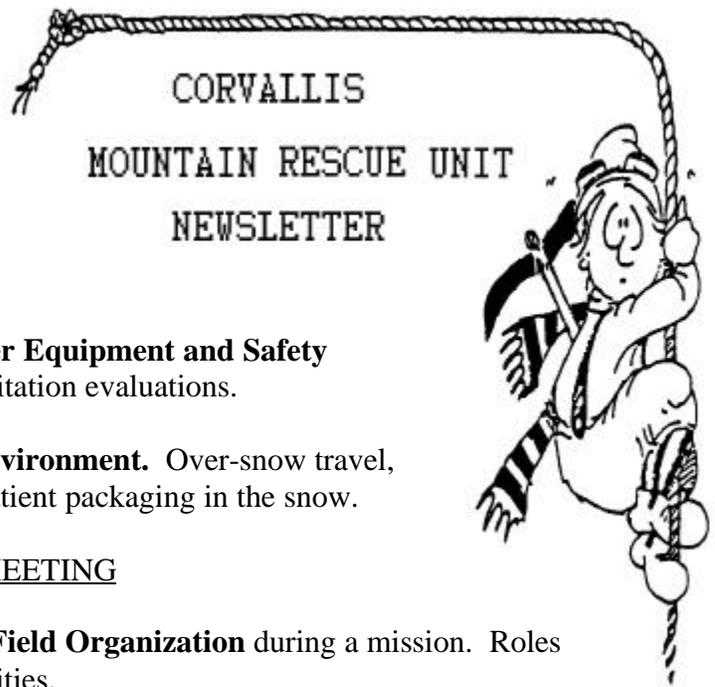


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| January | 2 | 7:00pm | <u>UNIT MEETING</u> -- Training: Overview of Training year/ Review of Rescue System Hardware and Rigging. |
| January | 17 | 7:00pm | <u>TRAINING SESSION</u> -- Winter Equipment and Safety Concerns as related to reaccreditation evaluations. |
| January | 20/21 | 9:00am | <u>FIELD TRAINING</u> -- Snow Environment. Over-snow travel, Avalanche safety and search, Patient packaging in the snow. |
| January | 29 | 7:00pm | <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u> |
| February | 6 | 7:00pm | <u>UNIT MEETING</u> -- Training: Field Organization during a mission. Roles to be filled and their responsibilities. |
| February | 21 | 7:00pm | <u>TRAINING SESSION</u> -- Glacier Travel. Roping up, rigging for self-rescue, and proper rope-handling and belay technique. |
| February | 24
25 | 9:00am | <u>SNOW PRACTICE</u> -- Roped Travel and Technical Evacuation in the snow environment. |
| February | 26 | 7:00pm | <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u> |



MISSION REPORT -- 00-08: Missing Climbers on Mt. Hood, Clackamas County Member-hours: ~120

On Saturday, December 23, three climbers left Timberline Lodge to climb the South Side Route. The weather was blizzard conditions and one of the three turned back on the Palmer Snowfield. The remaining two continued to ascend. When they did not return to the lodge that night, the two were reported missing.

After midnight, Sunday, December 24, CRCC was called by Clackamas County requesting that CMRU be activated to support the search. An activation page was sent shortly after 0100 with a staging time at Timberline of 0600. Seven CMRU personnel were available on Mt. Hood and were taken by snowcat to the top of Palmer Chairlift. The weather had cleared so visibility was excellent for searching. The two CMRU teams were assigned to cover terrain between Big and Little Zig Zag Canyons and Timberline Lodge, from 8200' down to 6100'. By mid-afternoon, their assignments were completed and the CMRU teams returned to base at Timberline without finding any clues.

Other teams from PMR and Crag Rats covered the upper mountain, Whitewater Glacier, and Illumination Saddle/Reid Glacier without any success. Around 1700, Clackamas County was informed that one of the climbers had come out to the Kiwanis Camp near Zig Zag (4 miles west of the mountain). The second made it out some time later. By 2000 all CMRU members had returned home to a "night before Christmas." I'm sure it wasn't sugar plums which danced in their heads. **Participants:** K. Blackburn, L. Clunes, D. Lacer, J. Linn, S. Linn, I. Morris, K. Vertanen, S. Wood

RE-ACCREDITATION -- our year

2001 is CMRU's year for re-accreditation by the MRA teams of the Oregon Region. This will involve simulated problems in a Rock environment, Winter environment, and Wilderness Search. The evaluation will take place on two days in mid-April. Do we need to do anything "special?" No, just do the job as we've been trained to do. But there is always room for improvement and that is what peer review helps address. From now until April, our training sessions will address the topics involved in the accreditation process.