



Calendar

- March 5 7:00pm UNIT MEETING -- Training:
**Mountaineering -- Small Party
Self-Rescue** by *Iain Morris.*
- March 16/17 TBA UNIT CLIMB -- Mt. Hood coordinated by *Don Lacer.*
- March 20 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- **Navigation/ GPS** by *Lindsay Clunes*
- March 25 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- April 2 7:00pm UNIT MEETING --
- April 17 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- **Litter Rigging, Pulley Systems, Knots**
- April 20 TBA OMRC Reaccreditation
- April 29 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MISSION REPORT 02-02: Lost Snowboarder, Mt. Bachelor Hours: 98 Miles: 2060

23 year old Kate Svitek was last seen SW of the top of Northwest Express lift on Mt. Bachelor just before noon on Saturday, Feb. 9. She was reported missing about 1700 that day. On the day she was lost, the snow was deep (~24 - 30") in the area where she was riding. (PLS: 10T602915 4872442 [NAD 27])

CMRU was activated for Tuesday, February 12, and was assigned to conduct line sweeps in the area adjacent to the PLS as well as to probe treewells. CMRU had five people in the field on skis and snowshoes on the first pass down the fall line. On a second pass, we had four people on skis. It took about two hours to conduct a sweep the length of the Northwest Express lift. The initial line had about 20 people. On the second pass, the line was broken into two lines of a dozen or fewer people.

There had been prior sweeps, both in the fall line and across the fall line, through the area we searched. Our search did not uncover any clues or signs of the missing subject. Although the search continued for another week beyond CMRU's participation, no significant clues were discovered. Mountain rescue teams from outside Oregon were activated to participate during the course of this operation.

[It appears Kate's body was located March 4th at Mt. Bachelor. -- almost a month after she was last seen.]

Participants: Blackburn, Clunes, Freund, J. Linn, S. Linn, Morris, & Vitagliano

BY-LAWS TO BE AMENDED -- changes

As outlined in last month's newsletter, the Unit's By-Laws will be amended this month to allow Trainee and Associate members to vote and to hold office.

IN MEMORIAM -- Reagan Crowell

Reagan Crowell succeeded Jim Blodgett as Emergency Services Coordinator for Benton County in 1978 and served in that position for fourteen years. In 1992, Reagan retired and Jim Swinyard took over the duties of coordinator for Benton County until he was elected Sheriff a couple of years ago. Reagan had been suffering health problems in recent years and a fall in early January resulted in a fractured hip. Following hip replacement surgery, Reagan returned home for hospice care; but his health continued to deteriorate until he passed away in his sleep on February 27th.

Reagan was instrumental in helping the various units of Benton County Search and Rescue (including CMRU) during their infancy. His interest in our success was always there, but more in a supporting or background way than in overt control. He let us do our own *thing* with a guiding hand and sage advice. We miss you, Reagan.

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NEW MEMBERS -- welcome aboard

The Unit welcomes **Greg Dausman** (4Rescue 22) and **Matt Crawford** (4Rescue 23) as new Trainee members. Greg is a full-time student at OSU and has prior SAR experience with ESAR Post 631 from Multnomah County. Matt is a student at Linn-Benton Community College.

ANGELA & KEN --visit

Angela Helmrich and Ken Parton met while members of CMRU but Ken left to pursue a career in nursing while Angela continued her work with bio-tech at OSU. About three years ago, stole Angela away from us, and they were married (in Germany). They now make their home in Virginia. Early in February, Angela and Ken made a rocket-run west to spend a couple of weeks visiting friends in Oregon. They also got in some bodacious skiing here in Oregon and in Jackson Hole, WY on the way back east.

It was Angela who guided our training toward reaccreditation five years ago, and who sent a thoughtful note of encouragement as we went through the reaccreditation process last year. Ken and Angela are looking at possibly returning to Oregon to further their careers, and this trip was a chance to "scope out" places (other than just the Willamette Valley) to live.

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