contact David Locke, Jodie Jeffers, Larry Church, Karl Hofmeister Lori Bennett or Ike Isakson. To date, I've not heard from any one though we did get requests for some of the previous hat designs.

I've also got some new decals that we'll start to carry. They even include the new approved red outlined cross.

We'll see you at the meeting Feb. 14, please bring your checkbook.

THANKS from your Clothing Committee

## Clothing Committee

Steve Eversmeyer

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Hi everyone. I would like to thanks all those good patrollers who participated in the annual Portland Ski Fever show and those who helped out with the NW Ski Council event. In order to get the word out to the public and recruit some excellent candidates it's very critical that we participate in these and other events throughout our territory. I know it seems like just another commitment to the patrol and takes away from being on the mountain, however, you do get a green sheet day if you participate, and with the snow conditions the way they are, hey...why not still work toward those 18 needed days to get those much cherished family passes. Just e-mail me at [jim.gianotti@hp.com](mailto:jim.gianotti@hp.com) or call--503-709-3308 and let's see what future event you can help us on ok?

On a side note, no shows to these types of activities can be very negative especially if there is a commit too present at a meeting or function. Sunday morning at the Ski Fever show I showed up to find an empty booth. We had 5 patrollers signed up. Not good ! It sent a poor message to the organizers and also to Subaru America who sponsored our booth. So to keep this note upbeat and positive I will not mention who those patrollers are and maybe they will be kind enough to call me sometime to let me know what I can do better in the future to make sure the communication is right and everyone is pumped to help out. Fair enough?

Ok..pray for snow and if that doesn't work then call me.

Jim Gianotti  
#1342

## Public Relations Committee

Jim Gianotti

# *New Member Recruitment*

Lisa Hargrave, Vice President

It's going to get pretty lonely out there if we do not do more to attract new members.

Thank you to everyone who participated in getting our posters out in the community before Christmas. But POSTERS ARE NOT ENOUGH! The number one source of new members is REFERRAL BY A FRIEND.

Are you doing everything you can to talk up the ski patrol?

Do your friends, neighbors and co-workers know what you do and how much fun it is?

Are there other parents on your kid's sport teams and clubs that would like to set an example of public service to their children?

Accept the challenge this year of seriously talking to at least two people about joining Mt Hood Ski Patrol as an Associate, Hill or Nordic patroller. Use the information flyer in this newsletter to talk to others or even post it at your workplace.

Interested parties can sign up for a "shadow day" or for an early tryout by going to the website at [www.mthoodskipatrol.org](http://www.mthoodskipatrol.org) or by calling 866-828-9205 or by calling Matt Rea.

Our membership is only as large and as deep as we make it. Help make the MHSP the kind of organization you want to belong to.

# *Dispatch Update*

Dispatch

We have made a change in the dispatch program. When you go to "Schedule" you will be directed to the "Master Calendar" page, instead of the "Sign Up" page. We did this so you could immediately see where we needed more patrollers.

You can sign up from here, by clicking on any "highlighted duty" on a day, and following the instructions as it leads you to the "Sign up" pages. You can also select the "Sign up" page from the menu bar on the left hand side of the "Schedule" page and continue to use the system as before.

A Reminder. The third module dispatch is due by February 14th. If possible, please predispatch through the website //www.MHSPDispatch.org If you cannot use the website, send a letter to Joel Stevens, 9660 SW Ventura Ct, Tigard, OR 97223 or FAX 503-293-1254 with your 3rd module choices. I will set up your dispatch and mail you a copy of your schedule.

It is really important that all patroller predispatch, and honor their commitments. Don't make it hard on our areas, or your fellow patrollers.

# Training News

## February 05 Avalanche News

Our first refresher was Jan. 23 and the feedback from the 16 people there was positive. The AMR RAT folks are also attending and will fill about 8 slots in the remaining classes. They added some good ideas and perspectives in the Sunday refresher.

The Feb. 26 class had about 10 people listed in the dispatch when I checked. We should have about 25 to 30 in each class. We'll have the last class Mar. 19 so PLEASE use the dispatch and sign up. If you have questions about whether or not you're due for the every three (3) year refresher, please contact either Matt Rea or myself. We've got good, easily checked records and can let you know.

**Avalanche**  
Steve Eversmeyer

## First Aid Chief

### Sales Person Wanted

It can be difficult at times to decide on whether or not EMS transfer is appropriate. It can be even more difficult of a situation when you are certain that ALS/EMS is needed yet the patient is refusing treatment or transfer. In a situation such as this its time to bring out the sales person in you and make an attempt to persuade the patient to accept transfer recommendations. You can't force a conscious, alert and cognizant individual to obtain medical care, however you can use your charm, authority and expertise to help convince the patient that this would be the better decision. Is the situation getting better, worse or staying the same? If things are becoming worse or could, point that out. Mention that it would perhaps be better, if the condition is worsening, that EMS transfer is the best decision. If the condition does continues to worsen and if at a later time they decide to peruse transfer, getting EMS to them may be more difficult if not impossible. Pain is big factor and EMS crews are able to treat the symptom of pain. Employ the influence of friends or relatives that might be able to assist you in persuading your patient. If at timberline or meadows, make an attempt to involve the physician on duty to render a second opinion and help convince the patient of need for transport. If a patient continues to refuse, document, document, document. Make sure refusal forms are filled out/signed and make an effort to have a friend or family member accompany the patient out of the first aid room. Continue to advice the patient of the potential risks of refusing care.

In this month's skills brief I would like to provide you with some general recommendations on when you should make the call to roll EMS.

**Message from the First Aid Chief**  
Paul Podett

# **THE FAC'S**

## **\*\*\*\*\*Skills Brief**

### **General recommendations for EMS Activation**

#### **Trauma**

Head or spinal cord injury.  
Numbness or paralysis in one or more limbs.  
One or more proximal long bone Fx's or dislocations.  
Limb injury with diminished pulse or poor capillary refill.  
Humerus, femur, pelvic-hip Fx, amputation, Fall >20 Ft.  
Penetrating injury. Trauma to neck, chest, torso, groin, extremities.  
Vehicle extrication time > 20 min, pedestrian vs. auto or rollover.

#### **Medical**

Altered mental status/psychosis, stroke, GCS <12.  
Anaphylaxis, allergic reaction, severe chest or abdominal pain.  
Arrhythmia, electrical shock, uncontrolled diabetes, severe infection.  
Drowning, poisoning, overdoses.  
Respiratory distress, asthma, upper/lower airway obstruction.  
Seizure, shock.  
Systolic BP <90. Resp. rate < 10 or >29.  
Hypo/Hyperthermia.

#### **If High impact mechanism of injury is determined, Consider EMS with the following co-morbid factors;**

- Age <12, >65 yrs
- Pregnancy, especially in 3 rd trimester.
- Morbid obesity, presence of intoxicants.
- Complicated medical history.

#### **EMS Transfer information.**

##### **Provide this information to EMS dispatch**

ID(MHSP), ski area. Number, age and gender of Pt(s). Time of injury.  
VS, GCS,( conscious/alert) incident history and suspected injuries.

# MHSP Calendar

Feb 13th	FRT/Sled Update	Timberline	Open - Noon	Corinna Kupelwieser Larry Cahill	No	Yes...on the day that you signed up for at OEC
Feb 13th	FRT/Sled Update	Timberline	Noon - sweep	Corinna Kupelwieser Larry Cahill	No	Yes...on the day that you signed up for at OEC
Feb 14th	General Meeting	Athey Creek Middle School	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Bill Boyd	Recommended	Recommended
Feb 19-21st	President's Day Weekend	---	---	---		
Feb 19th	FRT/Sled Update	SkiBowl	Open - Noon	Corinna Kupelwieser Larry Cahill	No	Yes...on the day that you signed up for at OEC
Feb 19th	FRT/Sled Update	SkiBowl	Noon - sweep	Corinna Kupelwieser Larry Cahill	No	Yes...on the day that you signed up for at OEC
Feb 22nd	Council Meeting	Windermere Realty	6:30 - 10:00 pm	Bill Boyd	Contact Bill Boyd if you wish to attend or to add an item to the agenda	
Feb 25th	FRT/Sled Update - Friday evening session	SkiBowl	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Corinna Kupelwieser Larry Cahill	No	Yes...on the day that you signed up for at OEC
Feb 26th	Avalanche Refresher	Palmer Basement - govy	7:30am-4:30pm	Joel Yoder	No	As needed (every three years)
Feb 26th	Senior Sled and Toboggan			Bob Smith	No	Pre-registered Patrollers
Feb 27th	Senior Emergency Management Module			Kathy Lee	No	Pre-registered Patrollers
March 2005	Event	Location	Time	Contact	Apprentices Required	Patrollers Required
Mar 1st	Snojob Deadline for Submissions	ckdk@comcast.net	5:00 pm	Corinna Kupelwieser	---	---
Mar 4th	FRT/Sled Update - Friday evening session	SkiBowl	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Corinna Kupelwieser Larry Cahill	No	Yes...on the day that you signed up for at OEC
Mar 5th	First Responder Training Day 2	Summit Ski Area	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Corinna Kupelwieser	Yes - must attend today or tomorrow	Trainers and Coaches - one day this weekend
Mar 6th	First Responder Training Day 2	Summit Ski Area	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Corinna Kupelwieser	Yes - if you didn't attend yesterday	
Mar 8th	SnoJob sent to publisher	---	---	---	---	---
Mar 9th	MTR			Mac Sheldon		Register with Mac Sheldon
Mar 12th - 13th	Tryouts			Don Gardner		
Mar 12th - 13th	Senior Sled and Toboggan - Combined training with OR region			Bob Smith	No	Pre-registered Patrollers
Mar 14th	General Meeting	Athey Creek Middle School	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Bill Boyd	Recommended	Recommended