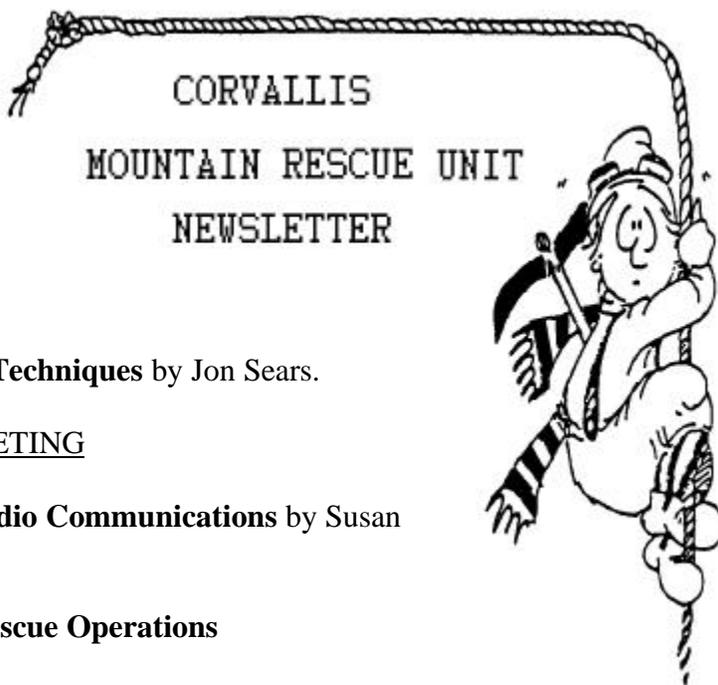


Calendar

- June 1 7:00pm UNIT MEETING -- **Summer Social** -- Woodstock Pizza
- June 12/13 Callout **Mock Mission**
- June 16 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- **Search Techniques** by Jon Sears.
- June 28 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- July 6 7:00pm UNIT MEETING -- Training: **Radio Communications** by Susan Leach.
- July 21 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- **Cave Rescue Operations**
- July 24 TBA FIELD TRAINING -- **Cave Practice**
- July 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



MISSION REPORT 99-01: Downed Aircraft, Linn County

Member-hours: 3

During the afternoon of Thursday, May 6th, a 52 year old pilot in a rented Cessna 150 departed Lebanon enroute to Estacada. A significant weather front was moving through Western Oregon at that time and he was unable to land in Estacada. He elected to return to Lebanon, but the weather pushed him easterly into the Cascades. At 1915, he reported he was lost, low on fuel, and ice was forming on the plane's wing. Shortly thereafter, he was lost from FAA radar and an ELT was activated south of Detroit, Oregon in Linn County.

Linn County and Marion County began a joint operation to locate the aircraft. Ground and air assets were used through the night, but the weather was very poor with snow down to 2000 ft. At 0244, CMRU was notified of the mission and requested to be on Standby to assist with an evacuation from steep terrain.

CAP aircraft localized the ELT to an area about 5 miles south of Detroit but was unable to get a visual on the downed plane. Shortly after noon, a National Guard helicopter crew homed on the ELT and spotted the aircraft -- and then the pilot! The survivor suffered a fractured lower back and was evacuated by the helicopter around 1400. CMRU was released from Standby at 1615.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Benton County has changed telephone prefixes, so several telephone numbers of interest to CMRU members have also changed. Jim Swinyard's new (office) telephone number is: 541-766-6864. CMRU's Voice Mail has changed to: 541-766-6057.

NEW WEBPAGE URL -- <http://www.peak.org/~cmru/index.htm>

Mardi Keltner has hosted the Unit's webpage since its creation years ago. But like most children, this one too grew up and moved out. The page is now on the server operated by Peak (the same people who host CMRU's list server) and can be accessed at: <http://www.peak.org/~cmru/index.htm>. If you have CMRU's webpage bookmarked on your Internet browser, please change it to the new URL.

Scott Linn will be taking over duties of maintaining the webpage and looks forward to your suggestions. The Unit is very fortunate to have a first-class webpage due to the effort put in by Mardi, but she is unable to continue giving it the attention it requires and asked to be relieved of the responsibility. As a courtesy to Mardi, the Unit moved the page from its location in Mardi's account to an account of its own; but the page will always be Mardi's legacy to us.

Mardi & Larry -- married at last

Early last month, Mardi Keltner and Larry King were married -- you know, tied the knot. (So that begs the question, what kind of knot would they tie?) We always felt they were married, but now the State of Oregon has bestowed a piece of paper upon them. Our happiness for their marriage is, however, tempered by the fact that Mardi has been diagnosed with cancer. She has quite an impressive support network of dedicated friends to help her face this difficult crisis.

On May 13th, Joy and Scott hosted an open house at their home to celebrate Mardi's many accomplishments with the Unit. Anne and Joy collaborated to produce a book containing maps and write-ups of all the CMRU missions in which Mardi had participated. Also included in the book were written selections from various current and former Unit members. MRA sent a framed certificate recognizing Mardi's eleven years of service to the mountain rescue community. Unfortunately, Mardi was not feeling well enough to attend that evening, but Larry came and shared about an hour with us to receive the book and certificate on Mardi's behalf.

ANNUAL ROCK PRACTICE -- revisited

This year's Rock Practice was held near Steelhead Falls on the Deschutes River. We were blessed with fantastic weather both days which made training a pleasure. Jeff Gent organized the weekend's training sessions and has forwarded a lengthy report via email to the CMRU list server detailing the events. If you did not receive the email or wish to have it printed out, contact Jeff or Bob Freund.

In summary, we spent Saturday rigging and executing Pick-offs as well as evaluating Jim Dagata and Keith Vertanen for upgrade to Support. Sunday was spent working a combination scree/vertical technical evacuation, Highline, and evaluation of Jeff Gent for upgrade to Rescue. All three members successfully completed their field scenarios.

JUNE FIELD TRAINING -- mock mission

This month's training will involve field work on Saturday, June 12, an overnight bivy Saturday night, and completion of field work on Sunday. The location will be chosen on Friday and the mission will be started with a page on Friday night. Be warned there is still plenty of snow in the high Cascades so be prepared to travel and navigate over snow.

SUMMER SOCIAL -- good times and good-bye

The Summer Social was held on the first of June at Woodstock's Pizza in Corvallis. It was a time to share stories (e.g. Don Lacer's slide on Mt. Jefferson), pictures (e.g. recent Rock Practice and Illumination Saddle), and say 'Goodbye' to Eric (*soon to be Ensign*) Benson (to borrow a line from Jeff Gent's write-up). Eric will be commissioned in the US Navy upon graduation from Oregon State this month. Also graduating is Spencer Wood, but he will be sticking around Corvallis for a bit longer this summer.

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