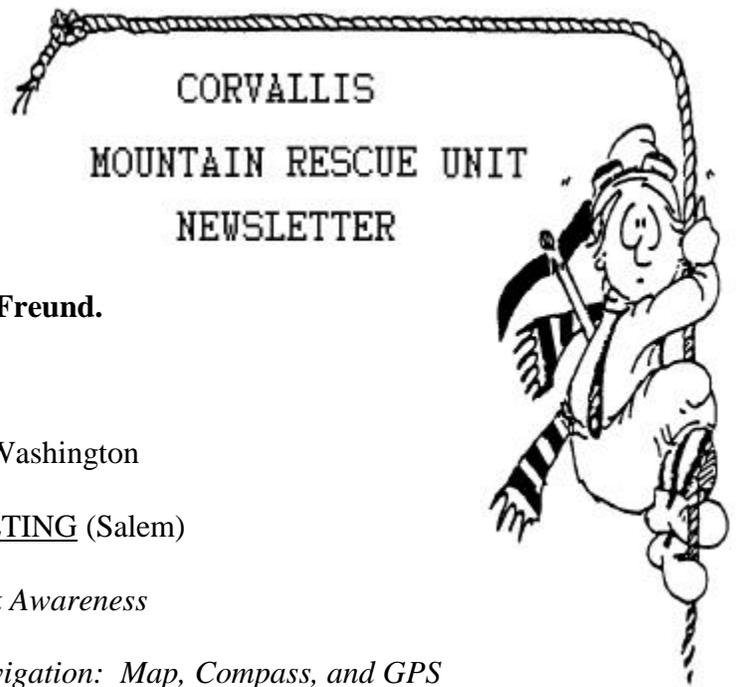


Calendar

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| June | 5 | 7:00pm | <u>SUMMER SOCIAL</u> -- At Kathy & Dale Blackburn's house. |
| June | 20 | 7:00pm | <u>TRAINING SESSION</u> -- <i>Use of portable radio equipment</i> by Bob Freund . |
| June | 23/24 | TBA | <u>UNIT CLIMB</u> -- to be announced |
| June | 22-24 | | MRA Meeting, Snoqualmie Pass, Washington |
| June | 25 | 7:00pm | <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u> (Salem) |
| July | 11 | 7:00pm | <u>UNIT MEETING</u> Training: <i>Track Awareness</i> |
| July | 19 | 7:00pm | <u>TRAINING SESSION</u> -- <i>Land Navigation: Map, Compass, and GPS</i> |
| July | 22 | 8:00am | <u>FIELD TRAINING</u> -- Circumnavigation of Three-Fingered Jack (yes, in one day) |
| July | 25 | 7:00pm | <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u> (Corvallis) |



CMRU WEBSITE -- slight change of address

For several years, it has been possible to access our website as "cmru.peak.org" but that has recently changed. Now, like most other websites, you need to insert "www" prior to "cmru...." So, the correct URL for our website is now: <http://www.cmru.peak.org> otherwise you wind up at PEAK's home page (with no direct link to our website). Gee, the business cards are already "out of date."

MARY'S PEAK MOCK MISSION -- revisited

May's field training involved a simulated injured hiker in communication (at least initially) with CRCC via cellular telephone. The only information we had to begin the mission was a vague description of her condition and a telephone number.

The first challenge was to glean as much information about her location and situation as possible in a short conversation (to conserve her phone's battery). Together, the group developed a set of questions to be asked in the first call. Based on the information generated, we then staged at the Conner's Camp viewpoint on Marys Peak. During the drive to this Base Camp site, we realized that several more questions needed to be answered before we sent people into the field. Another slate of questions was drafted and second call placed to the subject.

With enough information to localize the subject, her position was plotted using the computerized mapping program. Maps were printed and GPS coordinates were derived for teams who were dispatched into the field to locate, access, stabilize, and transport the subject.

Several lessons were learned (or relearned) on this exercise. First: when you are on the side of a mountain which rises steeply -- particularly to the south -- and in dense forest, GPS receivers can be very challenged to receive enough signal(s) to give a good fix. The use of an external antenna (particularly one with an amplifier) helps considerably. Second: running the wheeled litter carrier is not trivial. Regardless of which end you are on, the height of the litter rail seems to be "wrong." If you are in the front, you can see the obstacles (in the trail) coming; but on the back, you are walking "blind."

Participants: Blackburn, Clunes, Dagata, Freund, Leach, Morris, Sears, Vertanen, Vitagliano, (and Greenwood as the voice on the phone).

IAIN ADVANCED TO SUPPORT -- congrat's, Iain

Following the May field practice, Iain Morris was evaluated for advancement to Support and passed. He was given a "field promotion" to Support. Way to go, Iain!

UPCOMING TRAINING SESSIONS --

With half of the year gone, over half of our scheduled training sessions have been accomplished. We need folks to take responsibility for presenting (or arranging for instructors) for the remaining sessions. Check out the Meeting and Training Schedule on the website for topics and dates of the presentations. Then, get in touch with Jon Sears about scheduling your training event.

NEW MEDICAL ADVISOR -- Jeff Humphrey

Jeremy has contacted Dr. Jeff Humphrey, a physician with whom he works at Dallas, about acting as CMRU's medical advisor. Dr. Humphrey has said he would do it and Jeremy is processing the necessary paperwork with State regulators to make it happen. We look forward to meeting Dr. Humphrey soon. Jeremy is updating the medical protocols (i.e. Standing Orders) for the Unit.

FIRST-AID KITS -- updated

After the truck workparty in early May, it became apparent the Unit's first-aid kits were bulging with duplicate material and stuff which would rarely, if ever, be used (e.g. several different sizes of dressings, tape, bandages). In an effort to cut down the size of the kits, Jeremy has suggested we have just one size of dressing (4x4) and one size of tape (1" or 1 1/2") and bandage material. We can always make things smaller if necessary. At the August 15th Training Session, the new, trimmed-down kits will be introduced to the Unit.

PRO-DEALS -- reviewed

At its May meeting, the Executive Committee addressed a perceived problem with Pro Deals. From now on, a Trainee must meet the activity requirements set forth in our *Requirements for Membership* (attendance at a minimum of 2/3 of regularly scheduled Unit events) for six months before being eligible to participate in any Pro Deals. Jim Dagata and Wayne Lederer are co-administrators of the Unit's Pro Deals.

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