



Mt. Hood Ski Patrol

Snojob



December 2012

Dispatch deadline for Module 2 (Jan-Feb) is December 15

Essential Reading

- National Safety Awareness Week, *page 4*
- Radios and Transceivers, *page 7*
- Associate Uniforms, *page 5*

General Meeting

Monday, December 10, 2012, 7:00 PM

SPECIAL LOCATION: Stafford Elementary School, 19875 SW Stafford Rd, West Linn, OR

President's Message

By Steve Eversmeyer, President, HC 1170



For the folks that missed our November meeting I'm sorry you couldn't attend as it was special for several reasons.

We had Dave and Diane Wheeler join us. You may not know them if you're new; they patrolled with MHSP for a number of years, and were each the recipient of the NSP Pacific Northwest Division Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller award during the 90's. Earlier in the year they were both seriously injured when another car struck them. It was great seeing them at the meeting, seeing them standing and getting around was even better. They stopped to say thanks for the support and help they got from the patrol after the accident.

Jeff Ezzell was personally thanked by the school bus driver he assisted on his way to work one morning. Despite having a crane boom crush the driver-side window and shove the bus 50 feet down the street sideways the driver survived. He said that Jeff's professional greeting and matter of fact actions gave him confidence he was dealing with a trained professional. Jeff said didn't hesitate to respond and was already thinking of triage when he crawled into the ruined vehicle, but he sure was glad to discover that the bus wasn't full of kids!

For the folks that have already put in some time on the mountain, thank you! I know we had a great time November 23 and I can't think of a better way to work off the turkey and pie.

Remember that as the areas start operations we may have last minute changes to start times and operations. If you are unsure what your role is, what to do or how to do something, please check with the hill captain or associate supervisor. As with so much of what we do, being flexible is key. With the evaluation of the Palace at Skibowl, we've already found a solution for meeting elsewhere and using it for storage only BUT it will be different and I ask your patience as we work through the change with the area.

We should also expect the skiing/riding public to be unfamiliar or out of practice. Please make sure you have trail maps with you. If someone is down, stop and check to see if you can lend a hand, even if they are not hurt. They may not realize they are "resting" in a bad spot and we all know preventing a 10-50 is far better than treating them. As you pass by unloading areas, take a minute to watch and ensure the area is staying clear. If the hosts are helping, see if they need a hand. As much as we all enjoy riding with other patrollers, unless you're needed back up top, take the time to ride up with the guests. See how their day is going, are they enjoying it, looking for more challenging or easier runs? Share your knowledge of the area and try to ensure they have a great day! We represent the areas and should be their best ambassadors. We know how much fun the runs can be; we should help the guests enjoy them as well.

One last request, at all of our areas please car pool as much as possible. Find places in town to meet, meet at the Govy building or do both. This is critical to the areas and regardless of whom we were talking to they wanted to emphasize that point. We have done a good job but we need to continue this practice. So look at the list on your dispatch days, send a note to the group and see what you can work out. The Skibowl shuttle will be running and is THE way to get there. Training groups (apprentice, avalanche, etc.) all need to car pool before leaving the Govy building if you're headed to Summit, Timberline or Meadows.

There's lots of info this month. Think about elections and who you'd like to see run things. Talk to the nominating committee, volunteer and get someone you'd like to follow to step up.

THANKS for what I know will be a great season. See you on the mountain!!! SPIF

75TH ANNIVERSARY

Save the Date

Save these dates for some anniversary fun!

- Thursday, February 21 for an in-town reunion and history event
- Saturday, February 23 for a slope side re-enactment and get-together at the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum.



A Look Back

Mt. Hood Ski Patrol was among the first patrols to be part of the National Ski Patrol System and a standard-setter from the beginning.

In 1940 there were but 85 “National Patrolmen” (what we now call “Senior Patrollers”) 25 of whom were from MHSP. Check out this article from the January 1940 issue of *Ski Illustrated* magazine.

Then take a look at the amazing photos from the Winter 1941 issue which reports on the first ever Ski Patrol Toboggan Race held at our own Timberline Lodge.

Thank you to Eleanor King Wiese #114, who kindly donated copies of these articles to the Anniversary Committee. If you have photos, clippings or old artifacts we want to hear from you. See page 11 for information on how to contact the committee.

Note: If the above links do not work, you can find the articles on the Our History page at www.mthoodskipatrol.org.



75th Anniversary Commemorative Poster

These fantastic posters are suitable for your home, office, or even in your garage over your ski tuning bench. Or maybe you prefer a t-shirt. Or maybe both?

