



YAWGOO VALLEY SEARCH AND RESCUE



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YV SKI PATROL UPDATE

(Charlie Strobel – Patrol Director)

Hope you're all enjoying your "time off." For those of you who don't like the heat, don't worry. It won't be long before we're back on the slopes. With that in mind, there's a bunch of new stuff to report on. First I'd like to thank Dave Hemendinger for his years of service as our Patrol



Director. Dave has really put Yawgoo "on the map" relative to EMARI and NSP-East. I'd like to wish him the best in his new role as the EMARI OEC Coordinator. Dave will still be around as a Yawgoo patroller, and our Lift Evacuation Coordinator.

You're probably wondering who the new Assistant Patrol Director (APD) is. I've thought a lot about this. So many qualified patrollers!! As Dave did when he first became PD, I've decided to go with multiple APDs to help ensure at least one of us is around most of the time. I've asked Buz and Deb Fowler, and Jim Thevenet, and they have all agreed to serve as APDs. All three are energetic and have shown a sincere devotion to the Patrol and to making it the best they can. I think they'll do a tremendous job.

Student (Junior) Patrol will be running a little different this year. As is done at most other mountains, they'll be treated more like regular patrollers. First-year Student Patrollers can participate in the same fashion as applicants. They can attend training, help out on the hill, etc. They will not be issued season passes, but can ski free when on-duty. This first year gives them the opportunity to see what patrolling is like. After their first year they must take (or challenge) an OEC course. Upon completion of the course, they will be afforded the same privileges as candidates.

Speaking of OEC courses, we hope to offer an OEC course again this Fall, beginning right after Labor Day. We also understand that URI EMS "may" be offering an EMT course (let me know if you are interested). Either way, now's the time to recruit new patrollers. You can direct them to the download section of the website for an application and have them email yvsp@yawgoo.com if they have questions and to let us know they're interested in the OEC course.

While we're on the subject of training, our annual refresher weekend will be November 4 and 5. This will likely be the last refresher in the EMARI region, so if you cannot attend ours please make sure you attend a refresher at another patrol prior to this date. Stay tuned for a list of when these refreshers will be held. NSP **REQUIRES** that you attend a refresher each year. The OEC instructor refresher will be held on Saturday, September 9. This is for instructors only. Once the ski season starts we will be holding several S&T and OEC on-the-hill training sessions. Remember that annual S&T training is required. If you fail to attend one of the training sessions we will have to change your NSP status to Non-Transport (Auxiliary). Also please remember that NSP requires 10 duty shifts per year to maintain active status.

As you all know, space is limited in the ski locker and the storage closet. There are still several pairs of skis and boots, some of which we believe may have been abandoned. We would like to make better use of available space by getting rid of any abandoned gear, so please remove any skis and boots you might have left there. We'll dispose of what's left after all claimed gear is removed.

Lastly, there are some big changes at the ski area. Lower Ledges has been widened significantly and the rope tow has been extended about 50 feet to reach the top of the new Lower Ledges. There will be an island in the middle which will need to be fenced off. Management is also talking about changes to the Terrain Park, TNT and Outback, but we'll need to wait and see what happens this year.

Enjoy your summer! See you in November.

MEDICAL RESPONSE TEAM UPDATE

After nearly four years of persistence, YVSAR received two John Deere 6x4 Diesel Gators equipped with Med-Beds. These transport units, designated Med-3 and Med-4, will go a long way in providing enhanced medical care for patients at pre-planned events and incidents. In addition, we are awaiting delivery of two new enclosed trailers to transport the med units and to serve as aid stations at events/incidents. All units were procured with grant money through the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA). We will soon be providing training on their operation.



In addition, YVSAR just received \$5K of additional radio gear to enhance our off-site operations. This radio gear was provided via grant money through RI Department of Health (RIDOH).

Finally, we have made arrangements with URI EMS for our OECs (as first responders) and EMTs to help out with special events at URI. If you are interested, please contact the commander of URI EMS at emscmdr@etal.uri.edu.

EMS SUPPORT FOR PRE-PLANNED EVENTS

Help is still needed for the following events. Please let Jeff Hutchinson know if you are available.

- 2006 [U.S. Women's Open Newport CC](#) - 6/26 - 7/2
- URI Seaside Classic - 7/8 & 7/9
- URI Balloon Festival 7/21-7/23
- URI Leapfest 8/12
- [CVS Downtown 5k](#) - 8/17 PVD

WEB SITE UPDATED (www.yvsar.org)

The YVSAR website (www.yvsar.org) has been updated. Although parts are still under construction, you should check it out. We'll soon have focused sections for the Ski Patrol and the Emergency Response Team, with SOPs and downloadable schedules. Also, ski patrol now has a "Yawgoo" email address: yvsp@yawgoo.com.

