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Calendar

June	6	7:00pm	MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT SUMMER SOCIAL Potluck. And another wild "Stove Cook-off." CMRU will provide soft drinks. Bring your own plates, utensils, etc.
June	17/18	TBA	UNIT CLIMB Menagerie
June	21	7:00pm	TRAINING SESSION ELT Training
June	26	7:00pm	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Salem
July	11	7:00pm	<u>UNIT MEETING</u> Training: Radio Communication by <i>Jon Sears</i> .
July	19	7:00pm	TRAINING SESSION Vertical Ascent/Descent by Scott Linn.
July	22	TBA	<u>FIELD TRAINING</u> Land Navigation and Introduction to Pit Caves organized by Scott Linn.
July	24	7:00pm	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Corvallis

MISSION REPORT 00-03: Standby, Missing 5 year-old girl, Benton County

A five year old girl was reported missing at 1630 on Thursday, 1 June. A pageout was sent on Benton County ALL SAR which activated several units and placed CMRU on Standby. SAR personnel were on scene by 1715. At 1830 the child returned from a shopping trip with her father and the mission was terminated.

Even though CMRU was not used for this mission, it serves as a reminder to make preparations as soon as possible after we are placed on **Stand-by**. Your gear should be assembled and ready to go. Food gathered, clothing ready and other plans completed. If/when we are activated, these things should already be done. Some of us become a bit complacent and figure "I'll do it if we're activated." That is not a good attitude and just increases response time.

IN FOCUS PROJECTOR -- donation received

Thanks to a timely grant request and the generosity of **In Focus** (a Wilsonville, Oregon company), CMRU has received a LitePro 720 projector to use with its recently acquired Sony laptop computer. The projector will enhance our ability to make Unit training and public education presentations with computer or video based material. The 720 projector can take input from both a computer and a video source (i.e. VCR). It includes an IR remote control so the presenter need not stand at the projector or computer to control the program.

TRAINING ENHANCEMENTS -- PowerPoint presentations

Now that CMRU has the ability to display and project PowerPoint presentations, we will be developing and acquiring training material in this format. If you know of any "killer" (PowerPoint) presentations which we can add to our growing library of software based training material, contact Jon Sears (jons@proaxis.com).

FAREWELL -- Preston and Tim

Times change and so do careers. It is with sadness we bid farewell to Preston VanMeter, who is leaving us to return to graduate school in Michigan; and to Tim Fitzpatrick who is moving to Seattle to pursue a career change as well as being closer to his girl friend Kristi. Over the past years, both Tim and Preston have contributed significantly to CMRU's professional readiness and we will miss them both. Good Luck, guys!

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

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WINDOW DISPLAY -- on Monroe street.

CMRU member Lindsay Clunes put together a nice window display at the Benton County Emergency Management Office for the month of May. It included mountaineering equipment and two large, poster-sized photographs he had taken. In June, we have put some technology on display along with Lindsay's work. A four and a half minute PowerPoint presentation on **Outdoor Safety** is running on the Unit's computer to a large monitor in the window. Through the month, we will change the equipment on display to reflect the lessons included in the public education presentation.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Over the past weekend, there were two backcountry fatalities in Western Oregon. One involved a fall from the summit of Mt. Hood (down the North side) and one was a heart attack while hiking. Also, there were climbing related injuries on Mt. Rainier from a falling serac. As the snow melts, more people will be in the mountains. With the most intense solar activity coming later this month, we should expect to see an increase in the number of backcountry missions. Prepare now so you can respond when the call comes.

JUNE FIELD TRAINING -- Menagerie

This month's field training will be an orientation to the Menagerie Wilderness and the many rock formations contained within. Located in the Keith Creek drainage south of Highway 20 near Upper Soda (Mountain House), it is a prime rock climbing venue within CMRU's response area. Access is limited at times throughout the climbing season due to nesting peregrine falcons. Learning the location of and approaches to the various rocks will be the objective for Saturday's training. If the weather is conducive, we'll camp Saturday night and climb on Sunday. Staging info will be paged.

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