

Calendar

- August 6 7:00pm UNIT MEETING – Training:
Radios and Communication by
Susan Leach.

- August 14 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION – **ELT Training** by *Anne Greenwood.*

- August 17/18 TBA FIELD TRAINING

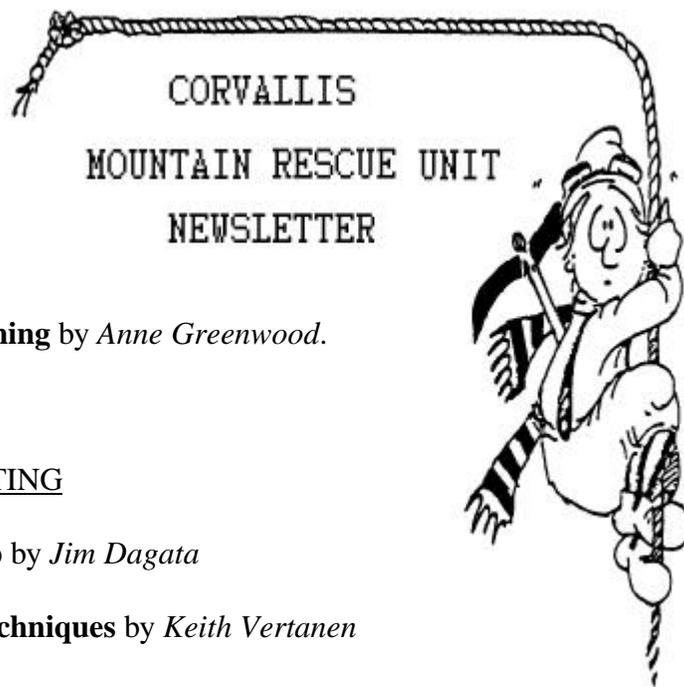
- August 26 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

- September 3 7:00pm UNIT MEETING – **Truck Cleanup** by *Jim Dagata*

- September 18 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION – **Search Techniques** by *Keith Vertanen*

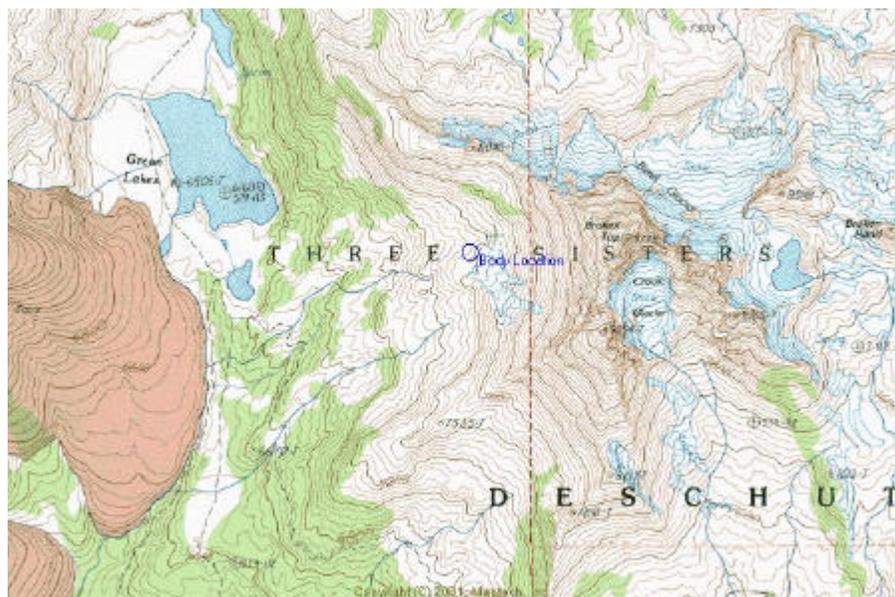
- September 21 TBA ICE PRACTICE by *Jim Dagata*

- September 30 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



2001 BROKEN TOP SEARCH -- finally over

In late July, human remains were discovered by hikers on the west side of Broken Top. Subsequent identification confirmed the body to be Danny Curran who was the subject of an extensive search last November.



The search was CMRU mission 01-07 and we participated on the last day of large-scale operations. Weather during that day was heavy rain with temperatures in the low 40's and winds from the west gusting over 40 miles per hour. Our assignment was the south fork of Squaw Creek (about four to five miles north of there the body was found).

The map to the left was “plucked” from an email which was originally sent to Portland Mountain Rescue members by Rocky Henderson and then forwarded to CMRU. (Credit where credit is due.)

MISSION 02-03: Lost Adults, Big Lake, Linn County

Member-hours: 2

At about 1600 Saturday, August 3, a 48 year old male and his 33 year old wife left their campsite at the West End campground at Big Lake for a walk around the lake. Trails in the vicinity of Big Lake have been in serious need of trail maintenance for several years (e.g. clearing downed trees) and with the web of trails on the lake's south side, it might be very easy to “lose” the trail but “find” another. When the couple did not return, their 16 year old son called for assistance – but not until about noon on Sunday. About 20 personnel searched through the remainder of Sunday. On Monday, about 60 searchers were involved – including aircraft.

Benton county was asked to supply personnel for Tuesday, and CMRU was activated. The lost couple was spotted by helicopter late Monday about a mile from their campsite. We were cancelled on Monday evening.

JULY FIELD TRAINING – keeping cool

While the outside air temperature was in the mid-80's and some mosquitoes were still around, five Unit members ventured to the McKenzie pit caves for a day of GPS navigation and then drops into three of the caves which make up the McKenzie cluster of caves. In addition to trying out rappelling equipment and techniques, we also got a workout with ascending systems. Down in one of the caves there was even a chance for some free climbing to checkout passages which connect the various caves. Temperatures inside the caves were very pleasant (compared to the outside air). There was one inhabitant (a bat) which was somewhat disturbed by our presence. We also did some "litter pickup" from one of the caves as we recovered a hand lantern which had a lead-acid battery.

Following a navigation exercise to return to our vehicles, we pulled out some gear and practiced setting up a highline between two "bomber" trees.

Participants: S. Linn, Blackburn, Crawford, Vitagliano, and Freund.

JULY TRAINING SESSION – revisited

The Unit's Medical Advisor, Dr. Jeff Humphrey, presented an informative session on environmental emergencies we might encounter while climbing at altitude (not that we have much high altitude in Oregon). He taught that altitude related incidents are usually a continuum starting with Acute Mountain Sickness and culminating in High Altitude Pulmonary or Cerebral Edema. The lesson to have taken away is to not go higher if any of the signs or symptoms of AMS are encountered since you might slide along that continuum much faster than you realize. Acclimatize and let the symptoms subside. Thanks, Dr. Humphrey, for the presentation. We're looking forward to your next one.

AUGUST TRAINING SESSIONS – electronic stuff

This month's "classroom" training sessions will stress radios and topics related to radio communication. It is worthy to note that many of the "lessons learned" from the large incident on Mt. Hood earlier in the summer were related to radio communications – so this is a timely subject.

On another radio-related topic, the use of Emergency Locating Transmitter (ELT) locating equipment will be presented during the mid-month Training Session.