Proceeds from poster and shirt sales will go toward funding an MHSP exhibit at the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum and an online historical archive.

Posters are \$20 and t-shirts are \$15. Shipping is \$3 per item, call for a better shipping estimate if you order more than 2 items.

Purchases may be made at the December general meeting and by mail order. Credit card purchase available at meetings only.

To purchase by mail send your order and check (sorry, no credit cards) to Lisa Hargrave, 2790 May Street, Hood River, OR 97031.



FIRST AID

Are You Prepared for that Really Big Case?

By Cleo Howell, First Aid Chief, AS1444



Many of you have heard me say something like, “you need to train like you will fight, because you will always fight like you train.” Now I am not advocating that you go out and get into a fight with someone, but I am advocating that you take training seriously and practice first aid skills as often as you can.

You may have also heard me say that you need to be mentally prepared. How are you going to handle a case involving multiple patients or a patient with multiple life-threatening injuries or a situation where the scene is hazardous? I will let you imagine that case. You cannot practice for every possibility, but one way to prepare yourself is to mentally think about that big case before it happens. Imagine the worst case and then think through how you will handle it. In police, fire and military settings they

conduct table top exercises periodically to discuss how they will handle a large scale situation. You can do the same thing by taking time to think through that really big case.

Remember the basics.

- Scene safety
- Get the big picture
- Treat life-threatening injuries
- Call for additional equipment and help

Just remember that you are a trained first responder and others will rely upon you to do the right thing in a situation where someone is injured or seriously ill.

NATIONAL SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

Pay It Forward!!!

By Jodie Jeffers, AS 90526

If you have heard the expression, *Pay It Forward*, over the years it has been related to random deeds of helping others that you don't know in many different ways. So I ask of you, has being part of a volunteer organization been good to you in some way? Has someone helped you along the way? Well then I challenge you to return that deed to a stranger, one that shares your passion for the outdoors by helping others be aware of how to be safe in the great outdoors. This is both MHSP's & NSP's 75th year and we are part of an organization that has continued to maintain the "creed of Service and Safety" so let us make a point to spread that creed to the public and the areas.

What will you be doing for Safety Week on January 19-27' 2013? You haven't heard about Safety Week yet? Not sure what to do? A suggestion is to *Pay It Forward* to others that share our passion for being out in the snow and for at least one day that week as well as for the whole season to talk up safety to the public. Take advantage of some time when riding the lift; going down a run; in the terrain park; waiting in line; having lunch....please have a conversation about safety to that person next to you! When you see someone following the *Code of Conduct* thank them for being safe not only for themselves but helping others as well. To learn more about Safety Week in general please go to: National Ski Areas Association website <http://www.nsa.org/nsaa/safety/>.

Has it been awhile since you reviewed the Code of Conduct on the slopes? Check your memory on how many you can name before comparing the list that is posted on the last page of this Snojob!



Would you like to help bring Safety Week in some way to the Mt Hood Ski Areas or want to learn more of what you can do when you patrol in general to *Pay It Forward* please contact me. There has been interest by the Oregon State Emergency Nurses to participate with us for a day to help bring Safety Awareness to the Public. If you know of others that might be interested please let me know.



Thank you in making an effort to *Pay It Forward* to others throughout the season. Everyone, BE SAFE OUT THERE!

Remember there can be such a thing as too much snow!



SKI PATROL OPERATIONS

Patrol Chief

By David Atkinson, Patrol Chief, HC 1239



The New Season is Upon Us

The snow is starting to fly. The areas are gearing up operations. Skibowl is in the midst of remodeling Multorpor Lodge, which means the East side first aid room is getting a face lift! Timberline has inventoried, labeled and organized all its equipment. Now is the time to check all your equipment and make sure you are ready to perform your duties as a MHSP patroller.

The Areas

All of our area meetings have been completed and went well. For details on the benefits provided by all areas please see the Wiki or contact one of the APC's below:

- Meadows – Eric Pool & Kat Moore
- Skibowl – Matt Rea & Shelly Johnson
- Timberline – Rick Williams & John Howard

Dispatch

The dispatch is open for the entire season. Please fill out your required number of days based on your patrol commitment. Minimum days are as follows:

Module #2, Jan-Feb - 4 days for Gold and Silver, 3 for Bronze

Remember, dispatching only for the minimum number of per-module days will not fulfill the overall commitment at each level. You still have to patrol some days over the module minimum to reach your commitment level. The minimum days are to ensure that everyone's days are spread out over the entire season, all the way through May.

