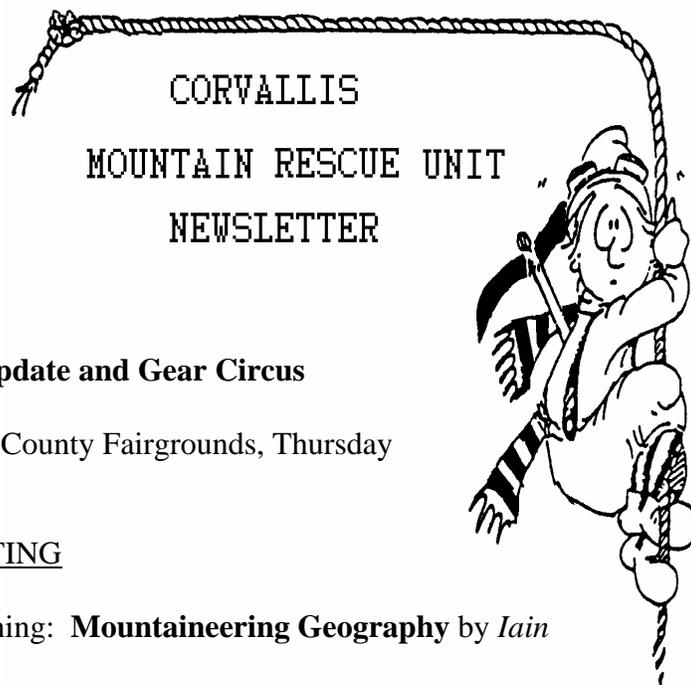


Calendar

- October 7 7:00pm UNIT MEETING -- Training: **Clearing Spinal Injuries in a Wilderness Setting** by *Dr. Jeff Humphrey*.
- October 15 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION – **Trainee Update and Gear Circus**
- October 16 5:30am CORVALLIS SKI SWAP – Benton County Fairgrounds, Thursday
19 – Sunday.
- October 27 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- November 4 7:00pm UNIT MEETING – Elections. Training: **Mountaineering Geography** by *Iain Morris*.
- November 15 9:00am SKILLS WORKSHOP
- November 19 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION – **Snow Shelters** by *Aaron Lee & Nate Vitagliano*
- December 2 7:00pm UNIT SOCIAL – any suggestions or is it back to Izzy's?



CORVALLIS

MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT

NEWSLETTER

CORVALLIS SKI SWAP – this month

The Corvallis Ski Swap will be held at the Benton County Fairgrounds October 16 through 19. We've been making preparations since last year. The building was booked last October, tickets for commercial vendors and a phone line were ordered in mid-September. By the first of October, the ticket/inventory packages were delivered to commercial vendors and credit card terminals were ordered. Advertising is underway and flyers have been printed. They will be available at the Unit meeting. All is in readiness for the event to begin on time: 0530 Thursday, October 16th at the ski swap locker (Stor Haus storage) in Corvallis.

Material will be removed and transported to the fairgrounds – we'd sure like to see your face there to help with emptying the locker and setting up the equipment at the fairgrounds. It needs to be ready to go by 0900. We'll be taking equipment (private and commercial) all day Thursday (9am – 9pm), and on Friday, (9am – 5pm). Tickets are required for entry on Friday and they will go on sale (\$1 ea.) at the Fairgrounds Friday at noon.

The **Sale** portion of the Ski Swap begins at 6pm Friday (ticket required for entry) and goes until 9pm. It continues on Saturday from 9am – 6pm. After the sale closes, all remaining commercial equipment is segregated by vendor and inventoried. We really need help for inventory! (We also need help getting an evening meal together for those working inventory – usually its something simple, like pizza.)

On Sunday, we return all the unsold equipment from 9am to 6pm. Then its over for another year!

ICE PRACTICE WEEKEND – mountain fun

The Hood River Crag Rats invited all Oregon Mountain Rescue teams to their lodge on the northeast side of Mt. Hood for *mountain fun in the sun*. We spent most of Saturday playing on the ice of Eliot Glacier – setting anchors and top roping ice pitches while trying various combinations of ice tools. Later Saturday, Portland and Hood River completed their *Rock Module* evaluations and then we were treated to a wonderful supper prepared by PMR.

Sunday morning we were again treated to great cooking for a pancake and ham breakfast. Then representatives from the OMRC teams held a “show and tell” to see unique and unusual equipment or techniques used by the teams. Hood River showed their Arizona Vortex (high, directional); Deschutes showed their litter spider and “V-strap” system to help surmount a vertical edge, and CMRU shared the “dog-n-tails.”

INSURANCE MATTERS – who pays

So who pays the bill if a member is injured during a training event? *The member.* CMRU does not cover its members with insurance so each member's own health insurance would be tapped. On a mission, there may be coverage depending on the county requesting our services; but in most cases the coverage again falls to individual members for initial payment (there may be reimbursement – but that can get plenty sticky!). The Executive Committee just wanted all members to know each of us is responsible for our own medical coverage – yet another reason *safety* is paramount and the rescuer's safety comes first.

CELLULAR PHONE – going digital

Although the telephone number should not change, the old, analog phone in the truck is being replaced with newer digital technology. We've been experiencing difficulty for the past year or so gaining access to the cellular network. Placing (and receiving) calls while on missions was becoming hard as the number of analog base stations is growing smaller having been replaced with digital models. We expect the installation to be completed before the end of the year.

FISCAL YEAR ENDS – new budget

CMRU's fiscal year ends on October 31st and a new budget will be prepared at the October Executive Committee Meeting. If you have input for the budget, email your suggestions to one of the committee members.