



# The Patroller

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## Word from the Top



Here we go! Looks like opening day is upon us! For area status updates check [www.skimadriver.com](http://www.skimadriver.com) or call the toll-free number at 1-800-231-SNOW (7669). If you need to reach someone in the ski patrol room the extension is 219.

Don't forget to bring your current OEC and CPR card to your first shift. Your hill leader is required to check these. Get ready to get your Frosty knocked off too if you are a sled puller.

*Kim Hiser*  
*Patrol Representative*

## Opening Season Reminders

I have just a few reminders for the season. We are agents of the area, so keep up the good work with guest services. We got many compliments from injured guests and their families as well as the general paying public.

Keep recruiting – as you ride the chair lift with guests share your passion for patrolling – it is one of the best recruiting tools!

Regarding accidents, please do not share any information with other people. Any inquiries go to MRM's office. Be careful who is around you to hear your conversation with a fellow patroller about accidents. Also, after working an accident, please ensure that all paperwork is completed before you leave the area. Try to get as many supplemental reports and witness statements as possible regarding accidents that require EMS transport. Be sure to state facts, not opinions. When Life Flight called in, we should have a lot of documentation on the accident. A representative from management will be in touch with the Hill Leader and patrollers involved to be sure we have everything documented. We had some serious accidents last year and thanks to all the hard work and training, they were all handled very professionally. Good work team!

If you cannot make it to your shift, please find someone to cover for you. Also, let your Hill Leader know who is covering for you, so they can plan for the shift. As always, if you are a sled puller, you need to have a sled-puller sub for you.

## Snowmobile Use

The snowmobile is a vital tool for the patrol, but we need to use it sparingly. Obviously, I can defend our use of it when we need to drag a toboggan from Fanny Hill or Momentum or if we need to run the trauma bag to an accident scene. The reality is however, that several accidents have occurred nationwide, including a fatality of a 5 year old, and legal precedence has been set. I am not saying don't use it, just be sure we can defend the use of it before calling for it. Also, be sure you have been checked off by your Hill Leader before you take the snowmobile on the hill. It only takes a few minutes to do a quick run down of operation and procedures.

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## Recruiting Mania

*Pat McCabe*

We had a great class of OEC candidates this year, all of which passed their final practical exam on November 20. Huge congratulations to all of them and welcome aboard as new K1s!

Now begins a new recruiting frenzy for the upcoming OEC Class of 2011. We already have three committed class members, who will be Observers for this season: Jason Bryant, Eric Newkirk and Julie McManus. They are required to ski along with a patroller, so please accommodate them and give them some great pre-OEC training. Remember, however, they are NOT permitted to treat patients until after having com-

pleted their OEC training.

You will notice that Brian Papworth has provided us with a multitude of recruiting brochures this year. They are available in the lodge racks, and I ask that you carry some with you. Please place the names and contact information of potential candidates in my inbox in the Patrol Room. THANKS!

Let's make the OEC Class of 2011 another great group of future patrollers!



Welcome! *Kim Hiser*

We have some new/transferring patrollers joining us this year! Please welcome Diane Munneke, Alan Grossman and Heather Ferguson. Several folks have retired from patrolling and will be sorely missed. I think most will be coming up to ski at MRM, so we will hopefully still get to see them - some will join the Ambassador program. Retiring this year are: Janet Aiken, John Choi, Dave & Carole Cobb, Debby Grove, John Holt, Beth Nelson, Cheryl Waybright. We will also miss Kristian Fogt who is serving in the Marines, Houston Fortney, Dr. Kris Hanson, Alisa Meyer and Emily Wallace.

## Need Some Girl Time???

*Mimi Whitt*

The 5th Annual Women's Clinic has been planned! Come join Kim and Mimi as they have some fun improving their ski and toboggan skills. All skill levels are welcome. The clinic will begin at 8:30am on January 1, 2011 and the "on-snow" portion will end around 1:00pm. If you are a female patroller, you are welcome to attend as you are. If you are not of the female variety, you are still welcome to attend as long as you comply to the following requirements: you must wear a skirt, bright blue eyeshadow, and bright red lipstick. Admission to the event is one bottle of wine or some cheese (to share during our "post-clinic" once we are signed out). Sign up early, as space is limited. The sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the patroll room.

## Junior Patrol Program

*Pat McCabe*

Cynthia Orr has volunteered to direct the Junior Patrol Program again this year and had an outstanding turn-out of new JPs registering at the introduction meeting held in the afternoon on Pre-Swap day. Nearly 30 new JPs have registered for this season, which is probably a record-breaking number for our patrol. We are all looking forward to getting these youngsters off to a great start to their patrol "careers."

This is a huge undertaking for Cynthia, so I am appealing to each of you to consider signing up to help out at one meeting, whether it be to give a short talk or presentation, help with an activity, or just be on hand to keep the rascals under control. Their meetings will take place every Saturday, 1-3 pm, at MRM (location to be determined). Suggestions include: first aid demos (splinting, bleeding control), knots, hazardous materials, repacking toboggan bags, basic anatomy, Responsibility Code, safety (helmets, apparel), hydration, ski lessons, scavenger hunts, etc. Games are easy to incorporate into such education. Just about anything goes. You could pair up—one gives a talk and the other leads a game. You can make it a fun experience for both you and the JPs!

