



Blue and Gold Banner

Western Michigan Region Newsletter

August 2007

Region Director's Message

Well, it's early August, the temperatures are in the mid 90's so it must be time to write a Region Directors message for the late summer/fall news letter. Seems to have been my thoughts in 05 & 06 too; much too warm to be thinking skiing.

We have a fantastic way to start off the season this year. The Division Fall Meeting will be held in our region Sept. 7, 8 & 9 (Radisson Kalamazoo) and the Division Awards Banquet will be held the evening of the 8th at the Radisson. It would be a great way to show case our region if we could get all of our patrollers to attend the banquet, meeting and break out sessions. There is more information inside or you can look in the Rusty Parka News for information, You can look at the region web site www.nsp203c.com. This is a new web site, so please bookmark or add the new site to you favorites. You can directly register for the meeting and banquet on line at <https://www.eventville.com/Catalog/EventRegistration1.asp?Eventid=1002844>.

Refresher dates can be found in the Blue and Gold, the Rusty Parka News and on the WEB site www.nsp203c.com. IF you are going to attend an out of section refresher please contact the individual listed to let them know you are coming. Caberfae has limited openings on a first come first serve basis by reservation only, 14 days prior to the refresher no walk ins; contact Deann Jenkins. Crystal Mountain requires both permission from your Patrol Director and Crystal's Patrol Director, Brian Klebba, to attend with a minimum of 14 days notice. Section I and II are open to all, please contact at least 7 days in advance if you are out of section. If you need to go out of Region (see the RPN for Dates locations and contacts) please contact the specific instructor/contact listed at least one week prior to the refresher. Most refreshers charge a fee to cover materials, site rental, lunches etc. cash or check, no visa or debit cards.

Pray for an end to Global Warming, we need the snows of 70's and 80's again.

Tony Wolfer

From the Region Webmaster – Larry Klose

The Region has a new web site. The domain name is www.nspc203.com. All members and patrols should update the "favorites" and hypertext links to the new domain name to insure they receive the latest and correct Region information.

Our new web site resides on a Network Solution's Unix-based server that is faster and more reliable than the old server. Web hosting is an online storage service for information, images, video, or any content accessible through the Web. Web hosting is necessary to show our Web site content to members who type in our domain name. Our hosting packages include 7 GB of disk storage, 150 GB of data transfer, three FTP accounts, 50 e-mailboxes, sub-domains and 20 directory pointers. It is a secure, reliable web hosting service with 99.9% uptime, scripting and database functionality, and web site traffic reports. The cost is \$120.00 per year. The old domain name was the same, but it ended with ".org". It was hosted on a Window-based platform and was frequently down on weekends. At the current time we are unable to update the old web site due to a failure in the server's FTP communication software. The old site will be shut down as soon as possible.

Please join us for the Annual Division Meeting Golf Outing

- * Sept.7, 2007 @ The Prairies Golf Course, Kalamazoo
 - * 4 person, 9 hole scramble/best ball
 - * Sign up as a single, pair or foursome
 - * 1:00 Shotgun, Registration 12-12:30
 - * Food and drink available at the course
- * It should be a lot of fun, so call those skiing buddies that you haven't seen all summer and take this great opportunity to get caught up.
 - \$25 includes golf, cart and PRIZES

Please see registration information on the Division Meeting form.

WMU 2007 SKI SWAP

SET UP:	Sat OR Sun	Nov. 3 or 4
CHECK IN:	M, T & W (10am-9pm)	Nov 5, 6 & 7
SALE:	TH – SAT & SUN (10a-9p) & (11-3)	Nov 8-11

- **NEW THIS YEAR:** There will NOT be a separate “patrollers, friends & family presale” the night before. The sale will start on Thursday. If you work during set up or check in, you will be able to set aside items to buy. If not purchased by Thursday night, they will be put back into the sale @ close. Unfortunately, too many people signed in to “work” on presale night, only to shop, and then promptly signed out when they were done shopping. This isn't fair to anyone.
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** Check In ends Wednesday night. Sale starts Thursday morning. THERE WILL BE NO OVERLAP! I promised the fiasco last year @ the crossover would not be repeated. The convenience of the masses must trump the inconvenience of a few....
- **PLEASE BRING YOUR CALENDAR, BLACKBERRY, ETC., TO THE REFRESHER THIS YEAR SO YOU'LL KNOW WHEN YOU'RE AVAILABLE TO WORK AT THE SWAP!**
- Please circulate this ad to your friends, family & coworkers so they can get it on their calendars.
- IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE THIS AD AS AN EMAIL, IT MEANS WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS!

EMAIL: beckysteiner@comcast.net if you haven't received it by September 15, 2007 so I have your correct info – THANKS!



