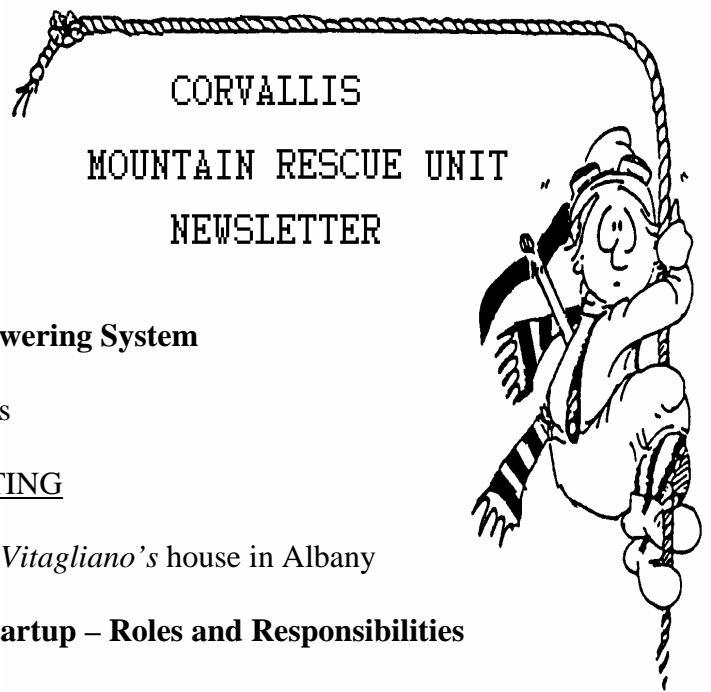


**Calendar**

- May 6 7:00pm UNIT MEETING – Training:  
**Litter Rigging and Attendant’s Roles**
- May 14 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION – **Raising/Lowering System**
- May 17/18 10:00am ROCK PRACTICE – Steelhead Falls
- May 26 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- June 3 7:00pm SUMMER SOCIAL – BBQ at *Nate Vitagliano’s* house in Albany
- June 18 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION – **Mission Startup – Roles and Responsibilities**
- June 21/22 TBA UNIT CLIMB – **Mt. Jefferson**
- June 30 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



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MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT  
NEWSLETTER

**HAIL AND FAREWELL** –

Welcome to the Unit’s latest member, Micheal Beaufore. Mike works with HP in Corvallis and recently moved from Colorado where he had recently become a member of Larimer County SAR (an MRA team based in Fort Collins). We also bid adieu to Kathy Blackburn and thank her many years of service with the Unit.

**OMRC REACCREDITATION** – revisited

On Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, six Unit members assisted the Oregon Mountain Rescue Council with staging reaccreditation evaluations for Portland Mountain Rescue and the Hood River Crag Rats. The morning began with a skiff of new snow and near freezing temperatures. The two teams being evaluated performed their tabletop Search module beginning shortly before 0900 at Sherwood Campground. Meanwhile, under the direction of EMR, extra members from non-evaluated teams (including CMRU) were working at nearby Hood River Meadows (HRM) ski area to create a “realistic” Winter module (including a mock glacier and avalanche problem). CMRU was schedule to setup the Rock module, but a problem developed when the area originally selected (by the teams being evaluated) turned out to be a “sensitive” botanical site.

After finishing the Search Module the teams had lunch and traveled to HRM. The Winter module began around 1200 and concluded with a critique around 1500. Both teams successfully completed the two modules presented. Due to the late hour and travel time involved in getting to a suitable site for the Rock module, it was decided to postpone the Rock portion of the evaluation until a later date.

Participants: **Dagata, Vitagliano, Lee, S. Linn, Crawford, Freund**

**ROCK PRACTICE** – revisited

On weekend of May 17/18, our annual Rock Practice was held at Steelhead Falls on the Deschutes River in Central Oregon. On Saturday, practice sessions on anchors as well as raising/lowering system were conducted. That evening, Matt presented an excellent radio communication *skills and drills* session which had been postponed from March. During the weekend, rigging evaluations were conducted for advancement to Support for Lindsay Clunes, Matt Crawford, and Nate Vitagliano. All three passed and will be recommended to the Executive Committee for advancement.

Also on Sunday, Portland Mountain Rescue came to Steelhead Falls to complete the Rock module portion of their OMRC reaccreditation. We provided an “injured” climber for them to “rescue.”

SUMMER SOCIAL – At Nate’s

The Summer Social will be held on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Nate Vitagliano’s house in Albany. Nate says he’ll have his Barbie “fired up” for anyone who wants to use it. Also, it would be helpful if you could bring an additional dish to share. An email to Nate ([nnvit@aol.com](mailto:nnvit@aol.com)) would be appreciated to let him coordinate the secondary dish – so we all don’t bring *dip* and nobody brings *chips* (if you get my drift). Also, it will be a good time to ask for directions to his house if you need them – rather than publishing those directions here. Oh, if you want *adult beverages* it would be best to bring your own as Nate is being generous to let us use his house – we don’t need to deplete his entire beer supply!

MEMBER-AT-LARGE – new

Susan Leach has submitted her resignation as the Unit’s *Member-at-Large*. She will remain as an Associate member coordinating our Base Camp operations on field missions. Aaron Lee has agreed to assume the responsibilities beginning immediately. The *Member-at-Large* is responsible for fielding inquires about membership in CMRU, acts as our “Official Greeter” at Unit Meetings, and is yet one more conduit for input to the Executive Committee.