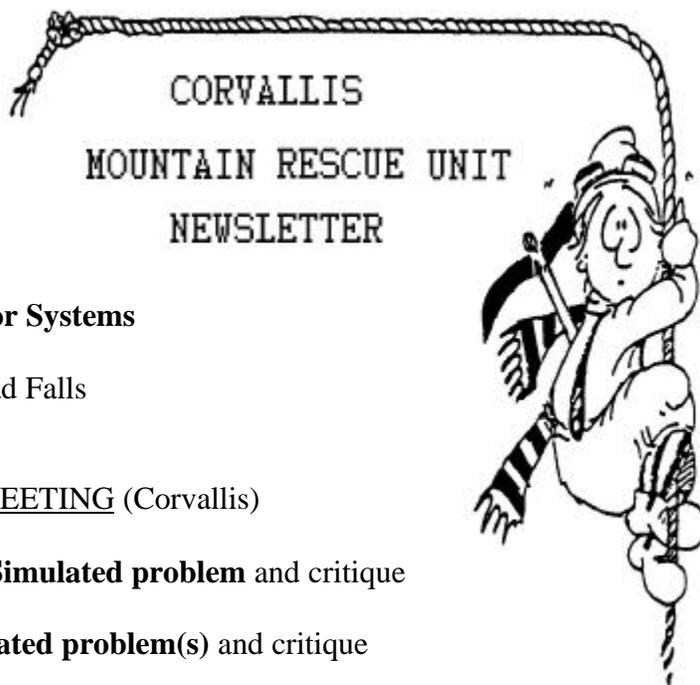


Calendar

March	6	7:00pm	<u>UNIT MEETING</u> -- Training: Search Planning . Table-top exercise.
March	14	7:00pm	<u>TRAINING SESSION</u> -- Anchor Systems
March	17 18	10:00am	<u>ROCK PRACTICE</u> -- Steelhead Falls
March	26	7:00pm	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u> (Corvallis)
April	3	7:00pm	<u>UNIT MEETING</u> -- Training: Simulated problem and critique
April	18	7:00pm	<u>TRAINING SESSION</u> -- Simulated problem(s) and critique
April	21 22	8:00am	OMRC REACCREDITATION (<i>Rock and Search</i>)
		8:00am	OMRC REACCREDITATION (<i>Winter</i>)
April	23	7:00pm	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u> (Salem)



FEBRUARY TRAINING -- revisited

It was hard to believe we scored another beautiful day in the mountains! The day started with roped travel from the parking lot to our "play area" on the northwest side of Hayrick Butte. It was a time to relearn and review the lessons from January. Upon arrival at the practice area, recent avalanche activity was clearly visible on the slope above. That gave added emphasis to snow pits and stability tests. Up to the lunch hour, we worked on placing and evaluating snow anchors.

The group was broken into two teams for a little Anchor-System Tug-of-War. Each team was given two short pickets, two long pickets, one fluke, and 10m of 11mm line. Each team was to place the anchors for a pull from a certain direction. We then constructed an equalizing pulley system to pull simultaneously on each set of anchors. After finishing that task, the teams let the snow "cure" during lunch. Then we pulled! Both systems held. So, each team removed one anchor. Both still held. Then another anchor was removed. And so it went until each team only had one anchor left. A final pull, and yes, one team "won." But it showed the strength of even one well placed snow anchor versus a dozen pullers.

The next event was a technical evacuation in snow. It involved raising (an empty) litter 600 feet to the top of Hayrick's snow slope followed by an attended lowering of a loaded litter with a passage through a second station. This exercise showed the necessity of being able to quickly rig a station and just as quickly unrig and get the equipment moving toward another station below the litter (in a many-station scenario).

Participants: Adolf, Blackburn, Eberly, Freund, Lacer, Leach, Lee, Morris, Ruef, Sears, Vertanen, Wood, Walters

MARCH FIELD TRAINING -- Rock

This month we'll spend two days working in the Rock environment near Steelhead Falls. Saturday will involve system rigging and working with "the edge problem." Sunday will focus on working through a couple complete scenarios just as we will be required to do in April. Come prepared for any kind of weather and to spend the night in an unimproved campground (i.e. no water or toilets).

GOOD-BYE, DON

Don Craig informed the Unit he and his family are moving to Atlanta. Yes, Georgia! Sorry to see you go, Don; and Good Luck in the Deep South.

UNIT PATCH -- now available

The CMRU Unit Patch is again available. A new production run was made and we now have a sufficient supply for our needs. The patch may be used by all levels of membership (Trainee through Rescue). This time the ice axe looks more like it should (rather than like a geologist's pick as it did on the older patches). Your cost for the new patch is \$3. Contact the Treasurer (Joy) to purchase.

PAGER RESPONSE -- look to the stars

Remember, when there is a Unit pageout you are expected to reply as soon as is practical. Begin your response with " * * 0 1" followed by your 4 Rescue identification number. Then " * " (which shows as a hyphen on the pager screen) and "1" if available, "0" if unavailable or "2" if you maybe available. Then " * " (another hyphen) and "0" "1" or "2" for being a truck driver. Optionally, you can enter your telephone number in case the In Town Coordinator (ITC) may wish to contact you. For example:

* * 0 1 8 * 1 * 0 * 5 0 3 * 9 8 6 * 2 9 0 5

would decode as: 4 RESCUE 8 is available for the mission, is not available to drive and is at 503-986-2905.

It is important to remember to send two (2) *'s at the beginning as that activates the preprogrammed message stored in coordinator's pagers (the older NEC pagers). Newer Motorola pagers used by some members do not have pre-programmed messages. Also, if you make a mistake while sending the string of *'s and numbers, press three (3) *'s to erase your entry and start over. That way, you won't have to redial the phone number shown with the page.

If its been a while since you have used this reply, send yourself a practice page and enter the response. Check to see if it is structured like the message above. Also, try using the 3 *'s to erase what you may have already entered and enter a new message. If you have questions, email Bob Freund for help. It helps the ITC greatly if you get the message right -- otherwise they are trying to decipher gibberish (most unpleasant early in the morning).

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