September 7 – 9, 2007
Kalamazoo, MI.

Registration Form

Patroller: _____
 NSP # _____
 Address _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____
 Spouse/Guest: _____ (All Registration confirmations will be sent by E-Mail)

	Cost	Quantity	Total
MEALS			
Friday Night Dinner at the (THE AIR ZOO) (Includes free Admission to The Air Zoo all weekend with Dinner ticket)	\$28.00	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch is on your own			
Saturday Awards Banquet at Radisson Hotel Saturday Continental breakfast is provided. Sunday breakfast is on your own	\$35.00	_____	_____

ACTIVITIES AND CLOTHING

Friday Golf 9 Holes at “The Prairies Golf Course	\$25.00	_____	_____
Logo Meeting Shirt (Please indicate quantity by size)			
Women’s Sizes:			
SM _____ MD _____ LG _____ XL _____	\$32.00	_____	_____
2X _____ 3X _____	\$35.00	_____	_____
Men’s Sizes:			
SM _____ MD _____ LG _____ XL _____	\$32.00	_____	_____
2X _____ 3X _____	\$35.00	_____	_____

PATROLLER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday (September 8, 2007)

Dr. William Fales (1:00pm to 2:00pm) “Ski Patrol and Disaster Response”	N/C	_____	_____
Day in the Life of a Flight Nurse: (Robert Mayberry RN) (2:00 pm to 3:00 pm)	N/C	_____	_____
Adaptive Skier (Kurt Arnold Speaker) (3:00pm to 4:00pm)	N/C	_____	_____
Division Treasurers meeting (4:00pm to 5:00pm)	N/C	_____	_____

Early Bird Registration fee

(Postmarked before August 10, 2007) \$25.00 _____

Late Bird Registration Fee

(Postmarked after August 10, 2006, No Exceptions) \$35.00 _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

(Note please make checks
Payable to NSP Western MI. Region)

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Arriving (please check one) Auto _____ Air/Kalamazoo Airport _____
Arrival Information: (Transportation will be available from and to the airport)

Airline _____ Flight # _____ Arrival Time _____

Departure Information:

Airline _____ Flight # _____ Departure Time _____

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION:

Radisson Hotel, newly remodeled with exceptional service, unparalleled amenities with 3 restaurants, Sauna, Pool, whirlpool, tanning beds and exercise equipment. With in walking distance are additional restaurants, micro brews and shops.

Radisson Hotel
100 West Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI. 49007
Special Room rate: \$119.00 per night
Web site is (www.radissonkz.com)

Call for reservations: 1-866-660-0968 or 269-343-333
Mention NSP Western MI. Region/Division Meeting

Mail Your Registration and Check to:
Central Division 2007 Meeting
%ATR/David Menke
950 28th St. S.E., Ste. 200-E
Grand Rapids, MI. 49508

For More Information:
Contact: David Menke
Email: dmenke@useatr.com
Reference Division Meeting
September 7 – 9, 2007
Phone: 616-245-4919
Kalamazoo, MI.
(Emails are preferred, thanks)



2007 - 2008 Calendar {Updated July 25, 2007}

August 2007

- 13 Bittersweet & Timber Ridge OEC Class Begins, Timber Ridge [Dan Goldberger](#) and [Britt Gustafson](#)
- 15 2007 Subunit Financial Report Due, Region Treasurer, [Larry Klose](#),
- 16 National BOD Conference Call Meeting
- 19 WM1 Section Instructor Refresher, Bronson Center, 8:00 AM, [Dan Goldberger](#).
- 26 Caberfae Peaks OEC Class Begins, [Cassie Proctor](#) or [Deann Jenkins](#)
- 26 Caberfae Peaks OEC Instructor Refresher, [Cassie Proctor](#) or [Deann Jenkins](#)

September 2007

- 6-9 Central Division Fall Meeting, Radisson, Kalamazoo, Michigan,
Hosted by Western Michigan Region, [David Menke](#)
- 13 WM2 Section OEC Instructor Refresher, Cannonsburg, [Mike Fick](#)
- 15-16 Crysta I Basic OEC Practical, [Sherwin VanKlompberg](#)
- 15 WM1 OEC Section Refresher, Bronson Gilmore Center, 8:00 AM, [Dan Goldberger](#).
- 16 Bittersweet BLS and Chairlift Evacuation Refreshers, Bittersweet, [Dan Navis](#)
- 16 Timber Ridge BLS and Chairlift Evacuation Refreshers, Timber Ridge, [Sue Brann](#)
- 29-30 Caberfae Peaks Refresher Weekend, Caberfae Peaks, [Deann Jenkins](#)
Saturday, BLS and Chair Evacuation Refresher, Sunday, OEC Refresher, Open to Caberfae Peaks
patrollers and a limited number of others on a first come first served basis. No Walk-Ins
- 29 Crystal Mountain Basic OEC Final, [Sherwin VanKlompberg](#)
- 30 Crystal Mountain Instructor Refresher, [Sherwin VanKlompberg](#)

