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Calendar

October 4 7:00pm <u>UNIT MEETING</u> – Training:

Truck Cleanup and Inventory by

Dusty Myers.

October 19 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION - Trainee Update and Gear Circus

October 20 5:30am CORVALLIS SKI SWAP, Benton County Fairgrounds. Setup

21 9:00am Thursday 5:30 – 9am; Consignment Thursday 9am – 9pm and

22 9:00am Friday 9am – 5pm; Sale Friday 6pm – 9pm and Saturday 9am –

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NEWSLETTER

23 9:00am 6pm; Inventory Saturday 6pm - end; Return Sunday 9am - 5pm.

October 25 7:00pm <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u>

November 1 7:00pm <u>UNIT MEETING</u> – Elections. Training: *Unit History* by **Bob Freund**

November 16 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION – Highline and Offsets by Matt Crawford

November 19 9:00am FIELD TRAINING – Highline

November 25 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 6 7:00pm WINTER SOCIAL

CORVALLIS SKI SWAP – October 20 - 23

This year's Corvallis Ski Swap is happening at the Benton County Fairgrounds, on 53rd street, beginning on Thursday, October 20th. It all begins at 5 (dark) 30am at the Stor Haus storage yard behind Wilson Motors (where 5th street becomes Buchanan). We need trucks, trailers, and vans to move equipment from the locker to the fairgrounds. Once at the fairgrounds (shortly after 0600) we'll be setting up the ski/snowboard racks, tables, clothing racks, and computers. Consignment of personal equipment begins at 0900 and continues until 2100.

On Friday, we continue to take in personal and commercial ski/snowbaord equipment from 0900 until 1700. Entry tickets will go on sale at noon Friday. One ticket per person is required for entry into the Sale on Friday and the tickets are numbered to establish order in the line of those waiting. The doors open for the sale at 1800 and the sale continues until 2100.

The sale continues on Saturday from 0900 until 1800 at which time the doors close. Equipment is then separated (personal vs commercial) and commercial equipment is segregated by vendor to allow inventory. We then take a short break for supper and instructions before starting the inventory process. Inventory continues Saturday night until it is *completed*. Then (and only then) is equipment boxed and made ready for return.

Sunday is spent returning unsold equipment and dispensing checks for items that did sell. We begin the return process at 0900 and it all ends at 1700 with the auditorium building looking as empty as it did at 0600 Thursday.

This is the Unit's only fund raising and as such we all need to participate in the activities. Beginning this year, the Executive Committee put a 10 hour requirement on each member. This means, you must be present at the fairgrounds (and signed-in on the attendance sheet) for a minimum of 10 hours during the four day run of the event. Considering some members have put in more than 50 hours, it shouldn't be too difficult for each of us to put in 10 hours.