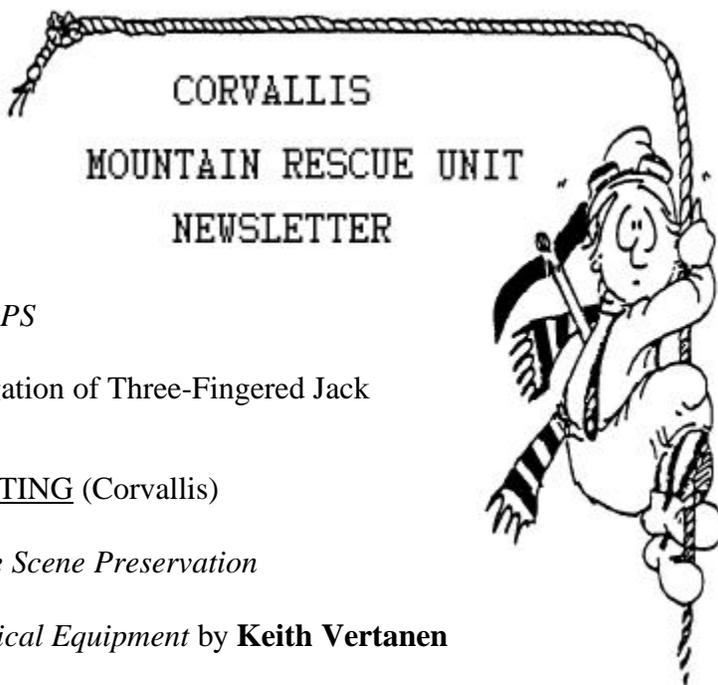


Calendar

- July 10 7:00pm UNIT MEETING Training:
Track Awareness by **Jon Sears**
- July 18 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- *Land*
Navigation: Map, Compass, and GPS
- July 21 8:00am FIELD TRAINING -- Circumnavigation of Three-Fingered Jack
(yes, in one day)
- July 30 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (Corvallis)
- August 7 7:00pm UNIT MEETING Training: *Crime Scene Preservation*
- August 15 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- *Unit Medical Equipment* by **Keith Vertanen**
- August 18/19 TBA FIELD TRAINING -- *Helicopter Operations*
- August 27 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (Salem)



MISSION REPORT 01-03: Overdue Hiker/Climber, Three-Sisters Wilderness Hours: 720 Miles: 3540

At 0600 Sunday, June 17, Corwin Osborne was dropped off at Devils Lake Trailhead along Century Drive by his father, and was to be picked up at 2100 that night at Lava Camp Lake on the McKenzie Highway. It was Corwin's intention to summit South and Middle Sisters and possibly North Sister too during the one-day trek. He was sighted at 0645 above the flat west of Moraine Lake. A possible second sighting of him descending the north ridge of Middle Sister on Sunday at about 1145 was initially reported on Wednesday and confirmed on Saturday, June 23rd. No further contact has been reported.

CMRU was requested to assist Deschutes County by searching the Clark and Lewis Glacier's on South Sister on Thursday, June 21. A CMRU team of 4 was helo'd into the Clark Glacier while the Lewis Glacier team of 3 walked in. Our assignments were completed that day and both teams returned to the Devil's Lake Trailhead by 1830. Deschutes County released CMRU personnel Thursday evening. That night, four CMRU personnel went to Lane County's headquarters on McKenzie Pass to assist on Friday if needed.

Later Friday, June 22, CMRU was requested to provide personnel to Lane County for search operations in the vicinity of North and Middle Sisters on Saturday and Sunday. Two CMRU members walked into Arrowhead Lake Friday and spent the night in order to begin searching with EMR personnel on Saturday. Other mountain rescue personnel (including additional CMRU personnel) were helo'd into the Collier Col on Saturday morning. A CMRU team of four searched Hayden Glacier on the east side of Middle Sister, and Thayer Glacier on the east side of North Sister. A combined team of EMR and CMRU searched the west side of North Sister eventually making their way out to Lava Camp Lake that night. The CMRU east side team remained in the field Saturday night camping near the top of Soap Creek before coming out at Pole Creek Trailhead on Sunday morning.

After returning to Base Camp, CMRU teams were debriefed and they enjoyed "real food" that Dale Blackburn had brought up to Base Camp -- including a watermelon. CMRU was released shortly after 1300 to return home.