If you can't dispatch for your required days, you need to contact the patrol chief.

Also, we do not have "walk-ons". If you would like to patrol on a day that you are not pre-dispatched for, you may contact the hill captain or associate supervisor of the day and see if there is a slot for you. Without HC/AS approval, you will not get credit toward your patrol commitment.

Module Deadlines

Even though we've barely begun this season, the deadline for dispatching for Module #2 is fast approaching. Look at your schedule early and sign up for your preferred days early so you are assured of getting those specific days you want.

- Module #2: Jan- Feb, Deadline 12/15/2012
- Module #3: Mar- May, Deadline 2/15/2013
- Module # 4: Jun- Aug, Deadline 5/15/2013

Training and Clinics

If you need an Avy 1 class or an avy refresher, now is the time to sign up so you are assured of a place in the class. Contact John Gastineau for questions.

Make-up chair evacuation is December 8. Location: Summit.

Coach's calibration clinic will be held December 9 & December 15. Contact Mike Kurfis if you have questions.

Women's Toboggan Clinic – January 9 at Mt. Hood Meadows.

Senior Ski and Toboggan (S&T) is open to all patrollers with 3 or more years of patrolling experience. All patrollers are welcome to attend any S&T Clinic this season. Just contact Tom Payne and let him know if you are interested and he will sign you up. Check the master calendar for the dates.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the remaining training events and on the slopes this season! Let it snow!

Associate Director

By Kathy Lee, Associate Director, SS 90232



Just a bit more snow and all the areas will be in full operation. The dispatch through December is filling up, and although Summit and Skibowl are not yet open, they will need support soon. Please check your calendar and see if you can fill an open slot. And if you haven't started looking ahead to the next module yet, take a few minutes and dispatch for January and February before the rush of holiday activities diverts your attention.

Indoor Uniform

A few questions have come up about the Associate indoor uniform so let's do a quick review. The indoor uniform is a red, upper-outer (vest, sweater, or shirt). On the left front is a name tag approximately 8 inches below the shoulder and the MHSP shield below the name tag. As an option, the back of the indoor uniform may have a large Mt Hood Ski Patrol white cross. Indoor vests may be worn over clothing with red, black or white sleeves. Pants should be black or dark navy blue. Footwear should provide steady footing on slippery surfaces, and keep your feet warm and dry when you need to step outdoors.

Ski Enhancement

Want to take your skiing to another level? Or perhaps brush up and review some basic skills? Talk with Margaret Usher and take advantage of her Professional Ski Instructors Association training. She is scheduled to be on the mountain every Saturday, so contact her to set up a short ski enhancement session.

Atta-boys

If you notice someone has done a great job on something or has provided outstanding service, please let me know. It's never too early to start thinking about nominees for awards at the banquet next May.

As always, please contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

New APC at Timberline

The new APC (Assistant Patrol Chief) at Timberline is Rick Williams. Thanks, Rick, for stepping up.

Remember, if you have questions or concerns at a ski area go through the MHSP chain of command. If you are on duty talk to the Hill Captain of the Day. If it is after duty hours go to the APC or the Patrol Chief or Associate Director.



RADIOS AND TRANSCEIVERS

Changes to VHF Radio Channels at Skibowl

Upcoming FCC rule changes have required a change to the MHSP repeater and radios used at Skibowl.

If you have a personal radio, it will also need to be reprogrammed. John Gastineau can reprogram Icom F11 and F14 models as well as the Wouxun radios that are available through National Ski Patrol. Contact John to make arrangements. Event Communications can program Motorola radios. If you have another radio model then you will have to get it reprogrammed elsewhere.

Refresher on Icom F11 Channel Lock

By John Gastineau, Radio Guru, HC 1393



There is often some early-season confusion about the use of the Icom F11 radios. Although we've been teaching members about channel lock behavior for some years, errors in implementation cause some people to have a *very* quiet day on the mountain.

The Icom radios are programmed so that the round key below the Push-to-talk button (PTT) can be used to disable the channel selector. That way you can't accidentally change the channel. It also means that the radio could be locked on the wrong channel, even though the selector knob is pointing to the correct one. Unfortunately, you can't tell just by looking whether the radio is locked or unlocked.

To toggle the lock on or off, press and hold the lower button until the radio beeps once and then a second time.

The only way to determine if the channel selector is locked is to test it. One test is to rotate the channel selector to channel 6 or 7. If you hear NOAA weather (and the radio had not been previously locked on NOAA) then the channel selector is unlocked.

