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

March 3	7:00 pm	Unit Meeting Training: Medical Assessment and Patient Packaging
March 8	9:00 am	Avalanche Training Field Session Hoodoo - top of green chair
March 19	7:00 pm	Training: Navigation and GPS
March 21-22	TBA	Unit Climb: Mt. Hood
March 30	7:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting
April 7	7:00 pm	UNIT Meeting Training: Litter Rigging
April 15	7:00 pm	Training: Knots
April 18	TBA	OMRC Reaccreditation: Glacier travel portion at Hayrick Butte
April 27	7:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting

MISSION REPORT 98-01: Stand-by -- Overdue Mushroom Hunter, Benton County

At 1329 on Friday, February 20, all Benton County SAR personnel (including CMRU) were placed on Stand-by for a missing mushroom hunter in the Bellfountain area. Further investigation showed that the subject had left the rest of his party the previous day in good condition and headed out of the area (toward home). The mission was canceled an hour later.

In-town Coordinator, Joy Linn, sent a page to CMRU using the "canned messages" in our pagers since she was at work and unable to get to a computer to send the usual text message. The "canned" message along with the information sent on the Benton county capcode kept Unit members (within range of the paging system) informed during this mission.

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND --

In February, Lindsay Clunes was accepted as a Trainee member of CMRU. What makes that fact significant is that he had been a member in the late 70's while a student at OSU. Now that his is settled in Corvallis, Lindsay has again decided to participate with CMRU. He works as an optometrist with offices in Corvallis and Newport. Lindsay is also an avid skier -- both "free heel" and "fixed heel."

Also at the February Unit Meeting, a card was received from John Wells. Probably the only people at the meeting who knew John were the most senior member (Bob Freund) and the most junior member (Lindsay Clunes)! In addition to the card, John enclosed a nice check for \$50. John grew up in Southern California, was an Eagle scout, and attended OSU majoring in Forestry. He was familiar with the highly trained and motivated mountain rescue teams in Southern California and when the Benton County Sheriff wanted such a team stationed in Corvallis, John was instrumental in the reorganization of what is now CMRU. He served as president in the late 70's until his graduation.

The Unit has also received contributions from Jay Avery, Pam Otley and the family of Karl Iwen, for its participation in recent missions involving these people. CMRU is grateful for this financial support.

OMRC REACCREDITATION -- rescheduled, again

We tried to finish up our "glacier travel" portion of the reaccreditation sequence last September at the Ice Practice on Mt. Hood; but we were called away for a mission on Mt. Washington. Then, last month we tried to complete it during the Snow Practice (again scheduled on Mt. Hood), but nearly two feet of new snow literally buried the practice. OMRC has rescheduled our evaluation during the "reaccreditation weekend" of April 18/19 at Hayrick Butte. Tentatively we will be evaluated during the afternoon of Saturday, April 18, just before EMR undergoes their "Winter Rescue" module.

MRA SUMMER MEETING -- June 19-21

To recognize the 40th anniversary of its founding at Timberline Lodge, the Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) has scheduled its Summer Meeting for Mt. Hood. Friday will be devoted to hands-on field sessions related to ski mountaineering, crevasse rescue and glacier travel. (As the "host" team, PMR is looking for help from OMRC teams in teaching the Friday events.) Saturday will be "climb day" with four to six routes being attempted by MRA team members from throughout the United States. Saturday night's banquet speaker will be Clair Isrealson (Parks, Canada). Sunday will be the regular business meeting of the organization.

Registration is \$65 (\$100 after May 15) with lodging and meals as additional expenses.

E-MAIL UPDATES (AND CORRECTION)

Please note that Susan's correct email address is:

susan.leach@orst.edu (Sorry about any confusion that may have been caused by last month's entry). Jake Fox can be reached at: foxj@peak.org and his telephone number is: 541-754-9241.

