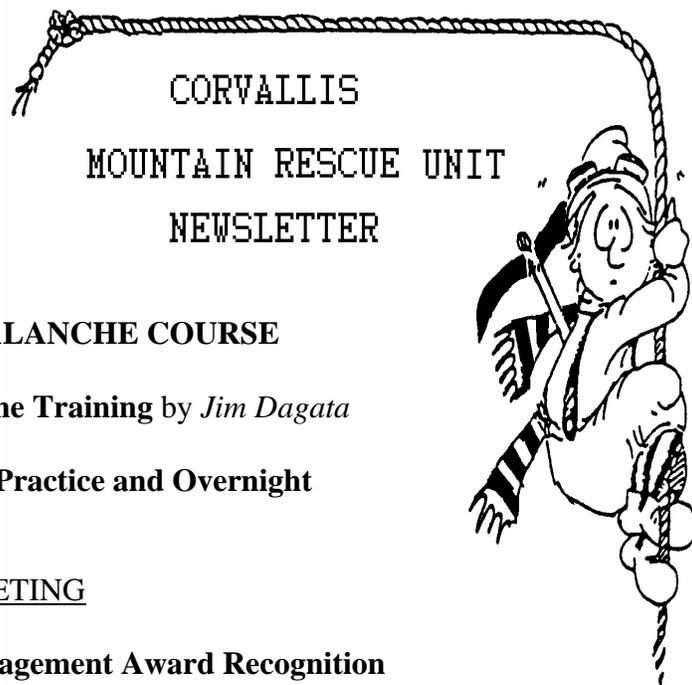


Calendar

- January 4 7:00pm UNIT MEETING Training:
**Basecamp Operations and
Training Overview**
- January 8 9:00am **National Ski Patrol BASIC AVALANCHE COURSE**
- January 19 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION – **Avalanche Training** by *Jim Dagata*
- January 22/23 9:00am FIELD TRAINING – **Avalanche Practice and Overnight
Shelters** by *Jim Dagata*
- January 24 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- February 1 6:00pm **Benton County Emergency Management Award Recognition**
- February 1 7:30pm UNIT MEETING – location to be announced
- February 16 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION – **Snow Systems and Anchors**
- February 19 9:00am FIELD TRAINING – **Snow Practice**



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MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT

NEWSLETTER

NEWSLETTER – 30th Anniversary

This issue begins the thirtieth year of the *CMRU Newsletter* having begun its publication run when the Unit was reorganized in the mid 1970's. While that is not as long a tenure as several other MRA unit newsletters, it is still a remarkable accomplishment to realize that it has come out (almost) every month since then.

At its start, the newsletter was typed and xerox'ed before being handed out at meetings and later mailed (when we had a budget to buy stamps). The Benton County Sheriff's department was instrumental in allowing us to make copies of the newsletter for distribution to members and friends of the Unit in an effort to keep them informed of the Unit's activities. With the advent of personal computers and word processing software, creation of the newsletter went from the typewriter to the computer/printer. Later, with portable document formatting (.pdf) the newsletter jumped from paper into the internet age and distribution is now done by electronic mail.

MRA REACCREDITATION – it's coming sooner than you think

2005 is the year for Corvallis Mountain Rescue Unit to reaccredit in the Mountain Rescue Association's Oregon Region. The evaluation, a peer review by other teams of the Region, will take place in April and will test the Unit's ability to conduct missions in the Rock environment, Winter environment, and Wilderness Search.

Much of the training program in the first half of this year will be devoted to making sure we, as a team, are ready for the evaluation. Members are highly encouraged to attend as many of the scheduled training events as possible to ensure we are all *on the same page* when it comes to systems, rigging, commands, and procedures.

THANKS –

With a new year, there comes a new slate of officers to govern CMRU. Thanks to Joy and Bob who leave the Executive Committee after many years of service. And thanks to the new officers for their volunteer spirit in serving for the upcoming year(s).

2004 In Review – recap

The Unit's 2005 MRA dues have been submitted and along with those dues we also submitted our annual report for 2004. We had nine missions involving 555 member-hours last year (fairly typical) but what was very unusual was that two of those missions involved crashed aircraft. Four missions were in Benton County (lost adults), four in Linn County and one in Clackamas County. We were on Three-Fingered Jack, Mt. Washington, and Mt. Jefferson.

Some statistics that did not make the MRA report:

Total member-hours (Missions, Training, Meetings, etc.):	2295
Total hours in travel to CMRU activities:	525
Total miles logged for all activities:	23,926
Time spent in Field Training/Other (not at meetings):	1138
Time spent in Training in a meeting setting:	481

Joy Linn participated in six of the nine missions, Lindsay Clunes came on five of the missions while a bunch of folks made it to four and three of the missions. Remember, while it is important to participate in training, we train to conduct missions so participation in missions is very important. That's why we exist!