



ALUMNI NEWS



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Our NSP alumni members are the heart and soul of the organization

Here are capsules of several alumni making a positive difference for their patrols and the NSP. Veteran alumni populate our alumni ranks, and some remain “super achievers”!



Robert Feldman (aka Ranger Bob) was a long-time patroller at the Wolf Ridge and Cataloochee ski areas in the Southern Division. He became an alumni member in 2016 but has continued to be a presence at Cataloochee ever since. He always comes to OEC refreshers to help with logistics and to serve as a patient. He is a master at repairing equipment such as snow fences, signage, coffee pots and many other things. On the snow he assists at incident sites by directing traffic, carrying equipment and providing other help when asked by the patrollers on duty. In addition, he always helps guests in locating the various area services such as the ticket office, ski school, information office etc. Ranger Bob is an example of a “working Alumni” and hopefully will be recognized for his dedication to patrolling even after “aging out” of active duty.



Clifton Goodgame is a good example of an alumni who uses the program to bridge a gap in NSP service. Clifton joined the NSP and the Cataloochee Ski Patrol in 2004 and patrolled until 2010 when his business interests and family did not allow him to commit to patrolling any longer. His business even took him to the military base at Guantanamo, so life got in the way for Clifton. To maintain his connection with NSP he registered as alumni until this year. He had to take OEC all over again but now is back on the patrol. He is an excellent example of a patroller using Alumni status to keep in contact with NSP while he bridged the time gap of family and work.

**Welcome, new Division alumni advisor, Allan Miller,
Eastern Division**



Miller joined NSP in 1986 at a small ski area called Hickory Ski Center in Warrensburg, NY. He got involved and completed Senior in a few years. When he realized that patrol didn't work very many accidents, he became an OEC instructor. Eventually, he became Patrol Director because he never learned to say no. As it became apparent that Hickory would not survive without snowmaking, he started also patrolling at Gore Mountain, also in upstate NY. He became Section chief in 2005 and Eastern NY Region Director in 2011 serving until 2017. He says, "I like being involved and realized that at 72, I need to be considering the next transition, so I volunteered to be Division Alumni Advisor."

Seeking NSP involvement opportunities?

Remind your old patrol or region if you have talents and energy that can assist. Alumni talents are sometimes overlooked, so seek them out if you have that interest. And, don't overlook growing NSP bike patrols and mountain host programs as renewed involvement opportunities for alumni. For future alumni options to get more involved, consider:

Volunteering at the huge Sea Otter Bike Classic, at Ft. Ord National Monument between Monterrey and Salinas, CA, rescheduled for October 1 - 4, 2020

Be part of a 60 person bike and trail first-aid safety patrol to watch over 10,000 competitors over four days of intense downhill, cross-country, road bike, dual slalom and Gran Fondo races, handling 100+ first aid codes, making new friends, then disbanding after four days. Alumni and family can join as course marshals for the National Ski Patrol first aid and safety patrol that serves the huge Sea Otter bicycle classic, each year for the past 16 years. As an additional plus, each participant gets free camping, lunch, t-shirt and their patrol receives a donation for their service. For more insight, please download the [Sea Otter flyer](#).

Calendar the Whitefish, MT, Alumni Celebration Week, February 28 to March 6, 2011

Join fellow alumni, family and friends for 4 days or a week of exciting skiing, tours into Glacier National Park and revisiting old NSP yarns. For more info, please download [the flyer](#).

Did you miss out on your renewal date?

If so, here's how to do it...

1. Sign into your account on [NSP.org](#). If you are a current member and having trouble signing in, please contact Member Services at memberservices@nsp.org.
 2. Select "Hi, (Your Name)" at the upper right of the home page to access your Profile page.
 3. Click on the large blue "Renew Now" button in the left sidebar and follow the instructions.
 4. If the "Renew Now" button is gray, your account may be Inactive or Suspended. If so, please send an email to alumni@nsp.org for assistance.
 5. Update your Profile, especially your current contact information.
 6. On the "About Me" tab, select each section's down arrow on the right side and click the pencil icon to edit each section.
 7. After updating your information, be sure to select "Save & Close" at the lower right for EACH section you edit.
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Promoting the NSP Alumni Program

If you know of a patroller who is considering either retiring from active patrolling or in need of a temporary break, please suggest they speak with either their Patrol Representative/Patrol Director or local Patrol Alumni Representative about the opportunities and benefits of the Alumni Program. For a link to the "Become a Member Today" form, click button below or go to the Alumni page in Member Resources at nsp.org. Also, feel free to forward this copy of Alumni News to others who may benefit from it.



[Download the "Become An Alumni Member" form](#)

Enjoy the spring and summer seasons, shelter in place and remain resolute! If you have ideas for future issues of the Alumni News, contact your National Alumni Advisor, Tim Viall, tviall@msn.com.

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