



Calendar

- July 2 7:00pm UNIT MEETING – Training: **Highline Rigging** by *Bob Freund*.
- July 17 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION – **Environmental Illness** by *Dr. Jeff Humphrey*
- July 20 9:00am HIGHLINE and PIT CAVE ORIENTATION
- July 29 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- 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

JUNE FIELD TRAINING – revisited

Last month’s field training was intended to simulate a mission; and the Menagerie Wilderness was chosen as the site of this mission. We assembled at the Trout Creek Trailhead, off Highway 20 at the west end of the wilderness, to begin the mock operation. Printed maps of the area were checked, the computer was fired-up to give participants a view of the terrain, and we printed 1:24,000 maps for each team using the color printer.

Participants were divided into two teams, and equipment was checked-out and distributed. One team was to proceed up the Trout Creek Trail while the other team was instructed to drive to the Rooster Rock Trailhead and hike that trail (~2000 ft. vertical in 1.6 miles). The teams conducted radio checks periodically while hiking the trails and checked cellular telephone coverage along the trails. There was amazingly good cellular coverage on both trails, and radio coverage was good after you had been on the trail(s) for about five minutes (e.g. gained a wee bit of elevation). The Trout Creek Trail team had an “adventure” finding the beginning of the trail.

Both teams met at the site of an old lookout (long since removed) atop the ridge adjacent to Rooster Rock and had lunch under bright, sunny skies. Then we set to work getting GPS coordinates for various rock features in the vicinity of Rooster Rock. The steep ground was dry and the footing was quite good; but how different it would have been had the surface been wet. A ski pole or trekking pole would definitely be an asset here during a search!

Rock Feature	UTM Coordinates (WGS 84)
Rooster Rock (S. side)	10T 0555396E 4918435N
Rooster’s Tail	10T 0555459E 4918538N
Fern Rock	10T 0555469E 4918487N
Hen Rock	10T 0555318E 4918438N
Chicken Rock	10T 0555285E 4918428N
Puff Ball	10T 0555485E 4918426N

To complete our day in the Menagerie, we struck out to the northwest in search of what appeared to be an opening (at least it looked that way on the photo downloaded from Terraserver). But it wasn’t to be found. After a brief stop atop a rock rib to look around, and a recheck of the GPS coordinates, we concluded that photo-interpretation wasn’t one of Bob’s stronger suits. The teams hiked out on the “other” trail from which they had ascended. **Participants:** Blackburn, Vitagliano, Morris, Crawford, Freund

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS -- attendance

At its June meeting, the Executive Committee evaluated submissions from each of our Associate members. In those documents, the Associates listed what contributions (of talent, expertise, etc.) they would make to CMRU. The committee decided it would be in the best interest of the Unit that Associate members *who desire to accompany us on missions* (i.e. leave home) be required to attend at least half of the meetings or trainings which CMRU schedules each year. That way, the Trainee, Support, and Rescue members know these Associate members and will feel more comfortable working with them. Associates who do not leave Corvallis (but may also assist with missions, e.g. In-Town Coordinators) do not have this requirement.

The Executive Committee also re-affirmed our requirement that any Rescue, Support, or Associate member going into the field (which we define as beyond Base Camp) needs to be SAR certified. Trainee members who may not yet SAR certified are allowed in the field only when accompanying a Rescue or Support member.

McDONALD FOREST ULTRAMARATHON – follow-up

For assisting with this year's Ultra Marathon, the Unit received \$250 – this had been previously reported. But what had not been reported is that unit member Kathy Blackburn has contributed \$260 which she earned as a participant in a medical study conducted on runners during the event. **Thank you, Kathy!**

COMPUTER GETS NEW HARD DRIVE -- transplant

Following the June field practice, the computer could not be shutdown gracefully and developed quite an “attitude” when its battery was pulled out. Unit members have been having trouble getting the computer to start-up properly so some of our computer “geeks” took a look. After running a number of diagnostics and reformatting the hard disk, it was concluded we needed “expert help.”

The computer was checked into the “computer hospital.” We soon discovered to evaluate the “old” 6 GB hard drive we would be charged about half of what a new 20 GB drive would cost. So we opted for the new (bigger and better) hard drive. We'll now be able to store all the mapping data on the hard drive.

SUMMER'S HERE

The snow is mostly gone below 5000 feet in the mountains and the mosquitoes are really swarming. If you are going into the Central Oregon Cascades, come prepared with insect repellent – at least for the first part of your trip. Above 6000 feet there is still quite a bit of snow. There have been several searches recently for hikers who have lost their way due to snow covering trails.