



Calendar

- April 2 7:00pm UNIT MEETING -- Planning session for reaccreditation **Winter Rescue** Module by *Jon Sears*.
- April 17 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- **Litter Rigging, Pulley Systems, and Knots** by *Kathy Blackburn & Aaron Lee*.
- April 20 9:00am OMRC Reaccreditation
- April 27 8:00am McDONALD FOREST ULTRA-MARATHON
- April 27 8:00am BENTON COUNTY SAR OVERNIGHTER
- April 29 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- May 7 7:00pm UNIT MEETING -- Training: **Raising & Lowering Systems** by *Jeff Gent*.
- May 15 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- **Anchors and Anchor Systems** by *Don Lacer*.
- May 18/19 10:00am ROCK PRACTICE -- Steelhead Falls
- May 28 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (*This meeting is Tuesday*)

BY-LAWS AMENDED -- changed

At the March Executive Committee meeting, the Unit's By-Laws were amended allowing Trainee and Associate members to be designated full members with the ability to vote as well as hold office.

PROCEDURES MANUAL -- 2002 revision

Also at the March Executive Committee meeting, Joy Linn, President, asked various members of the Executive Committee to review and update the Unit's *Procedures Manual*. If you have recommendations for changes to the manual, contact Joy. She can put you in touch with the person who has taken responsibility to revise a specific chapter. We hope to have the entire document reviewed by early summer.

OMRC REACCREDITATION WEEKEND -- 20/21 April

The third weekend in April each year has been designated by the teams of the Oregon Mountain Rescue Council (OMRC) as the time for teams to reaccredit. As the Oregon Region of MRA, OMRC is responsible to the national organization to maintain performance standards for each of its teams. MRA requires each of its full-member teams to reaccredit every five years in Rock, Search, and Winter Rescue modules; but OMRC requires its teams to complete the reaccreditation every four years. CMRU did its evaluation in 2001. This year, Eugene will be evaluated by the other teams of the region. Observers are welcome to come, watch, and learn.

The Rock Module will begin at 1000 on Saturday (evaluators meet at 0900) at Steelhead Falls. Deschutes County will be responsible for the Rock Module. The Winter Module will begin at 1500 at Hayrick Butte, and CMRU is responsible for staging that module. Portland will put together a "table top" search problem.

On Sunday, the OMRC teams will conduct an interactive training session related to technical system rigging. The point is to familiarize teams with the particular rigging (methods and reasons) of the other teams in the Region. This should make it easier to work together on larger missions that may require assets from more than one team. Teams should bring their own equipment for the rigging.

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McDONALD FOREST ULTRAMARATHON --

Each year on the last Saturday in April, the **McDonald Forest Ultramarathon**, a 50 kilometer footrace takes place in the forest north of Corvallis. CMRU has been on hand the past couple of years to provide first-aid service and evacuation service if needed (fortunately, no evacuations have been needed). We could use a couple of people to assist with this event. Contact Joy if you would be available for a couple of hours that day.

SAR CERTIFICATION CLASS -- final weekend

On April 27th, the Benton County SAR certification class will be holding its "final exam" overnighiter. CMRU has typically helped with the final problem. If you can help out with this event (the same day as the Ultramarathon) contact Joy.

MARCH UNIT CLIMB -- snowed out

The Unit climb for March was supposed to be Mt. Hood, but after some perfect weather at the end of February, winter returned to the Oregon Cascades. The huge dump of snow in the week immediately prior to our scheduled climb resulted in extremely high avalanche danger on the route(s) that we were going to use. So, we'll try later!