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The *Corvallis Mountain Rescue Newsletter* is published monthly
to keep friends and members of the Unit informed of our activities.
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Calendar

July 7	7:00pm	UNIT MEETING - Summer Social: First-ever stove competition and wilderness cuisine at Walnut Park.
July 15	7:00pm	TRAINING SESSION - Helicopter Operations by Matt Jarvis.
July 18		UNIT CLIMB - Three-Fingered Jack
July 27	7:00pm	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 4	7:00pm	UNIT MEETING - Training: Incident Command System by Bob Freund.
August 19	7:00pm	TRAINING SESSION - Search Techniques by Anne Greenwood.
August 22	7:00am	UNIT CLIMB -- Mt. Washington
August 31	7:00pm	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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MISSION REPORT 98-04: Standby for search on Marys Peak, Benton Co. Member-hours: 1
Early in the afternoon of Wednesday, June 3, 1998, the Benton County Sheriff's Office was notified of a missing fifteen year old boy on the east side of Marys Peak. A page was sent on Benton County's ALL SAR capcode at 1344 followed by CMRU's Standby page at 1352. Thirteen CMRU members responded to the page.

The boy was to have been on the trail between Connor's Camp and the parking lot near the summit of Marys Peak. Although not technically challenging, Marys Peak is the highest peak in Oregon's Coast Range mountains.

Shortly after 1400, the missing subject was located and the mission was cancelled at 1415.

MISSION REPORT 98-05: Standby for search in north Corvallis, Benton Co. Member-hours: 1
Just prior to 0800 on Friday, June 26, 1998, the Benton County Sheriff's Office was notified on an 81 year old woman who was missing and presumed walked away from an adult care home in the north Corvallis area. A Standby page was sent to all Benton County SAR personnel on the ALL SAR capcode at 0753. CMRU sent its Standby page at 0802 and fourteen members responded to the page.
Throughout the morning, investigations continued but at 1119 the mission was suspended pending further

developments and CMRU personnel were released from Standby.

MISSION REPORT 98-06: Overdue Mountain Bikers, Benton Co. Member-hours: 1

On the afternoon of Wednesday, July 1, two 19 year olds went mountain biking in McDonald Forest off Oak Creek and were to have returned by supertime. Later that night when they did not return, Benton County Sheriff's Office was notified and a hasty team was paged at 0140 on July 2.

After searching through the night without success, the hasty team needed relief and a county-wide SAR activation was paged at 0721. CMRU's activation page was sent at 0726 and seven members responded. At 0737 a county-wide page was sent saying the boys had been found so our mission was terminated at 0740.

Summer Social -- Walnut Park

This year's summer social will be held at the barn in Walnut Park (note the change of location) and will feature CMRU's first ever campstove cookoff as well as a sampler of members' favorite mountain cuisine. For the cookoff, participants need to bring their stove, assembled or disassembled as it would be carried in a pack. The competition will include assembly time, warm-up, and time to boil a calibrated volume of water. "Standardized" containers will be provided for the competition. The sample of members' favorite mountain cuisine can either be prepared ahead of time or prepared on site. Bring your own table service and favorite beverage -- mountain or otherwise.

New Truck Committee -- Eric & Susan

Eric Benson and Susan Leach have been compiling information about vehicle styles and features to assist in planning the next generation of CMRU truck. Their efforts have included on-site inspections and driving tests of various vehicles around the Willamette Valley. Now its up to the rest of us to add substance to the framework they have created. Three sub-committees (Electrical, Interior, and Exterior) have been formed and those committees will be meeting, by themselves and with each other, over the next few weeks to firm up specifications. Your thoughts and suggestions should be made known now.

July Field Training -- unit climb, 3FJ

The field training for July has been changed due to scheduling complications. Helicopter training originally scheduled for July has been postponed until later in the Fall. Instead, a Unit climb of Three-Fingered Jack is scheduled for Saturday, July 18. Meet at the PCT trailhead (yes, it probably will cost you \$3 to park your car there for the day) ready to hit the trail at 0700. In addition to the climb, there will be a short GPS exercise along the way in/out. If the weather is too bad for climbing, the GPS/Land Navigation exercise will be expanded in the area north of the highway and west of the mountain so we can become more familiar with that terrain.

Drop Testing -- 3,2,1,Zero

We tentatively plan to hold a session at the drop tower on Sunday, July 19. This will be the inaugural session for the new release device Rod Harney constructed. If you have any system components you wish to see evaluated or drop tests you wish to be performed, contact Bob Freund by telephone or email no later than July 13. Also, if you wish to experience the thrill of holding a leader fall with your personal, climbing belay system, we will be able to do that at the end of the day.

MRA Meeting - in review

The 40th anniversary meeting of the Mountain Rescue Association was held at Timberline Lodge in June. There were training sessions involving glacier work (on the White River glacier), a GPS/UTM session, a presentation on the space-based Iridium communication system, and a presentation on the OES incident. Team members from PMR, EMR, and CMRU (Jim Ruef and Don Lacer) acted as facilitators during the glacier training. The OES presentation was conducted by Dr. Camron Bangs and included participation by former CMRU member Bill O'Brien. Other CMRU members who attended were: Susan Leach, Anne

Greenwood, Jeremy Adolf, and Bob Freund.

Dick Pooley, who was present at the founding of MRA gave a presentation outlining the formation of MRA which included showing transparencies of the original founding documents. CMRU's predecessor, the Corvallis unit of MORESCO was represented at those first meetings by Willi Unsoeld and Soren Normann.

During elections at the business meeting on Sunday morning, Tim Kovacs (Central Arizona MRA) was elected president of MRA and Rocky Henderson (Portland Mountain Rescue) was elected Vice-President.

PAGING RESPONSE - correct format

Remember to use the proper format when responding to CMRU alerting pages:

****01(your 4RESCUE identifier)*(mission availability 0/1/2)*(truck driver availability 0/1/2)**

For example: ****0108*1*0** reads out 4 Rescue 08-1-0 and means 4 Rescue 8 is available to go on the mission but is not available to drive the truck.

Also, a telephone number (telephone numbers are now 10 digits long) can be appended to the end on the message.

