

Calendar

August	3	7:00pm	<u>UNIT MEETING</u> -- Training: Truck Work Party at Garage.
August	18	7:00pm	<u>TRAINING SESSION</u> -- Vertical Rope Work by <i>Don Lacer</i> .
August	21	TBA	<u>UNIT CLIMB</u> -- Location to be determined
August	28/29	8am-4pm	<u>CAVE RESCUE SYMPOSIUM</u> -- Peterson Prairie Campground, Trout Lake, WA.
August	30	7:00pm	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u>
September	7	7:00pm	<u>UNIT MEETING</u> -- Training: Helicopter Operations by <i>Matt Jarvis</i> .
September	15	7:00pm	<u>TRAINING SESSION</u> -- Glacier Travel and Ice issues by <i>Preston VanMeter</i>
September	18/19	10:00am	<u>ICE PRACTICE</u> by <i>Tim Fitzpatrick</i>
September	27	7:00pm	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u>

MISSION REPORT 99-03: Steven Reed Search, Clackamas Co.

Hours: 126 Miles: 1520

In the last week of June, Steven Reed, a second year medical student from Michigan, came to Oregon to investigate internship opportunities. He intended to hike in the mountains around Portland before returning home. When he failed to return to Michigan as scheduled, a search was initiated which led back to Oregon.

Searching began in Oregon over the July 4th weekend. His rental car was located at the Salmon Butte Trailhead and intensive searching around Salmon Butte did not locate him. On Monday evening, July 5th, CMRU was asked to send searchers. Four members participated on Tuesday, July 6th, searching drainages near the summit of Salmon Butte down to Copper Creek (about 900 vertical feet in 3/4 mile on the east side of Salmon Butte). The terrain had heavy growth of rhododendrons -- some reaching heights over 10 ft. No clues of the subject were found by CMRU. The weather was clear and warm. The assignment involved a 4.5 mile hike to reach the search area, a sweep down one drainage and up another, and a 4.5 mile hike out.

On Wednesday, July 7th, three CMRU members, joined by Jack Spencer of PNW SAR, made up Team 1 and searched the Salmon River Trail along the north side of the Salmon River. On both legs of the upper trail, two members used binoculars to scan the river and opposite canyon wall for any sign of the subject. No traces were found. During the return leg of the search, all four members scanned the riverbed thoroughly, along the lower part of the trail. Again, there were no traces of the subject.

Afterwards, the three CMRU members who made up Team 1, cut a trail along the south side of the Salmon River, to lead Team 5 (Wash. Co. Explorer Post) to the trailhead. Along the way, the Corvallis team discovered two separate tracks, which were investigated by a team of trackers. After meeting up with Team 5, all the searchers returned to the trailhead and then base camp for debriefing.

Participants: **Clunes, Freund, Grediagin, Harney VanMeter, Vertanen, Wood, J. Linn, and Greenwood.**

MARDI KELTNER MEMORIAL -- revisited

It was a sunny, pleasant Saturday afternoon when about 50 of Mardi's friends met to share stories and remembrances of a very special person. For some of us, it was a revelation as to how many different circles Mardi traveled in and the many people she touched and helped (other than just CMRU) during her short life.

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CAVE RESCUE SEMINAR -- August 28/29

This month the training committee has placed two events on the training schedule. A *Cave Rescue Seminar* will be conducted by John Punches (National Cave Rescue Commission) and will be staged out of the Peterson Prairie Campground near Trout Lake, Washington. On Saturday the 28th, there will be an *Introduction to Cave Rescue* beginning at 8am and wrapping up about 4pm. It will work mainly in the horizontal environment. On Sunday, the session will involve *Self Rescue in the Vertical Cave Environment* again from 8am to 4pm. Participants need to be properly equipped and registered with John Punches. Please check out the following website for more information: <http://www.caves.org/region/nca/final.html>. There you will find a description of the courses, a required equipment list and links to contact John. The other event is a Unit Climb (rock) which has yet to be determined.

THANKS -- Scott and Joy

Following Mardi's memorial service, Scott and Joy hosted a get together at their house. It was good to see former members Gene Griswold, Sabra Thomas, and Doug McGuire as well as the current CMRU members who attended. Scott and Joy made us all feel "at home" and there were delicious dinner entrées provided by several CMRU members.

PROMOTION -- movin' up

It was announced that Jim Swinyard (Benton County Emergency Services manager) has been selected as the next Benton County Undersheriff. He begins the new job in September or October. This will mean a new person as emergency services manager with whom CMRU will be working.

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