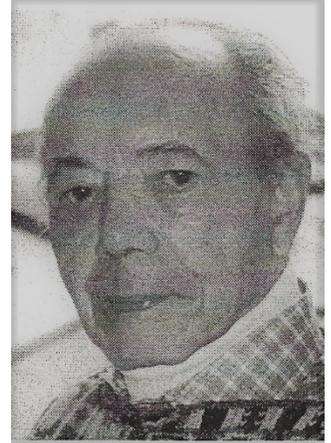


Tyler Davis

Tyler was born in January 17, 1912 he graduated from Uniontown, Pennsylvania schools in 1929. He attended the University of Pittsburgh and received a BS degree in education from North Carolina State College. He also did post graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pennsylvania.



Tyler was 24 years old when he bought his first pair of skis at a hardware store. Those two-feet-taller-than-the-skier skis came with an instruction booklet. Tyler took his skis to a steep, 100 foot long hill not far from his home in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, where he taught himself to ski. He mastered the snowplow to avoid falling into Coal Lock Run, a stream at the end of the slope. Tyler would sit through movies in order to see repeated newsreels about skiing. His father, a maintenance man at several theaters, would let him know when the skiing newsreels were going to be part of the show.

In 1936, Tyler and a coworker, Cy Ruble drove to Summit Mountain, they stamped down the snow that was on a gas line right-of-way and skied on it. One day Tyler and Cy saw a car with skis mounted on the roof. It was headed for Adolph and Helen Dupre farm called Seven Springs. Tyler and Cy became regular visitors to that farm, which offered skiing to supplement the owners' winter income. Tyler said, "There weren't many skiers then. You know everyone by name or sight. We used a rope tow to get up the hill". Tyler won several ski racing trophies during his active skiing years

Tyler was already a Red Cross First Aid Instructor when, in 1958, he was asked to start a Ski Patrol for the Spring Mountain Resort. He remembers when there weren't any Ski Patrollers. He also remembers that the first aid box and splints were kept near the fireplace at Spring Mountain. Guests had to be reminded not to use the splints for firewood. Tyler was later asked to be the Patrol Director. He recalls that the Ski Patrol's first office was an old unheated school bus.

After his first four years of Ski Patrolling, Tyler became Patrol Section Chief. He had traveled to patrol seminars in the U.S., Canada, Australia, Japan and Sweden. Tyler held many positions including Regional Director, Eastern Division Award Chairman, Assistant Division Director, National Board of Directors Representative, Representative to International Ski Patrol Conference, Regional Life Evacuation Adviser, National Avalanche and Mountaineering Instructor, Eastern Region Ski and Toboggan Examiner, OEC (First Aid), CPR Instructor and Instructor Trainee.

Tyler's list of awards include: Lifetime Pass #1 Seven Springs, Eastern PA Region Certificate of Appreciation, Divisional and National Yellow Merit Star, National Charles Schobinger Award, Minnie Dole Award, Gold Merit Star, Red Cross Certificate for Outstanding Service, Disaster Assessor - local, Puerto Rico, St. Louis and others, YMCA Board of Directors. Tyler continued to contribute to the world of ski. His claims to be retired are refutable.