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| September | 5 | 7:00pm | <u>UNIT MEETING</u> --
Training: Roped Travel/
Glaciers/ Self-Rescue by
<i>Tim O'Brien.</i> |
| September | 16
17 | 10:00am | <u>ICE PRACTICE</u> -- Eliot Glacier, Mt. Hood coordinated by <i>Don Lacer.</i> |
| September | 20 | 7:00pm | <u>TRAINING SESSION</u> -- Base Camp Procedures & Protocols
by <i>Susan Leach.</i> |
| September | 25 | 7:00pm | <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u> -- Corvallis |
| September | 30 | 7:30am | <u>OEC REFRESHER</u> -- Chemeketa CC, Santiam Campus |
| October | 3 | 7:00pm | <u>UNIT MEETING</u> -- Training: TOPO! Mapping Software and other
computer related topics. |
| October | 7 | Callout | <u>ELT Training Session</u> -- Benton County SAR Units |
| October | 18 | 7:00pm | <u>TRAINING SESSION</u> -- Trainee Update and Gear Circus |
| October | 19
22 | 6:00am | <u>CORVALLIS SKI SWAP</u> -- Benton County Fairgrounds. Setup Thursday, Consign
Thursday & Friday, Sale Friday & Saturday, Inventory Saturday, and Return Sunday. |
| October | 30 | 7:00pm | <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u> -- Salem |

MISSION REPORT 00-06: Missing Teenager, Benton County Member-hours: 24

On the afternoon of Monday, August 28, 14 year old Katlin McGlothlin went for a walk from her father's residence near Blodgett with the family dog. Later that evening, the dog returned but Katlin did not. Friends and family spent until dark searching on horseback and with ATV's but to no avail. At approximately 2100, Benton County Sheriff's Office was notified, and at 2130 a page was sent on ALL SAR for 2 Hasty Teams. CMRU was put on Stand-by at 2136.

Throughout the night, trackers were used, and roads in the area were searched and patrolled for containment. At 0755 Tuesday CMRU was activated along with all other SAR personnel in Benton County. Resources from Lane county and Search One (K9) were activated. Four CMRU personnel responded to the scene.

Shortly after 1100, Lane county SAR personnel arrived -- including their helicopter. Assignments were made for the dog teams and the helicopter began searching the area around the residence. At 1140 the subject was spotted in a clearing about 3/4 mile southeast of the house. The helicopter was able to land in the clearing to pick up Katlin and transport her back to base. After a short debriefing, the mission was secured about 1300.

Participants: Clunes, Freund, J. Linn, S. Linn, Walters

MOUNT WASHINGTON CIRCUMNAVIGATION -- revisited

Last month's navigation exercise was an excellent workout for the participants -- physically and mentally. The day began with fog at the tree tops (but no rain) as if to reinforce the objective of being able to navigate when the weather is not favorable. Two teams, each travelling in opposite directions around the mountain, used GPS, map, and compass to reach 12 selected waypoints. Wands were left by the teams to mark waypoints until the teams met on the opposite side and then the wands were collected by the other team. As the day wore on (and we wore out), the weather cleared. It took about 10 hours to cover the 12 miles along the course.

Participants: Blackburn, Clunes, Freund, Grediagin, Greenwood, Leach, and Vertanen

NEW EQUIPMENT -- update

The Unit has purchased an electric rope cutter ("Hot Knife") to be used to cut ropes and webbing. The cutter gets *very hot* (~1200°F) to burn the material. It should only be used in well ventilated spaces and the smoke from the cutting process should be avoided. Very little pressure is necessary to make the cut so don't push too hard on the blade. Following a cutting session, the cutter should be left on for a couple of minutes to "clean" the blade. Further instruction and a demonstration will be given at the Unit Meeting.

Two radio battery charger/conditioners have been purchased to replace two that were damaged when alkaline batteries were mistakenly put into those chargers. Only NICAD batteries should be put into the chargers. The alkaline radio batteries we use are **not** rechargeable and will leak electrolyte into the chargers resulting in corrosion of the spring-like charging contacts. Before placing batteries into the chargers, be sure they are Nickel Cadmium (NICAD) batteries. (Look for the line of silver, metal contacts on the back of the battery as well as those on the top.) All radio battery chargers will be installed shortly beneath the bench seat (front panel).

OEC REFRESHER -- bring lunch too

Santiam Pass Ski Patrol is holding their annual OEC Refresher at the Santiam Campus of Chemeketa Community College in Stayton on Saturday, September 30 beginning at 0730. Bring your completed Study Guide and first-aid kit. If you have questions, email or call Anne Greenwood.

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The **Ski Swap** is coming -- are you ready to participate?

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