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# **Calendar**

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MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT

NEWSLETTER

CORVALLIS

November 7 7:00pm <u>UNIT MEETING</u> --

Elections. Training: Unit History and

**Organization** 

November 15 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- Knots and Pulley Systems

November 18 9:00am <u>SKILLS WORKSHOP</u> -- Truck Garage and outside.

November 27 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING -- Corvallis

December 5 7:00pm WINTER SOCIAL at County Shops Day Room.



MISSION REPORT 00-07: MISSING AIRCRAFT, Benton County Me

A two place, Cessna aircraft was overdue on a flight from Eugene to Independence when it failed to arrive by 2100 on Sunday, 5 November 2000. A page was sent on ALL SAR at 0620 Monday 6 November. An activating page was sent to CMRU members at 0625. Eight members responded for the mission.

No ELT signal was being received in the primary search area -- north of Vineyard Mountain. Benton County SAR assets (including CMRU members) checked roads in the area. By about 1230, all roads had been covered and an off-road ground search was begun. Further investigation uncovered property owners who reported hearing a "crash" Sunday night -- and provided a direction of the noise. At approximately 1500, a National Guard helicopter located the wreckage. Lindsay and Kathy were nearby and were the first ground personnel to arrive on scene. Both occupants of the aircraft were deceased.

CMRU personnel and equipment assisted with the recovery.

Participants: Blackburn, Clunes, Gent, Leach, Joy Linn, Morris, Walters, Wood

### <u>CORVALLIS SKI SWAP</u> -- revisited

While it didn't set any sales records, this year's Ski Swap was the 4<sup>th</sup> best in the 33 year run of the Corvallis Ski Swap and we'll be able to fund our operations for another year. In keeping with the "public service" objective of the ski swap, over 46% of the personally consigned items sold.

Thanks to all the CMRU members who showed up Thursday morning at "five-dark-thirty" to unload the locker and pack all the stuff out to the Benton County Fairgrounds. Overall, this was one of the smoothest running ski swaps. Everyone (both mountain rescue and ski patrol) pitched in when needed and got the work done in a timely manner. We logged 395 member-hours over the four day run of the event. Special thanks to Keith for spending Friday night as "security" inside the building. Also, special thanks to the family members who accompanied Unit members to work at the ski swap. Finally, thanks to the Corvallis community for their support of the Ski Swap.

We won't know exactly how much we made until a bit later in the month when all bills have been rendered and paid; but it looks like our share will be around \$4000. A budget will laid out at the next Executive Committee meeting when we know just what our income will be.

#### SKILLS WORKSHOP ---

On November 18<sup>th</sup> we'll hold our semi-annual Skills Workshop to sharpen the skills of all members. The morning will be a set of three sessions to focus on several facets of rigging for technical rescue. The afternoon will involve a comprehensive scenario to emphasize skills learned (or relearned) during the morning sessions and to remind us all what we need to do *in the best interest of the patient*. The afternoon session will take place outside and some (walking) distance from the garage. Come prepared -- to carry gear and to work in the weather!

The Corvallis Mountain Rescue Unit Newsletter is published monthly to keep friends and members of the Unit informed of our activities.

## WINTER SOCIAL --

This year's *Winter Social* will be held on the first Tuesday of December (5 December) at the County Shops Day Room beginning at 7pm. The meal will be "Thanksgiving-ish" with the Unit supplying some Turkey and/or Ham and members bringing a favorite side dish. Bring your own special beverage. Also, if you have some favorite table service, pack it along too; but we'll probably have some disposable eating utensils to use.

## **SNOW PARK PERMITS** --

Just a friendly reminder that it will soon be time when you must have a Snow Park permit to park in the designated areas. It is also a good time to "winterize" you car.

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