



**Calendar**

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| December | 7     | 7:00pm | <b><u>Winter Social</u></b> at Benton County Public Works Day Room.        |
| December | 11    | 9:00am | <u>SKILLS WORKSHOP</u> -- at County Shops                                  |
| January  | 4     | 7:00pm | <u>UNIT MEETING</u> -- Training: <b>System Rigging</b>                     |
| January  | 15    | TBA    | <u>EMR HIGHLINE PRACTICE</u> --Eugene                                      |
| January  | 15/16 | 9:00am | <u>NSP BASIC AVALANCHE COURSE</u> -- Camp Sherman                          |
| January  | 19    | 7:00pm | <u>TRAINING SESSION</u> -- <b>Winter Survival; Clothing; and Nutrition</b> |
| January  | 22    | 9:00am | <u>SNOW TRAVEL AND RESCUE</u>  |
| January  | 24    | 7:00pm | <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u>   |

**NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS** --

Elections held at the November Unit Meeting resulted in the following slate of officers for 2000.

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| President:       | Bob Freund                                 |
| Vice President:  | Jon Sears                                  |
| Secretary:       | Jim Dagata (with Anne Greenwood assisting) |
| Treasurer:       | Joy Linn                                   |
| Member-at-Large: | Scott Linn                                 |
| OMRC Delegate:   | Jeremy Adolf                               |

These officers assume their responsibilities on January 1, 2000.

**1999 CIVIL WAR RELAY** -- we went, they ran, it was good

by Susan Leach

Jon, Don, Ann, and Preston ran, Jon and Don on one team and Ann and Preston on another. I drove for the team Jon and Don were on, and Lindsey was our intrepid volunteer.

We had expected Jon and Ann to run well, and we were not disappointed. The big surprises were the times turned in by Don and Preston, especially since their preparation for the event consisted primarily of "tapering." They had some of the fastest splits among MR racers! And -- Don was recovering from having a piece of shrapnel removed from his eye! Preston doesn't seem to have made any progress on his chronic cuteness, though.

After the race we were served pizza and pepsi at LBCC and then left to treat the EMR folks at the Peacock. Their members got to put a face to "the scream in the dark" as Lindsey recounted his electrifying experience for them. (It seems he is famous among that group. I get the idea some of them might even be a little envious.)

**DUES ARE DUE** -- \$\$\$

If you have not already sent your dues to the Treasurer, it is now time to do so (if you'll excuse the pun). The Executive Committee has set the dues for fiscal 2000 as \$15 plus \$5 if you are carrying a CMRU pager. Forward your check to Anne Greenwood or bring it to the December Unit Social.

*Are you and your gear ready for a winter mission? Winter has come to the mountains of Oregon!*

NSP BASIC AVALANCHE RESCUE COURSE --

Santiam Pass Ski Patrol will be presenting a *Basic Avalanche Rescue* course during the weekend of January 15 and 16. Saturday will be a classroom session given at the school in Camp Sherman and Sunday will be a field outing in the vicinity of Hoodoo Ski Area. If you are interesting in participating in the course, contact Bob Freund or Anne Greenwood. There will be a minimal fee charged to cover the cost of materials.

OMRC ACCREDITATION -- Deschutes County

On November 20, Jon represented CMRU at the accreditation evaluation for Deschutes County SAR. They are seeking OMRC accreditation on their way toward MRA membership. Representatives from Portland, Eugene, and Corvallis units evaluated the *Rock Rescue* and *Search* modules. They successfully passed in both areas.

TRAINING PROGRAM 2000 -- changes for a new millenium

by Jon Sears

Unit Meetings will seem a little different this next year due to the changes planned by the Training Committee. For our Tuesday Unit Meetings, following announcements we will launch into more advanced exercises that are designed to put to use the particular skills needed for real missions. We will also have some discussion of new and more advanced techniques. Trainees may find themselves a little lost at times but I can assure you we will put you to use and you will also learn a lot by observation. We are counting on Support and Rescue level members to make a good showing at the monthly Unit Meeting.

Our Wednesday Training Meetings will be geared more specifically toward our Trainees. These meetings will be solely for developing specific skills needed by our Trainees or as a review for our more advanced members. No business, just instruction and practice.

Also, now that everyone has e-mail capability, you will be receiving minutes from the Executive Board Meetings. Look them over, talk to us, and remember you are welcome to attend these meetings. See you at the Winter Social. (Jon)

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