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Calendar

				MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT
March	2	7:00pm	<u>UNIT MEETING</u> –Training:	" . [6]
			Medical Scenarios by <i>Bob Freund</i> .	NEWSLETTER
March	17	7:00pm	TRAINING SESSION – Anchor Systems by <i>Iain Morris</i>	
March	20	9:00am	FIELD TRAINING – Mock Mission/OMRC Scenarios Bring you first-aid kit.	
March	29	7:00pm	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET	<u>ING</u>
April	6	7:00pm	<u>UNIT MEETING</u> – Training: Medical Training by <i>Dr. Humphrey</i> or if he is not available, then Truck Clean-up .	
April	21	7:00pm	TRAINING SESSION – Cave Resc	ue by Scott Linn
April	17	8:00am	<u>HELICOPTER TRAINING</u> – Orego	n National Guard, Salem. (Still unconfirmed)
April	24	All Day	OMRC Reaccreditation of Deschutes	s County SAR
April	25	All Day	MacDonald Forest Ultra-marathon	
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DUES ARE DUE – beyond due

7:00pm

April

Most members have paid their dues; but several have not. Please send your dues to the Treasurer (Anne Greenwood) as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to: Corvallis Mountain Rescue Unit (or just CMRU) and can be mailed either to Anne directly or to the CMRU post office box (P.O. Box 116, Corvallis, OR 97339-0116).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – J's in Monmouth.

FEBRUARY FIELD TRAINING - revisited

By Aaron Lee

For those who missed out on February's training here is a short recap. On Saturday we headed out from Santiam snow park at about 0900. We left the snow park on the Skyline trail and then headed NE towards Three Fingered Jack. We traveled through a portion of the B(ooth) and B(ear Butte) burn and arrived at our destination just above the Pacific Crest Trail at 1330. Finding a nice flat spot just above the PCT with some decent snow banks, we proceeded to dig very nice snow caves. After our snow shelters were dug we proceeded to get some skiing done until dark. Following dinner we spent a long, comfortable night in our shelters and awoke the next morning to find we were socked-in with fog and cool wind. Once packed, we headed out the PCT until about the 1.5 mile mark. Then we headed SW back toward our tracks on the Skyline trail and the snow park.

All in all it was a great weekend. We practiced land navigation skills, terrain association, winter camping techniques and worked on our back-country skiing skills.

MARCH TRAINING -

Training at the Unit Meeting will be oriented around emergency medical skills. There will be a set of skill drills followed by scenarios. **Bring your first-aid kit and be prepared to use it**. You'll also get an opportunity to work with Unit medical equipment.

This month's field training will be a mock mission (unless we have a real mission). The location has yet to be set, but be prepared for anything from *dust* to *mud* to *snow* to *ice*.

<u>CORVALLIS SKI SWAP, INC.</u> – CSSI

Joy Linn and Jim Dagata have agreed to represent the interests of CMRU on the Board of Directors for *Corvallis Ski Swap, Inc.* The corporation's Board held its first meeting on March 1, and attended to details necessary to form the corporation and to apply for IRS recognition as a tax-exempt entity. Jim Dagata is President for the next year, and Brett Chytraus will be the Manager of Operations for the event.

Beginning this year, our primary fund-raising event will be operated by this new corporation, but each member of CMRU and SPSP is a "stake-holder" in the corporation when it comes to getting the real work done – running the Corvallis Ski Swap. The corporation will put the ski swap on a more legally stable footing – particularly when it comes to things like taking folks to court for bounced checks and trademarking the term "Ski Swap."