



Robert L. Smith

If you are involved in skiing, you have likely met Bob Smith. He passes on his knowledge of the sport and its history like a snack bowl. He is outgoing and doesn't hesitate to interact with skiers across Pennsylvania and well beyond. Bob became involved as a Junior Ski Patroller at Doe Mountain, now Bear Creek, at a very young age and progressed rapidly thanks to his Air Force duty assignment to Wyoming. That opened the opportunity for high altitude western mountain skiing.

Bob returned to his hometown of Reading where he began his path to ski organization leadership with the Flying Dutchmen Ski Club. He rose to board positions of Competition Director, Trip Director and President of that organization. During his long tenure in office, he guided the club's popular ski trips and worked as a club instructor, teaching at Blue Marsh Ski Area. The Flying Dutchmen obtained PSIA Ski School status in 1986 to become one of the few ski clubs to attain that honor. In his 40th year of skiing, Bob was elevated to a Level III PSIA Instructor in the spring of 2005. He still teaches for the Dutchmen at Bear Creek and has recently attained his 30 year PSIA pin.



Being involved with the club led him to the Eastern PA Ski Council (EPSC) where he became Senior Alpine Director of ski competitions, President for 10 years, Past President and Carnival Trip co-chair for 28 years. Bob put some heat under his skis as a racer in Nastar, ASRA and Club Competitions.

He initiated the expansion of EPSC Carnival events beyond Pennsylvania. The first out of state carnival was held at Mount Snow to rave reviews. That success continued with trips to many of the alpine resorts of the US and now Canada. Bob continued to provide creative opportunities for ski clubs and councils to travel when he created the first Inter-Club Winter Carnival and involved clubs from Texas, Massachusetts and Minnesota.

Throughout his long career as a leader in ski organizations Bob has mentored leaders of councils and clubs across the state in managing the challenges of volunteer organizations that support the snowsports community. Bob has moved on from the presidency of EPSC but is still involved as Past President and continues to steer the well attended Carnival Trips.

