

William A. Albert



Bill was born in spars board Norway in 1895 where he learned and enjoyed the cross country skiing. He came to the United States in 1919 and did not ski again for 15 years Bill return to Norway in 1935 while there he return to skiing and participated in slalom racing. When he returned to Pittsburgh in the fall of 1937 he met with Al black and Lars act Wurtzel who were planning to start a ski club. Bill joined them and the Pittsburgh ski club was formed.

Bill was a registered professional engineer for the state of Pennsylvania. He retired from the position of electrical engineer. He devoted his energies over the years to make skiing in Pennsylvania the best that it could be. Much of his work is reflected in what skiing in Pennsylvania is today. He was one of the first ski patrolman in the state and holds national badge number 666. He helped organize the Pittsburgh patrol in 1941 and was appointed national patrolman and section chief for national ski patrol system in 1943 in 1945 he was appointed regional chairman for an SPS in western Pennsylvania and western New York and served in those positions until 1963.

He helped organize the Pennsylvania ski Federation and the Western Pennsylvania Ski Council in 1946. He served the Federation president from 1948 to 1950. In 1949, he was elected and served one year as the United States Eastern Amateur Ski Association (USEASA) Director at Lake Placid, New York. In 1959, he was appointed Custodian of the Federation Race Trophies. He was re-elected to a five-year term in 1960 and again in 1965. In 1966, he was appointed an Alpine Official of USEASA. He had served unofficially in this position since 1948.

He also served as Vice President for both the Central Council in 1960 and for the Western Council in 1946 and again in 1950-51. He was president of the Pittsburgh Ski Club. He was the Pittsburgh Ski Club Treasurer from 1952 to 1954. Bill has always been a walking encyclopedia for those who need information on early skiing in Pennsylvania and early organized skiing. He can always be depended on for information as well as assistance with ski related projects. Bill missed only a few Federation meetings over the years. One could not imagine attending a Federation meeting and not seeing Bill Albert.