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December 2	7:00 pm	UNIT SOCIAL - Public Works Day Room
December 10	7:00 pm	Training Session and Annual Training Review This is a time to review the Training sessions held in 1997 and propose new and improved sessions for the future. Training: Environmental Illness
December 25	all day	Merry Christmas!
January 1	all day	Happy New Year!
January 6	7:00 pm	Unit Meeting Training: Avalanche Basics
January 8 -11	all day	Avalanche course by Portland Mountain Rescue Cost: \$65 per student
January 10 -11	all day	NSP Basic Avalanche Course Classroom on Saturday in Camp Sherman, field portion Sunday at Hoodoo.
January 21	7:00 pm	Training: Basic Mountaineering
January 26	7:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting

AVALANCHE TRAINING- Basic and Advanced

The National Ski Patrol's Basic Avalanche Rescue course will be presented for CMRU members on the second weekend of January. Originally scheduled for the first weekend of December, our participation had to be delayed one month due to a large number of ski patrollers wishing to take the course in December. The classroom portion of the course will be held at the Black Butte

School in Camp Sherman on Saturday, January 10 and the field portion will be held at Hoodoo Ski Area on Sunday, January 11. Contact Anne Greenwood for more info.

Portland Mountain Rescue has arranged an avalanche training course for SAR personnel to be held with two classroom sessions on Thursday and Friday nights, January 8 & 9 in Portland. The field portion will be held on Mt. Hood on Saturday and Sunday, January 10 & 11. The instructor is Dale Atkins from Colorado, a nationally known and respected authority in the field. Cost for this course is \$65 per person and a class limit of 35 has been set. Support and Rescue members may apply for financial assistance from CMRU's Education Assistance Fund to attend this course. See Jon Sears for applications.

Dues are Due -- \$\$\$

Annual dues of \$15 are now due. Also, if you have a Unit pager, you will be assessed an additional \$5 for insurance on the pager. Checks may be given or mailed to Anne Greenwood, Treasurer or to the Unit's post office box. Members who have not paid by January 1998 will be removed from the Call List.

EQUIPMENT UPDATE -- King Radios

Four Bendix-King radios have been outfitted with batteries and antennas; and have been added to the radio container in the truck. The rechargeable NICAD batteries for these radios are in kept on charge in a special charging bank similar to the MT1000 batteries.

NEW MEMBERS -- Jake, Matt, Mike (Preston, too)

Prior to the Winter Social, the Executive Committee interviewed three applicants and accepted all three as Trainee members. Jake Fox is a student at OSU and was introduced to CMRU on Mt. Jefferson during the evacuation of his friend. Mike Bamberger found CMRU's Website while communicating with Jim Swinyard and checking out Corvallis prior to his wife beginning her doctorate at OSU. Matt Jarvis is currently a software developer and first learned of CMRU while taking a cross-country ski class given by Jon Sears. Welcome Aboard!

Earlier this Fall, Preston VanMeter had been interviewed and was accepted as a Trainee. Preston is an active climber with the Santiam Alpine Club in Salem and he lives in Keizer. (Ed. Note: I regret the announcement of Preston's acceptance was delayed due to missions and mission reports in earlier Newsletters;-)

ANNUAL TRAINING REVIEW

Angela has scheduled this review to take place prior to the Training Session on Wednesday, December 10. The intention is to talk about how 1997's training events were conducted, how they could have been improved, and what new or innovative events should we try in 1998. A preliminary schedule of training events has been established by the Training Committee, but could be

modified prior to its distribution with the January copy of the Newsletter. If you have an interest in our training program -- and every active member should -- this is a must-do meeting. This is your time to give the Training Committee feedback and make suggestions which will make the Training Program more interesting (and if necessary, challenging).