Set the selector to the desired channel and then press and hold the lock key until the second beep. You can again test by setting the knob to Channel 6 or 7; you will not hear NOAA if the selector is locked.

Since the selector knob is easy to turn by accident when adjusting the volume, you should always lock the radio to the patrol channel of the day. Ask a hill captain if you have questions.

Software Update Available for Pieps DPS Transceivers

By John Gastineau, Avalanche Training Director, HC 1393

Thanks to some help from Liberty Mountain, our Pieps dealer, we now have the ability to test and update the internal software on the Pieps DSP beacons.

If you would like me to test and update your Pieps to software version 8.2, contact me and we'll figure out a time when I can apply the update. Patrol meetings are a good time for this if you call in advance.

A DSP with internal software 8.2 displays "u 8.2" at startup.

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Early Season News

By Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, HS 60054



Ski Fever and Snowboard Show

Mountain Hosts supported three booths at the 2012 Ski Fever and Snowboard Show in November. 32 Hosts worked about 40 shifts over the three day event. Mountain Hosts supported patrol recruitment and sold Sno-park passes at the MHSP booth. It was great fun to tell folks about the 75 year history of MHSP and encourage them to come to recruitment information night! Hosts also provided information and support at the Timberline and Mt. Hood Skibowl booths. It was exciting to see so many people buying passes and getting geared up for the season. Many thanks to all who participated!

Apprentice Training

Our veteran Hosts opened the season for us on Thanksgiving Day, and our apprentices are joining us on the hill this month! We are implementing a new training protocol this season, with our apprentices participating in training sessions at Timberline and Skibowl during the first two weekends of December. In these small group sessions, apprentices will receive an introduction to procedures and services specific to each resort, become familiar with all the buildings and their public access areas, and receive instruction at each duty station. The objective is an overview of the expectations and services for each resort, preparing our apprentices to dispatch for subsequent shifts and partner with veteran Hosts, who will act as mentors. We are excited about this process and wish all our apprentices good luck as they begin training!

Wishing you all a rewarding and enjoyable season on the hill! Cheers!

ADMINISTRATION

Nominating Committee

By Joel Stevens, Senior Trustee, SHC 736



The patrol is looking for a few good men and women to take leadership roles. All of the offices except Middle and Senior Trustee are open, and only a two (Nordic Director and Host Director) have incumbents eligible to run for re-election. You can read about the specific offices in the Bylaws which are on the Wiki. If you have additional questions you can ask a member of the nominating committee or the current office holder. If you are interested in running for an office, or want to suggest someone else for office, contact a member of the nominating committee. It is a great way to be more involved with the Patrol.

Your 2013 Nominating Committee: Joel Stevens; Matt Rea; Lisa Hargrave; Mike Cullen; Larry Church; Dina Peganoff.

Mt. Hood SnoSports Swap 2012 Final Report

The final numbers are in for the 2012 Mt Hood SnoSport Swap. To cut to the chase, net profit for this years' event was just over \$7,100; which we will be splitting (50/50) with our West Linn Snowboard Team partners.

Sales at this year's Swap reflected both an earlier-than-originally-planned date and the move to the new location. Life will be easier next year as we have secured, and our vendors have signed off on, a mid-October date (when the temps aren't in the 80's – should have had a shave ice vendor this year). We have now established the event at its' new location and your Swap Teams will be working diligently to build awareness with in the local communities.

It has been noted that any significant change of location for a business is a lot like starting over. Looked at from that angle the 2012 swap was up 99% over first year sales in 2008.

It is important to note that prior to this year's event Steve Eversmeyer and Jim Trett put a lot of time and effort into negotiating a new agreement with the West Linn Snowboard Team, which will be the foundation for all further agreements with the team (which are negotiated annually). The new contract recognizes, in monetary terms, the value of the venue and the fact that the Snowboard team is no longer supplying the facility. While the effects of the new profit distribution formula were not apparent this year because of the lower sales, the MHSP will see an increasing share of revenues as we establish the event in its new location and profits climb back up to pre-move levels.

Before moving on we want to especially recognize two individuals that have had a huge impact on the SnoSport Swap and its' growth.

Gina Malamphy: who stepped in last year to sort out (with Lisa Hargrave) the swap accounting policies and procedures and took on the position of Finance chair for this year's event. Gina put in a zillion or so hours developing and implementing training processes and cash handling procedures that the swap will be using far into the future.

