

Calendar

October 5 7:00pm **UNIT MEETING** – Training:
Search Planning and Organization by *A. Greenwood*

October 16 Pageout **FIELD TRAINING** – **Marys Peak Mock Search and Patient Evacuation** by *Bob Freund*

October 20 7:00pm **TRAINEE UPDATE AND GEAR CIRCUS**

October 21 5:30am **CORVALLIS SKI SWAP** – Benton County Fairgrounds.
| Thursday – Setup 5:30am, Consign equipment 9am – 9pm.
| Friday – Consignment 9am – 5pm, Sale 6pm – 9pm.
| Saturday -- Sale 9am – 6pm, Inventory 6pm →.
24 Sunday – Return 9am – 6pm.

October 25 7:00pm **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

November 2 7:00pm **UNIT MEETING** – Elections. Training: **Radio Communications** by *Matt Crawford*.

November 17 7:00pm **TRAINING SESSION** – **Mountain Weather** by *George Taylor, Oregon State Climatologist*.

November 20 9:00am **SKILLS WORKSHOP** by *Nate Vitagliano and Jason Wood*

November 29 7:00pm **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

December 7 7:00pm **WINTER SOCIAL**

CORVALLIS FALL FESTIVAL

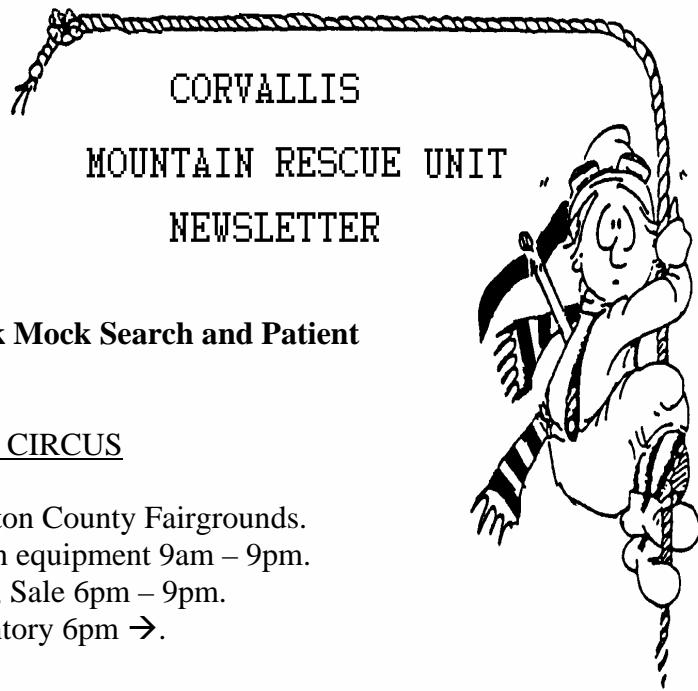
For the second year, CMRU provided first-aid services at the *Corvallis Fall Festival*. Most injuries were very minor with the exception of one woman who was having drug interaction problems combined with dehydration and thermal regulation problems. It gave our new paramedic a chance to use his newly attained knowledge. Mostly it was mild abrasions and a couple insect stings (without significant allergic reactions). Participants: Clunes, Crawford, Dagata, Lee (and family), Linn, Lyall, Vitagliano, & Wood,

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION CREATED – *Trainee-ND*

At the September Executive Committee meeting, there was discussion about applicants who have a genuine interest in what CMRU does, but do not have the knowledge, skills, or equipment to be qualified as a Trainee capable of being deployed to the field. Similar to what other rescue groups have done, the Executive Committee created a new classification of membership: Trainee –Non-Deployable.

In the past, applicants who were not otherwise qualified to be placed as a Trainee were offered a position as an Associate member; but that is not what the Associate classification was intended to be. The Executive Committee viewed Associate members as those who truly wish to be Associate (and only Associate) rather than those aspire to become Support or Rescue level members with additional training and experience, but need a place to start. In the near future, those Associate members who have been recently accepted will be interviewed to ascertain if they truly wish to remain as Associate or whether they wish to be reclassified to Trainee-ND until such time as they have met the requirements for Trainee

Trainee-ND members can attend all trainings and would be able to help out at Base Camp, but would not be deployed to the field on actual missions.



WELCOME ABOARD -- Brian

Brian Leeper has been accepted as a new member on the Unit. He is Director of the local chapter of the American Red Cross which covers a good portion of western Oregon. Brian has an outdoor background from earlier in his life, but is becoming reacquainted with the mountains after raising his family. Glad to have you with us, Brian.

ICE PRACTICE –revisited

by Jason Wood

2004 Ice Follies, Cloud Cap Inn, Mt. Hood, Eliot glacier, 7500 feet

The north side of Mt. Hood is one of the only places to climb ice in Oregon. The opportunity only affords itself in the Summer, which should allow good weather. Not this time. Both days were winter-like in composure.

Saturday was a wind festival, with gusts strong enough to blow your pack away!! Nate, Lindsay, Jason, Becky, and guest were on hand. We covered glacial travel, crampon use, and ice protection. The afternoon was reserved for climbing.

The evening's activities were held at Cloud Cap Inn. Spaghetti, salad, bread and BEER were served to all who participated. It did cost 6 dollars. Everyone mingled, met new folks from other units and had a wonderful time.

We were joined by the Dickmans, and lost Clunes and guest. The itinerary was clear: to solely brave the snow of Sept. and climb seracs until your fingers turned blue. And we did. Did I mention it snowed? The moral of this story is (*regardless of the season*) that the weather in Oregon can be unseasonal. Always be prepared. Oh yeah, and climbing seracs is a hoot!!

CORVALLIS SKI SWAP –

The *Corvallis Ski Swap*tm (yes, it is a trademarked term) is the sole fund-raising event for CMRU. We do this only once per year and need the event to be good enough to fund our operations for the upcoming year – so we need everyone's help.

This year, **Corvallis Ski Swap, Inc.** was formed to run the event. Members of the corporation are the members of CMRU and Santiam Pass Ski Patrol. The net profit from the ski swap is split evenly between the two organizations. Only the members of the corporation (and their families) are allowed to work at the event, but we need as many people as possible from early on Thursday morning (0530 early) until it wraps up at 1800 Sunday night to help with all aspects of the event. There are many different jobs which need to be done and most of them are pretty simple (once you get the hang of it). Please plan to be there at some time during the course of the show. Remember to sign-in on a sheet located near the front door and to wear a nametag (paper nametags are available near the sign-in sheet).

It's a lot of work, but it can be a lot of fun. You'll get to know your fellow Unit members and will meet members of the Santiam Pass Ski Patrol (with whom we might work in the Santiam Pass recreation area). We don't rely on others for our funding – we earn it ourselves. Everyone needs to pitch-in and work.