October 2007

- 13-14 WM2 Section Refresher Weekend, Cannonsburg [Mike Fick](#)
Saturday, CPR/AED and Chairlift Evacuation Refresher Sunday, OEC Refresher,
- 13-14 Crystal Mountain Refresher Weekend, Crystal Mountain [Sherwin VanKlompberg](#)
Open only to Crystal Mountain ski patrollers
Sat OEC Refresher Sun, CPR/AED and Chairlift Evacuation Refresher
- 17 Region meeting, Branns, 7:00pm, [Tony Wolfer](#)

November 2007

- 3 Bittersweet and Timber Ridge OEC Class Final, [Dan Goldberger](#) and [Britt Gustafson](#)
- 29 WM2 OEC Class Final, [Dani Doolittle](#)
- 8-11 Grand Rapids Ski Swap, [Becky Steiner](#) <http://www.nspskiswap.com/>
Kalamazoo Ski Swap, _____

December 2007

- 1 Deadline for registration packets to Division, [Bill Bradach](#)
- 1-30 Nominations open for Region Director and WM3 Section Chief, [Erica Krol](#)
- 8-9 Division Ski/Snowboard Trainer Workshop, [Gregg Hoppe](#)
- 9 Caberfae OEC Class Final, [Cassie Proctor](#)
- 16 Senior Emergency Management Clinic, Cannonsburg, [Mike Fick](#)
- 20 National BOD Conference Call Meeting
- _____ Mountain Travel and Rescue 1 Course, Pando, [Laurie Snedeker](#)

January 2008

- 6 Region Ski Trainers Workshop and Testing Calibration Clinic, Caberfae Peaks, [Chip Knappen](#)
- 7 Reminder - awards due to section by January 21, [Kathy Young](#)
- 9 Region Meeting, 7:00pm, Branns, [Tony Wolfer](#)
- 15 Region Director and WM3 Section Chief Candidate statements due, [Erica Krol](#)
- 21 Awards due to Section Chiefs, [Kathy Young](#)
- 26 Senior Emergency Management Evaluation, Cannonsburg, [Mike Fick](#)
- 27 Senior Hill Workshop, Crystal Mountain, 8:30pm, [Shawn Rhoda](#)
- 28 Awards due to Region, [Kathy Young](#)
- 28 National Appointment nominations due, [Sue Brann](#)

February 2008

- 10 WM2 Section Basic Hill, Cannonsburg, [Jack T. Katerberg](#)
- 15 Ballots mailed for Region Director and WM2 Section Chief Election, [Erica Krol](#)
- 24 Senior Hill, Crystal Mountain, [Chip Knappen](#)
- _____ Mountain Travel and Rescue 2 course, indoor, Martin Monsma, H: (616) 454-5145, W: (616) 443-3852
- _____ Mountain Travel and Rescue 2 course, outdoor, Martin Monsma
- _____ Caberfae Peaks Basic Hill, Caberfae Peaks, [Deann Jenkins](#)

March 2008

- 7 Ballots for WM2 Section Chief Election returned postmarked today, [Erica Krol](#)
- 12 Region meeting, 7:00pm, Branns, [Tony Wolfer](#)
- 29 Central Division Spring Meeting, Chicago, IL
- _____ Avalanche course, [Michael Walenta](#)
- _____ Timber Ridge Basic Hill, [Sue Brann](#)

April 2008

- _____ Instructor Development, Grand Rapids, [Pat Livingston](#)

May 2008

- 3 Region meeting, WM3 Section, 2:00pm, [Tony Wolfer](#)

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Now the Blue and Gold Banner is also available on the Internet.

Members will be notified of new issues by email notice from the National office. The Blue and Gold Banner can be read on-line or downloaded by clicking the link in the email or by going to the [Newsletters](#) page on the Region web site <http://www.nspc203.com/>. The Newsletters will be available on the Internet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, anywhere in the world at the speed of light.

E-mail notification will be sent to the address you set up on the National web site page, https://www.nsp.org/nsp2002/member_services_template.asp. We are currently getting about 30 (6%) e-mail bounces for the Region. As a member, it is your duty to maintain your contact information with your patrol and the National office. Members with invalid email address, or whose Internet/Email Service Provider blocked the email notification will not receive the notification. However, all members, with or without email address, can always read the Blue and Gold Banner on the Region web site. All Region members will still receive a printed copy of the Blue and Gold Banner by USPS mail.

Larry Klose, Region Webmaster