Steve Johnson: who stepped into the marketing chair position last year when our swap marketing guru Ken Freedman suddenly moved to the Midwest. Although Steve isn't a "marketing guy", his calm, clear management style and ability to identify and focus on key issues has proved invaluable. Last year he led the marketing teams in an effort that resulted in a 25% growth over the previous year's revenues. This year Steve's teams were the crucial link in driving our customers to the new location.

Both Gina and Steve are retiring from their committee positions and they will be sorely missed. The next time you see one of them on the hill take a second to say thanks or better yet, buy them a beer!

More Swap Factoids:

Customers – a little over 1000 shoppers attended the 2012 Swap (down 50% from last year). Attendance was down due to date and new location; however the customers who came bought 35% more per person than in previous years. That means we are reaching our core customers and they showed up.

Volunteer Participation - we had just over 350 members participating in this year's swap (including alternative work days).

Costs - our major cost was advertising, something we will be reevaluating for next year. Since we cannot afford to advertise like a political campaign or a car dealership, we will be looking hard at what really gives us the most bang for the buck and how can we maximize our presence.

Venue - excellent layout, access and parking. The fairgrounds were very happy with us as we took good care of the facility and cleaned up after ourselves (which saved us money). They were extremely accommodating and were impressed with our level of commitment and organization.

Vendors – Our foundation vendors were impressed with the location and the sales volume in light of the move. We are seeing an increased level of interest from more vendors.

Feedback from Volunteers - 6% of the membership responded to our request for feedback. Most wanted to know:

- Why did we move? Answer: West Linn was not able to guarantee dates far enough in advance & we needed room to grow.

- Why did we change the date? Answer: our vendors asked us to when Ski Fever pushed its date to the first weekend in November. The events were too close together for the vendors to handle logistically.

Most respondents also expressed an appreciation of:

- How well the Swap was organized, how smoothly it ran. Thank you to all the Swap Committee chairs and team leads who all put in hours far above and beyond their required commitment levels. You rocked. We are getting good at this.
- How much they liked the space. Thank you to those on the site committee, particularly Joel Stevens, who visited every potential site in the greater Portland/Salem metro area in search of a suitable location.

Lastly, thank you to everyone that put in hours at this year's event. From tagging at the shops to putting out yard signs to taking down the racks, it is all the willing hands that make this thing work and make it a pleasure to work at.

OTHER NEWS

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Always stay in control.
2. People ahead of you have the right of way.
3. Stop in a safe place for you and others.
4. Whenever starting downhill or merging, look uphill and yield.
5. Use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
6. Observe signs and warnings, and keep off closed trails.
7. Know how to use the lifts safely.



Be safety conscious and KNOW THE CODE. IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. This is a partial list.

Snojob Deadline is the Third Monday of the Month

Lisa Hargrave, Snojob Editor, HC 1053 and Barb Korsmo, Copy Editor, Alumni AP 90260



The deadline for Snojob articles and photos is the third Monday of each month (7 days after the general meeting). Send your submissions to snojobeditor@gmail.com.

Articles: Please submit as the body of your email rather than an attached document. If you have a long article covering several topics please break it into several articles covering one topic each.

Photos: Send as an attachment in JPG format. Be sure to identify who took the picture, where it is and who is in it.

CALENDAR

For the most current information and details check the online calendar at www.mhspdispatch.org.

December

- 3 Council Meeting
- 4 Apprentice OEC Class
- 8 Make-up Chair Evac
- 10 General Meeting
- 12 Avalanche Awareness for Apprentices
- 13 Transfer Patroller Meeting
- 17 Snojob Deadline

January

- 7 Council Meeting
- 12 Women's Toboggan Clinic
- 13 Senior S&T at Meadows
- 14 General Meeting
- 20 Senior S&T at Bachelor
- 21 Snojob Deadline
- 27 Senior S&T at Santiam Pass

February

- 4 Council Meeting
- 11 General Meeting
- 18 Snojob Deadline
- 21 75th Anniversary Event in town
- 23 75th Anniversary Event on mountain



*1960's patrollers on Tom Dick Ridge. Photo by Keith Petrie #109.
Jackie Michel #404, Barb Petrie #262, Jack Mitchem #238, John Garren #401.*

The Anniversary Committee wants YOUR photos. We need photos of patrollers in uniform in action or in group shots from any period of MHSP history. Digital photos may be emailed to MHSP@okelydokely.com or call 866-828-9205 to arrange to have your photos picked up. Our volunteers will scan your photos and return the originals to you.