You can let me know or contact Cynthia directly at [cynthi-ajorr@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthi-ajorr@yahoo.com). THANKS A BUNCH!



# Welcome New K1s!

*Troy Green*

The season is nearly upon us and we have been working hard to get things ready for the season. Our OEC class has wrapped up and we now have 9 new candidates who have successfully completed the OEC class. Congratulations to all of our new K-1s please reach out to the during the season and introduce yourselves. Congratulations goes out to:

**Maria Pla Kreamer**

**John Kreamer**

**Michael Chamberlin**

**Jacob Mix**

**Lisa Mix**

**Jeremy Griest**

**Michael Esch**

**Jess Conley**

**Steve Pelham**

**And**, Diane Munneke a previous Patroller from up north who decided to come back to the fold.

Congratulations guys and a BIG thank you to Mac Logan , Steve Billiar and Dan Fancey for all of their hard work for a great class. Thank you !!



## Senior Program

*Pat McCabe*

As you all start thinking snow and dusting off your prized equipment, you might consider what you'd like this season to bring in terms of new challenges and goals. How about looking into what Senior status is all about.

There might be numerous misconceptions about the Senior Program that have held you back. Maybe your skill level isn't where you think it should be to enter into the program. Time available for training could be a factor, as well as cost. These are all very valid concerns, but I assure you that there are very workable solutions to all of them. If you have the motivation and desire to improve yourself, you WILL succeed. You don't have to beat yourself up trying to attain it in one year. Realistically, it most likely will take several years, but each step of the way brings new growth and rewarding improvements. It's not to say there won't be frustrations, but you can use them positively to push you forward to the success you desire. Believe me, if I can do it, YOU can do it! A very brief summary of the requirements follows:



### Alpine Senior Candidates:

- ◆ SEM (Senior Emergency Management)
- ◆ Alpine toboggan handling
- ◆ Alpine skiing or snowboarding
- ◆ Three (3) electives from Senior electives list



### Auxiliary Senior Candidates:

- ◆ SEM (Senior Emergency Management)
- ◆ Aid Room Management Module
- ◆ Four (4) electives from Senior electives list

The full requirements for Senior are defined in the Central Division Senior Manual, which is downloadable at [www.ohionsp.org](http://www.ohionsp.org), or you can contact me for a hard copy.

If you would like to join this season's new group of Senior Candidates, I encourage you to contact me ASAP at [whoppermom@hotmail.com](mailto:whoppermom@hotmail.com) so I can get you registered and well on your journey to SUCCESS! *GO FOR IT!*

## NEW MRM SENIOR!

Congratulations go out to our newest Senior Auxiliary, Dan Fancey. Dan completed Senior Emergency Management (SEM) and the Aid Room Module, as well as four electives: Ski Enhancement Seminar (SES), Toboggan Enhancement Seminar (TES), Instructor Development, and OEC Instructor Trainer. **WELL DONE DAN!**



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## Important Dates

- December 17—Mid Mads BEGIN!
- December 26—Louie Vito Rail Jam
- January 1—Midnight Madness Party
- January 1—5th Annual Women’s Clinic—8:30am
- January 8—Demo Day and Big Air
- January 22—SES/SNES—8:30am
- January 29—Winterfest
- January 30—The Mad River Open
- February 6—TES—8:30am
- March 3—Spring Jam
- March 13—SEM—8:30am

## Frosty Troy Green

As you all know we will be conducting frosty refreshers and our goal is to finish within the first two weeks of the season we will have trainers available on Saturday and Sunday Mornings as well as during the week. There will be a list of instructors posted in the Patrol Room that you can make contact with to help you with this at anytime. ALL FROSTY’S MUST BR COMPLETED WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF OPENING DAY. This is a NATIONAL REQUIREMENT and must be completed so let’s work together to get this done.

## Thank You! Kim Hiser

Thanks again to the dedicated team of OEC instructors and IT’s for getting us ready for the season and a special thanks to Steve Bechtel who spent his summer and fall working on the Schumacher Locker and Basinger Boot closet. Thanks to all you wonderful volunteers who came up to help get our facilities moved and the new space ready, and for helping with the OEC class. Also, thanks to all the volunteers for all the help with the swap and the other fundraisers this year - the Gear Fest and the golf outing. We had one of the most successful fundraising seasons ever! There is room for everyone to volunteer!!

## Newsletter Challenge

Congratulations to Carol Cobb for successful answering last newsletter’s challenge. Since multiple patrol- lers are responding with successful responses within minutes of distributing the newsletter (you guys are good!), this edition will be the hardest challenge yet. This challenge entails 3 questions, all of which must be answered correctly to win the challenge. First patrol- lers to send all three correct responses wins \$5 gift certificate to Adams Ski Shop!

The first Ohio region patrol- lers to successfully achieve snowboarder basic status was an MRM patrol- lers.

- 1) Who was the patrol- lers?
  - 2) What hill was the basic test conducted at?
  - 3) What MRM patrol- lers ran tail and lead while he/she tested for basic snowboard?
- That 3rd one is a doosie! Good luck!

