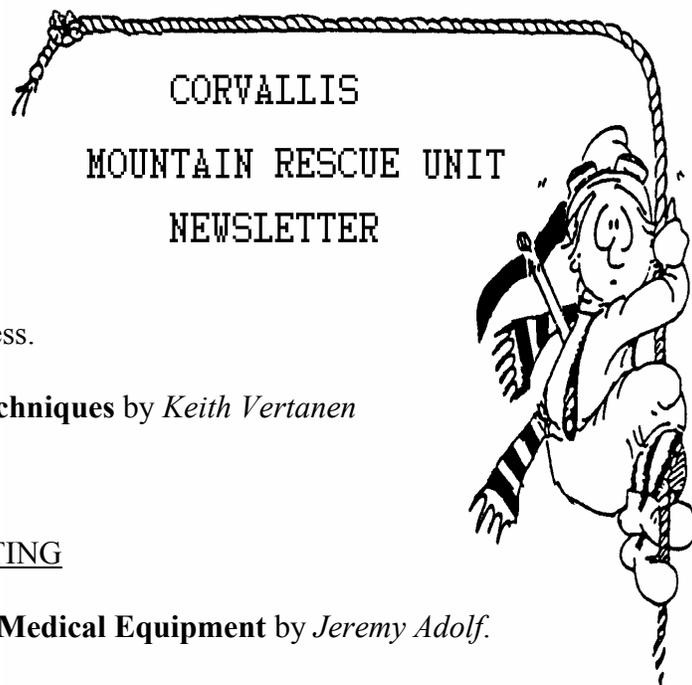


Calendar

- September 3 7:00pm UNIT MEETING – **Truck Cleanup** by *Jim Dagata*
- September 14 TBA OMRC JOINT PRACTICE --
Search in the Three Sisters Wilderness.
- September 18 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION – **Search Techniques** by *Keith Vertanen*
- September 21 TBA ICE PRACTICE by *Jim Dagata*
- September 30 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- October 1 7:00pm UNIT MEETING – Training: **Unit Medical Equipment** by *Jeremy Adolf*.
- October 16 7:00pm TRAINEE UPDATE AND GEAR CIRCUS
- October 17 5:30am CORVALLIS SKI SWAP at the Benton County Fairgrounds. **Setup and consignment**
| Thursday 5:30am-9pm, **Consignment** Friday 9am-5pm; **Sale** Friday 6pm-9pm, Saturday
20 9am-6pm; **Inventory** Saturday night, **Return** equipment Sunday 9am-6pm.
- October 28 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



CORVALLIS

MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST FIELD TRAINING – revisited

Through the years, many of us have heard stories about equipment (“mountain booty”) lost or observed on the west side of Three-Fingered Jack. For our training last month, we carried technical gear up to “the crawl” and set up a technical lowering (of one person) to recover the “treasures.” Upon arriving for our treasure hunt, we were met by a group (or is it a “pack” or “herd”) of Crag Rats who were just finishing their climb.

So as not to be too obnoxious to other climbers, we set a fixed-line at *the Crawl* for anyone to use and then set about finding a couple anchors to be used for the main lowering anchor and another to be used as a change of direction. Nate “volunteered” to go over the edge and with garbage bag in hand, he set off in search of mountain booty. He was lowered down a 60 foot near-vertical wall and then scrambled (on-belay) another 400 feet down the west side.

Meanwhile, back “on top” we had to bend on a second 300 foot rope, tape the knot, and pass it through the brake rack and by the change of direction pulley. Unfortunately, we had not brought the Kootney Carriage --so the knot pass might have been quite a challenge; however Nate was just using the rope as a belay at that point (the rope was essentially unweighted) so the knot passing was more or less trivial. It did constitute grounds for a good discussion about what we’d have done if the rope had been “fully weighted.”

Recovering Nate took all of about 20 minutes as he “ran” up the gully about as fast as we could pull slack through the “dog-n-tails” and stuff it back into the stuff sack. The “booty” turned out to be a small backpack, a pile sweater, and two hats. Jim Dagata recognized the hats and pack as “Outward Bound equipment.”

Following the re-racking of technical gear, and since we were above *the crawl*, those who had not yet summited Three-Fingered Jack climbed the final 300 feet to enjoy another great view that “couldn’t be beat.” We then regrouped below *the crawl*, pulled the fixed-line, and headed down. We met others at the bottom of the scree slope and were back at the cars by 7pm. Like any good leader, Lindsay led a de-brief of the operation before allowing us to head for home. Some of us went directly home while others stopped for pizza in Mill City before continuing the homeward journey. (But that’s another story.) Participants: **Adolf, Blackburn(s), Clunes, Crawford, Dagata(s), Freund, Morris, Vertanen, Vitagliano, Wach**

SEPTEMBER OMRC TRAINING – search

The combined teams of the Oregon Mountain Rescue Council (OMRC) will join together on September 14 to conduct a coordinated search in the vicinity of North Sister. While the session is primarily a practice to allow teams to intermix and meet each other, it has a serious side in that it will also cover terrain searched a year ago for Corwin Osborne.

The last known sighting of Corwin Osborne was as he was descending the north side of Middle Sister at about 11am on the day he disappeared. Several people identified a photograph of him as the solo climber they believe passed them “in a hurry” just before noon on that Saturday.

OMRC has been trying for the past two years to establish a September day where all the teams could participate in a joint practice session. Earlier in the summer, Lane county had scheduled this search operation and invited the OMRC teams to be active participants. More information about staging time and place will be passed out at the September Unit Meeting.

SEPTEMBER UNIT MEETING – clean-up

Come dressed to get “down and dirty” as we’ll be spending the evening cleaning the truck. Bring cleaning gear (buckets, sponges, detergent, rags, etc.). Maybe even some painting supplies to prepare and paint the rack which holds the bins inside the truck. As usual, this is a time to go through each bin and make sure the equipment is clean and in good repair. And, it’s a good time to see just how much stuff we really carry in the truck. (*Gee, I didn’t know we had one of those!*).

SKI SWAP COMING – advertising

It is time for us to begin thinking about the **Corvallis Ski Swap**. This is our single fundraising event of the year so we need to make it good. Beginning around the first of September, contacts are made with the commercial vendors who have participated with us in the past. Also, it is time to begin the advertising campaign. Usually CMRU takes on a majority of the advertising responsibilities. There are posters to make/update, newspaper ads to arrange, and other advertising venues to contact. There will be more information available at the Unit Meeting.