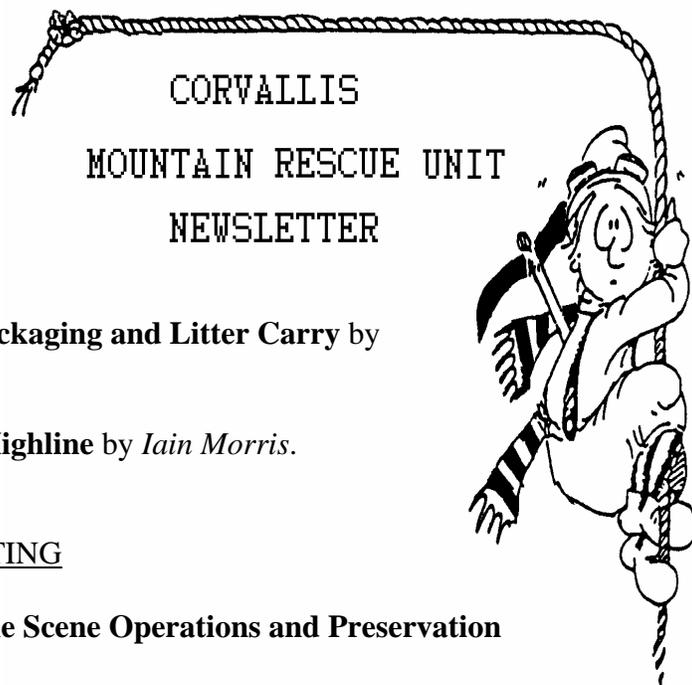


Calendar

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| July | 1 | 7:00pm | <u>UNIT MEETING</u> – Training:
Lightweight Alpine Techniques
by <i>Jeremy Adolf</i> . |
| July | 16 | 7:00pm | <u>TRAINING SESSION</u> – Patient packaging and Litter Carry by
<i>Nate Vitagliano, Aaron Lee, et al.</i> |
| July | 19 | TBA | <u>FIELD TRAINING</u> – High-angle Highline by <i>Iain Morris</i> .
Location to be announced. |
| July | 28 | 7:00pm | <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u> |
| August | 5 | 7:00pm | <u>UNIT MEETING</u> – Training: Crime Scene Operations and Preservation |
| August | 16 | TBA | <u>FIELD TRAINING</u> – Tracking |
| August | 20 | 7:00pm | <u>TRAINING SESSION</u> – Patient Assessment and Spinal Clearing in the field by
<i>Dr Jeff Humphrey</i> . |
| August | 23 | Callout | <u>FIELD TRAINING</u> – Joint mission with Linn County SAR |
| August | 25 | 7:00pm | <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u> |



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MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT

NEWSLETTER

UNIT CLIMB – revisited

The June field training was to have been a climb of Mt. Jefferson. Considering it was scheduled for the summer solstice – the longest daylight period of the year – we’d have a lot going for us. Too bad it looked more like winter than summer! Ten members showed up Saturday morning for the hike into Jeff Park and it began under showery skies. Although the weather was cool and damp, it really didn’t *rain* or *snow* on the way in.

Once in Jefferson Park, we were greeted with fog and light wind. A quick tour of Scout Lake and Bays Lake oriented us to the west end of the park. We did manage to find someone’s abandon campsite with trash strewn about and the fire still going. Putting our fire suppression experts to work, they overhauled the “not-so wild” fire in short order. The rest of us cleaned up the site as best we could.

Then it was time to shoulder packs and head up the series of ridges which form the north moraine of Jeff Park glacier. 800 vertical feet later, a suitable campsite was found and people set about making it homey. Bivy sacks were laid out and a stove or two was fired up to melt snow. How much fuel does it take to make enough water for 8 people? Is it better to carry the weight as fuel or liquid water? Questions still being pondered by some.

As the afternoon wore on into evening, the weather deteriorated. NWS radio indicated an 80% chance of measurable precip in the Northern Oregon Cascades. Sure enough, as the percentage was climbing past 80% and the wind was blowing the trees around, some in the group were struck by the realization that climbing in the face of that weather was going to be an epic adventure. The line between a challenging climb and an epic adventure can be quite broad, but is usually crossed very quickly. It didn’t take long to convince everyone that it was time to “bail.” Now, the nice thing about it being the summer solstice – plenty of daylight – meant everyone got back to the parking lot by sunset -- even though the trail which was bare earlier was being covered by newly fallen snow.

So, as people were discussing the day’s activities – lessons learned and equipment taken/forgotten over a cold beer (thanks to Iain’s large cooler), the skies opened up and the 80% (or greater) chance of measurable precip came to pass. Participants: Adolf, Clunes +1, Crawford, Freund, Lacer, Lee, S. Linn, Morris, Vitagliano, Wood

Are you a climber who rescues or a rescuer who climbs?

(there is a difference)

ROPES THAT RESCUE – course recently completed

Matt and Aaron participated in a *Ropes that Rescue* course taught at Smith Rocks during the last week of June. CMRU contributed one technical rack and four 300 foot ropes for use during the course. Come to the Unit Meeting on July 1st to hear the lads' stories about their course. No doubt there will be some "examination" of what equipment we have and how we rig systems – there always is after our members return from technical rigging courses such as this. Tuition assistance was provided by the Unit's *Educational Assistance Fund*.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – mid-year shakeup

Two members of the Executive Committee asked to be replaced. Aaron Lee has stepped up to become the **Member-at-Large** while Anne Greenwood has accepted the position of **Treasurer**.

LINN COUNTY SAR ACADEMY – thanks

Thanks to Unit members Anne Greenwood, Don Lacer, Nate Vitagliano, and Jim Ruef for assisting Bob Freund with various training events on Monday, June 16th. The morning was devoted to map and compass work at Linn county's training facility southeast of Stayton along Thomas Creek. Anne and Bob presented lecture, map exercises, and a field compass course. The afternoon involved rappelling at the Lebanon Fire Dept. drill tower. Jim, Nate, and Don rigged a couple "drops" for the students. While Jim belayed each student, Don rigged, and Nate double checked the students. Nate was also "on rope" next to several of the students who were "gaining confidence" as the rappel (carefully and slowly) progressed. Bob, meanwhile, was giving "ground school."

LINN COUNTY SAR EXERCISE – August 22 & 23rd

CMRU has been invited to participate with Linn County while they conduct an exercise in the Santiam Pass area. The exercise will be staged at the Ray Benson Parking Lot – which is usually closed during the summer. Special permission has been granted by the Forest Service to allow the county to use the lot.

The county has asked CMRU members Anne Greenwood and Bob Freund to develop the scenario which will *challenge* new deputies in SAR organization and mission management; and give all Linn County SAR assets a chance to work together. Finally, it will allow assets from adjacent counties to participate on a limited basis. The event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday; however participation by non-Linn county assets will take place only on the second day.