Lessons Learned: (1) Electronic mail can be exploited to distribute photos of a missing subject and request information from people and groups which may have been in the search area at the same time the subject became lost. (2) Proper hydration can enhance performance and it is important to start with full water containers as we may not get near water during our assignments. (3) When you sleep on someone's lawn, find out if their sprinkler system is scheduled to start before you plan to rise. (4) The In-Town Coordinator only has (correct) information if it is passed from the field -- a regular schedule is important. (5) Driving home when tired is imprudent. **Participants:** Blackburn, Clunes, Eberly, Freund, Greenwood, Lacer, Leach, Lederer, Lee, Morris, Vertanen, Vitagliano, Wach

MISSION REPORT 01-04: Injured Climber, Mt. Jefferson, Linn Co.

Member-hours: 80

While ascending the north coulior of Milk Creek on Mt. Jefferson at about 0310 on Sunday, July 1, 2001, a 30 year old male was struck in the forehead by a rock -- size unknown. It is not known whether he was wearing a helmet, but the rock strike caused a skull fracture. A group of ten Mazamas was just behind the pair of climbers and came to their aid. They were able to make a cellular call to inform Linn County.

CMRU was alerted shortly before 0500. The truck departed Corvallis by 0620 and arrived at the staging area (Pamelia Lake Trailhead) by 0830. Jeremy and Don formed a quick-response medical team while Jon, Anne, and Bob brought in the litter and other evacuation equipment. Camp Sherman Hasty Team was about an hour ahead of us on the trail, and ESAR personnel were about a half hour ahead of us. From the PCT, the Mazama group had wanded a climbers' trail to the patient. The Mazama group had assisted the patient in moving from the bottom of the coulior to a safer location on a ridge beside the coulior. At about 1000, the hasty team reached the patient and a National Guard helicopter from Salem arrived at the mountain. A flight medic was hoisted down with a litter and backboard. With assistance from Camp Sherman team members, the patient was packaged and hoisted aboard the helicopter for transport to Portland.

Following the successful helicopter extraction, all rescue personnel returned to the staging area. There they were debriefed and sent home. Participants: Adolf, Freund, Greenwood, Lacer Leach, Linn, J., and Sears.

SUMMER SOLSTICE SAR -- again this year

We are all aware of the increased SAR activity around the summer solstice. This year was no different. While CMRU was engaged in a search in the Three Sisters Wilderness, two searches happened in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness.

One of those was conducted by Linn County to locate a group of seven. The group had lost the trail they were following due to snowcover. To compound the problem, the group had originally been eight, but one teenaged boy became separated from his companions. Unknown to them, he made is way out of the wilderness to summon help. The group was located by a news helicopter from KOIN TV in Portland who provided coordinates to Linn County and within two hours, ground searchers were with the remaining seven.

The other mission was run by Marion County to locate one of three climbers who intentionally separated himself from the other two while descending to Jeff Park from Whitewater Glacier in poor weather. When the two returned to camp, the individual (who had taken a shortcut) was not there. The next day, searchers found his body in a coulior where it appears he attempted to rappel and his anchor pulled out or the rope slipped off the anchor.

JULY FIELD TRAINING -- around 3FJ in one day

July's field practice will stress land navigation. It will involve about a ten mile hike both on and off trails. As we did last year around Mt. Washington, the group will be divided into two teams who will proceed in opposite directions around Three Fingered Jack. Wands will be placed at given coordinates (Jelly Beans optional) by each team until the teams meet near the north side of the mountain. As the teams proceed on their route, they will then pick up the wands placed by the other team. Altogether, there will be about 12 points on the course -- some close to trails and some a bit off the trail.

Everyone who participated in last year's event had a fun time and learned (or relearned) lessons about land navigation as well as wilderness travel. We plan to start at the Pacific Crest Trailhead on Santiam Pass by 0800. Permits are required at this parking lot. In July, this can be a "dry" hike so bring plenty of water.

IN A MOMENT OF REFLECTION -- lives touched

by Bob Freund

Following the last mission, I was tallying the number of lives that were effected when a rock struck a climber on Mt. Jefferson. Needless to say, it had a major impact on the patient -- and his climbing partner. Then there were the 10 Mazamas who abandoned their climb to aid the injured climber. Seven CMRU personnel changed their Sunday plans, five from Camp Sherman Hasty Team, eight from Linn County ESAR, about six from Linn County Posse, five or more from the National Guard's 1042nd MEDEVAC. And that doesn't take into account their families whose plans for that Sunday were disrupted. It is truly staggering what a rock rolling down Mt. Jefferson can set into motion. Impressively, the mission was executed without a major glitch. That climber could well have been in life-saving surgery before we all returned to base camp. "I love it when a plan comes together."

"Good judgement comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgement."