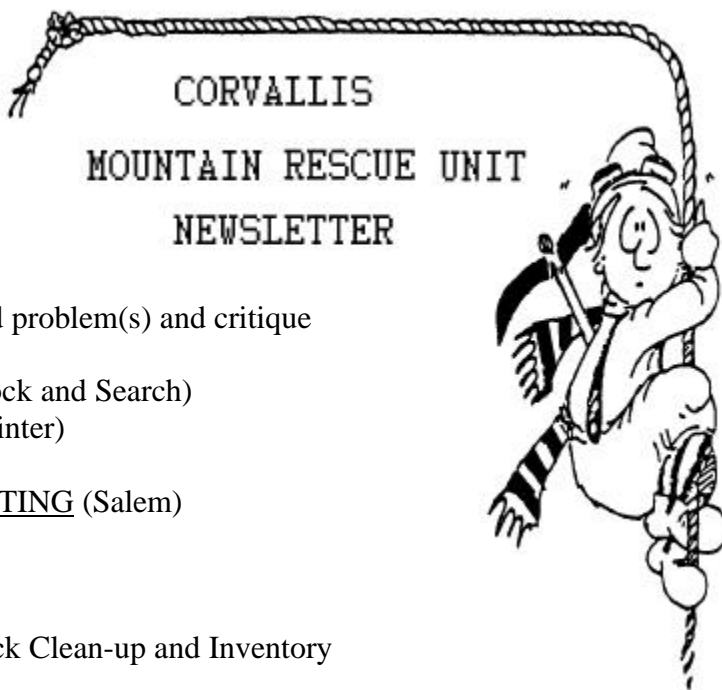


Calendar

- April 3 7:00pm UNIT MEETING --  
Training: Simulated problem and  
critique.
- April 18 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- Simulated problem(s) and critique
- April 21 8:00am OMRC REACCREDITATION (Rock and Search)  
22 8:00am OMRC REACCREDITATION (Winter)
- April 23 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (Salem)
- April 28 8:00am McDonald Forest Ultra-Marathon
- May 1 7:00pm UNIT MEETING -- Training: Truck Clean-up and Inventory
- May 16 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- Use of Truck's Communications Equipment
- May 19 Pageout PRACTICE MISSION -- Mary's Peak
- May 29 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (Corvallis)



MRA REACCREDITATION -- this month

Every four years, each MRA team in the Oregon Region undergoes peer review by teams of the Oregon Mountain Rescue Council to maintain their rescue accreditation with the Mountain Rescue Association. This year, it's CMRU's turn to be evaluated in Rock, Search, and Winter Rescue modules.

The evaluation will begin on Saturday, April 21 with a scenario set in the Rock environment. The evaluation starts at 11:00am at Steelhead Falls. Unit members should plan to arrive by about 10:00am. Following the Rock portion, we will be evaluated in Wilderness Search -- planning and operation. That will complete the Saturday activities.

On Sunday, April 22, we will be evaluated on Winter rescue. Depending on snowcover, the scenario will be set at either Hayrick Butte or Mt. Bachelor. The winter module has three main sections: glacier travel, avalanche search (transceiver and probe), and oversnow evacuation.

TIME CHANGE -- more than just your clock on the wall

By now we've all changed our clocks/watches to conform to Pacific Daylight Savings Time. But, have you changed your pager? Or, if you use its *world clock* feature to also display UTC or Zulu time have you changed that? PDT is 7 hours behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Your GPS unit will need to be changed to display the correct local time. Hopefully your computer's operating system has also changed its clock, but if not, you'll probably also want to change that too. Oh yes, don't forget the clock in your car -- if yours is still running -- and in your sport watch/altimeter. How about all of the Unit's stuff that has clocks (GPS, Avocet's, etc.).

Do you have a battery operated smoke detector? Time change means battery change!

MARCH FIELD PRACTICE -- revisited

This year's Rock Practice was held at Steelhead Falls in March. On Saturday, we worked primarily on "the edge problem." Success at the edge relies on close coordination between the raising system, the "edge attendants," the "litter attendant," and the "vectorizer(s)." It is very important that the litter attendant rig lower on the line to move over the edge than during the actual raise or lower. For that reason, it is important to stop the litter about 3 meters below the edge to allow all parties to get into position for the final move over the edge. On Sunday, we practiced several scenarios similar to those associated with reaccreditation.