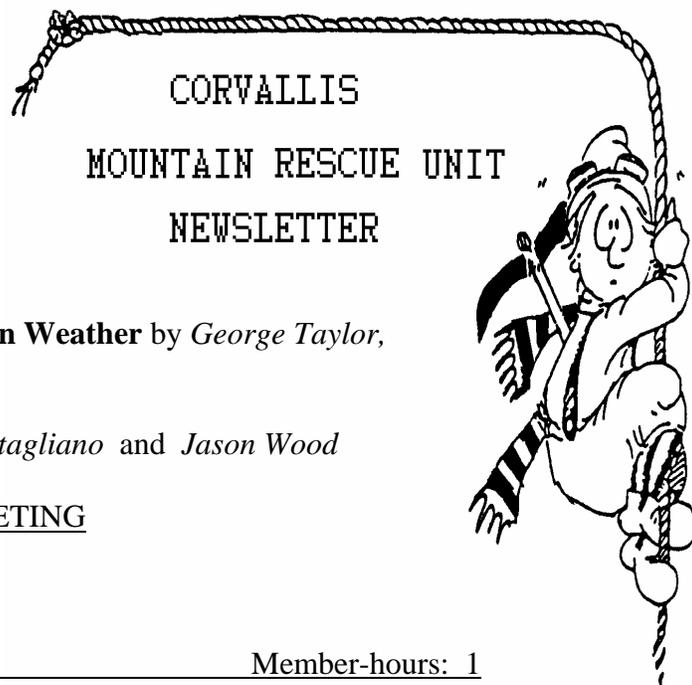


**Calendar**

- November 2 7:00pm UNIT MEETING – Elections.  
Training: **Radio Communications**  
by *Matt Crawford*.
- November 17 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION – **Mountain Weather** by *George Taylor*,  
*Oregon State Climatologist*.
- November 20 9:00am SKILLS WORKSHOP by *Nate Vitagliano* and *Jason Wood*
- November 29 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- December 7 7:00pm WINTER SOCIAL



CORVALLIS

MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT

NEWSLETTER

MISSION REPORT 04-09: Missing Hunter, Benton County Member-hours: 1

On the evening of November 3, 2004, Benton County Emergency Management activated all Benton County SAR Units (including CMRU) for a missing hunter in the Monroe/Alpine area of the county. CMRU's activation page was sent at 1932. At about the same time as the activations were happening, a deputy on scene thought he'd heard a gunshot in response to his siren blast. At 1945 the hunter was located and the mission was secured at 1948.

There have been a couple other missions within the county, but CMRU has not been specifically activated.

CORVALLIS SKI SWAP<sup>tm</sup> – revisited

This year's **Corvallis Ski Swap<sup>tm</sup>** was a bit better than last year's. Friday night's sale wasn't quite as good as last year; but Saturday was strong and steady. One bright spot was the fact that over 48% of the personally consigned items sold. This is the first year that the event was run by *Corvallis Ski Swap, Inc.* – a non-profit corporation set up to put the ski swap on a more sound financial footing.

Formation of the corporation was the brainchild of Brett Chytraus, and attorney and patroller with Santiam Pass Ski Patrol. Brett has been handling "bounced checks" for the ski swap and felt it would be better if the ski swap was a legal entity unto itself rather than having individuals appearing in court on behalf of the ski swap. Over the summer, the corporation was formed with input from CMRU and the ski patrol. The corporation's Board of Directors is composed of five members – two from CMRU, two from SPSP, and one mutually agreed upon by both organizations. The corporation now owns the trademark and servicemark "ski swap" in the state of Oregon and the assumed business name "Corvallis Ski Swap." The sole purpose of the corporation (as outlined in its by-laws) is to run the ski swap as a fund-raising event for CMRU and SPSP with proceeds being shared equally. The Board will meet in early December to make distributions to each organization.

This will be the last year for the "good old" Seiko label printers. They slowly died through the course of taking consignments. They will be upgraded to more modern printers. But that little ripple will cause a tidal wave of change. The software is going to need to be rewritten – into a Windows format from the DOS-based version – which in turn will require upgrade of the computer hardware. Work is beginning now on this upgrade. Does anyone know where to "dispose" of the 386/486 mini-tower computers we currently have?

Thanks to all the members who helped during the four day run of the ski swap. We logged over 262 hours of participation in that time. Participation got a little thin for Inventory on Saturday night, but we got the work done – it just took longer.

NEW MEMBER – Welcome Aboard

Casey Sullivan was interviewed following the November Unit Meeting as was accepted as a Trainee. Casey has attended several meetings and comes to CMRU through his affiliation with Jason Wood. Casey has climbed several of the central Cascade peaks and is comfortable with winter camping.

**2005 OFFICERS** – elected

In addition to the first Tuesday in November being a national election day, it is also the annual election meeting of CMRU. The results of this year's Unit elections are as follows:

President:	Jim Dagata
Vice-President:	Matt Crawford
Secretary:	Becky Lyall
Treasurer:	Anne Greenwood
Member-at-Large:	Lindsay Clunes
OMRC Delegate:	Jemery Adolf

These new officers assume their duties on January 1, 2005. The November 29<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting will be a time for the new and old Boards to meet and begin transferring files and records.

**CLIMBING HARDWARE** – donation

CMRU recently received a donation of rock and ice protection hardware from a former member, Sandy Blood. The equipment was valued at nearly \$300. It includes three ice screws (along with a driver) and over two dozen rock anchors of various kinds. Thanks for thinking of us, Sandy.

**BUDGET** – its time

Now that the Ski Swap is over and CMRU has begun a new fiscal year, its time to think about dues (money in) and purchases (money out). If you have input for the 2005 Budget, contact one (or more) of the incoming or outgoing officers with your suggestions. Setting the amount for dues and creating the budget will be undertaken at the November Executive Committee meeting.