

## **DANIEL HERTZ**



Not many skiers have made an impact on the Pennsylvania ski industry as has Dan Hertz. Born on January 24, 1921, he first discovered the joy of skiing 26 years later, on his honeymoon in the Canadian Laurentians . It was another 11 years before his intense love of the sport generated a lifelong involvement as a leader and innovator in Pennsylvania skiing and winter sports.

Beginning as a ski patrolman at Big Boulder in 1958, he moved on to pass the Senior Ski Patrol test. Upon becoming a first aid instructor for the ski patrol, he recruited and trained Camelback Ski Area's first ski patrol (in first aid and skiing) before Camelback opened its slopes in 1963. Two years later Dan became the first Ski Patrol Leader of the new Timber Hill Ski Area (now Alpine Mt.).

In the interim, he was president of the POCO Ski Club receiving the POCO White Stag Award for "outstanding service" to the club.

As if that was not enough, he passed the exam to become a Certified Ski Instructor of the American Ski Teachers Association of NaturTeknik in 1963, a path that lead to a slot as ski instructor and later, ski school supervisor.

During his ski patrolling and instructor years, he earned national recognition for organizing a program to qualify Boy Scouts who wished to earn their Skiing Merit Badge. He was informed by The Boy Scouts of America that he, through his program that ran from 1967 to 1980, had qualified more scouts for the skiing merit badge than any other individual in the United States. He was featured in an article in Scouting Magazine in 1971.

Furthering his Pennsylvania skiing career, he became Administrative Manager for night skiing at Camelback Ski Area from 1980 to 1993. He retired after 46 years of skiing and a 35 year involvement in the ski industry, a record that few could match. Sadly, Dan Hertz passed away earlier this year.