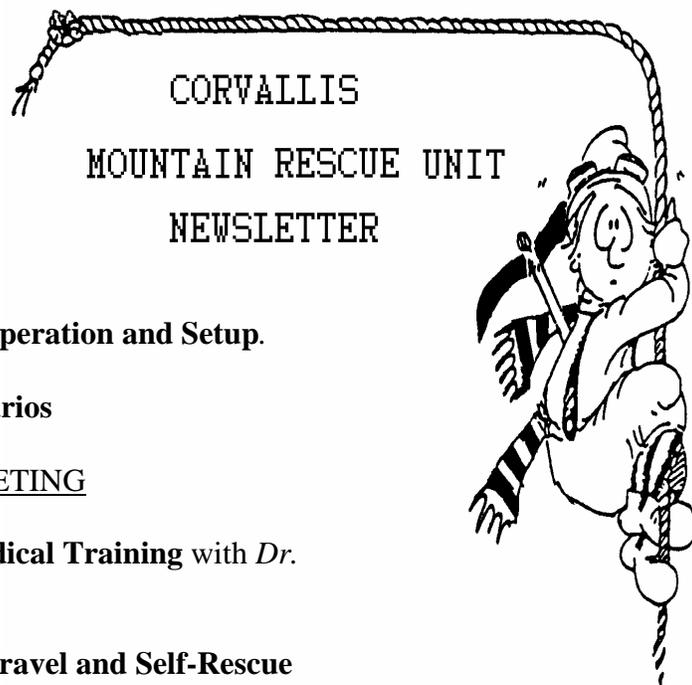


**Calendar**

- August 3 7:00pm UNIT MEETING: Training: **Unit Organization – Roles and Responsibilities** by *Joy Linn* and **Patient Packaging**.
- August 18 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION – **Truck Operation and Setup**.
- August 21 TBA FIELD TRAINING – **Rock Scenarios**
- August 30 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- September 7 7:00pm UNIT MEETING: Training: **Medical Training** with *Dr. Humphrey*
- September 15 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION – **Roped Travel and Self-Rescue**
- September 18 9:00am ICE PRACTICE
- September 27 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



MISSION REPORT 04-06: Missing Adult, Benton County

Member-hours: 12

A 77 year old male, who had been a timber cruiser most of his adult life, was walking the perimeter of his newly purchased Lobster Valley property (about 160 acres) with his wife. When she declined to “bushwack” the final side of the property and elected to walk the road back to their truck, he continued “cross country.” After waiting at the truck for several hours, she reported him missing.

An ALLSAR page was received Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 2056 followed by CMRU activation at 2058. Two Unit members joined other Benton County SAR personnel for the night search in difficult terrain. The search continued until nearly “first light” and was scheduled to commence again Monday morning. At about 1100 the subject walked out to a “nearby residence.” **Participants: Clunes and Sears**

MISSION REPORT 04-07: Overdue Climbers, Mt. Washington, Linn County

Member-hours: 65

**Accident site at apex of scree in shadow (below West Face of Mt. Washington). Photo by Iain Morris**

On Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, two Goldendale, Washington, men attempted to climb “the *most difficult route*” on Mt. Washington (or at least that is what they told friends before leaving). One was 47 years old and had been climbing 15 years and one was 50 years old and had been climbing for 20 years. When they did not return as planned on Thursday, family members began calling to try to locate them on Friday. Shortly after midnight on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, the Unit was activated by a pageout.

Six members of the Unit staged at Ray Benson Sno-Park at 0800. Members of the Camp Sherman Hasty Team had arrived at 0600 and were hiking to the mountain. A helicopter from the 1042<sup>nd</sup> arrived about 0830 and surveyed the mountain without sighting anything before departing for fuel.



We were joined by three members of Eugene Mountain Rescue (Steve, Brian, and Don) and developed a plan to search the highest parts of the mountain while Linn County Posse searched trails on horseback. ESAR Post members carried evacuation equipment into the west bowl and eventually went up on the toe of the West Ridge.

At about 1015, members of the Camp Sherman team located both subjects beneath the West Face. Neither had survived what appeared to be a significant “leader fall” which dislodged the belayer. The mission changed from search to recovery. While Camp Sherman set about dealing with the accident scene and packaging the two subjects, plans were made with the helicopter crew to ferry equipment and personnel as high on the mountain as possible. The training we had earlier this year with the 1042<sup>nd</sup> paid dividends as three Unit members were taken in the “bird.” Two were “tandem-hoisted” onto the mountain (about 200 yards away from the accident site) while the third Unit member remained onboard to assist the crew chief with the litter and equipment as it was delivered and later recovered. Iain remained on the helicopter and was given a headset so he had full communications capability with the aircrew while Nate and Lindsay were inserted by hoist.

The helicopter made its delivery to the mountain and returned to Base while the litter was loaded and brought back to the “hoist” point. The whole recovery was over by about 1300. By 1600 all personnel had returned from the field, and by 1645 the gates to Ray Benson Sno-Park were again closed and locked.

Having a common radio frequency for use by all resources (ground teams and the helicopter) greatly facilitated the smooth operation of this mission. Using Ray Benson Sno-Park as a Command Post and Staging location works very well – especially being able to “close off” one of the five hard-surfaced parking areas and designating it as a Landing Zone for the helicopter. Someday, you’ll have to ask Nate, Aaron, and Jason about their *excellent adventure*. Participants: Clunes, Lee, Morris, Woods, Vitagliano, J. Linn, and Freund.

#### WELCOME ABOARD – Jason & Dusty

Jason Killian is a graduate student in Oceanography at OSU and is a Trainee member. He has climbing experience on Cascade peaks and went on the recent Unit Climb on Mt. Jefferson.

Dusty Myers has joined the Unit as an Associate. He has considerable outdoor background and some rock climbing experience.

#### CORVALLIS SKI SWAP --

Please refer to the lengthy article in last month’s *Newsletter* concerning a request from Brett Chytraus for people to assume responsibilities for various functions of the Ski Swap. Since this is our primary fund-raising event of the year, your participation is vital to make it the successful event we need to fund ourselves for another year.

Brett is still looking for individuals to serve as the following Managers: Thursday Manager, Friday Manager, Saturday Manager, Sunday Manager, and Promotion Manager. Will you step up and take the challenge? If so, call Brett Chytraus at (541) 926-8478.

#### ANOTHER GPS RECEIVER – thanks

The Unit has received a Garmin GPS 12 receiver with carrying case and cables to connect it to a computer. The receiver was donated by the City of Lebanon since it was rarely used by the city and the Public Works Director, Jim Ruef, realized CMRU would put it to more use than the city. Jim is a long-time member of CMRU who recently “retired” from the Unit. Thanks, Jim, for keeping us in mind.

#### UNIT CLIMB – revisited

Pictures and a story about the June Unit Climb on Mt. Jefferson are posted in the Photo Album on the Unit’s Website at: <http://www.cmru.peak.org/PhotoAlbum/newtraining/2004climb.html>.