



Calendar

- November 2 7:00pm UNIT MEETING --
Elections. Training: **Unit
Medical Equipment** by *Jim
Dagata*.

- November 17 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- **Base Camp Operations** by Susan
Leach.

- November 20 9:00am Civil War Relay with EMR

- November 29 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

- December 7 7:00pm Winter Social at Benton County Public Works Day Room.

- December 11 9:00am SKILLS WORKSHOP -- at County Shops

MISSION REPORT 99-04: Injured hiker, Marion County

On October 17, we were rocked awake at 0140 with a page from Benton County Dispatch saying Marion County would like CMRU on Standby to assist with the evacuation of an injured hiker in the vicinity of Breitenbush. Joy Linn paged the mission and took responses. It turned out CMRU was not needed as Marion county had plenty of help from their Posse and Explorer Post.

SKI SWAP -- revisited

This year's *Corvallis Ski Swap* was a great success. Overall statistics show it was the third best event in the last 32 years and we had the best ever Friday. Although some bills are still outstanding (e.g. telephone line, Point of Sale terminal rental, etc.) it appears the Unit will receive a check in the vicinity of \$5,000 for our efforts.

It was very nice to see the large CMRU turnout early (five dark 30) Thursday morning to empty the locker and get racks and tables setup at the fairgrounds. Thanks to Jim Dagata for his work this year with the various ski shops and other vendors. Special thanks to Preston and Keith for not only taking the security detail on Friday night, but for arranging the Saturday evening dinner. Thanks, too, needs to be extended to Joy for arranging the special cakes for the Saturday meal. We should all be proud of the event and that we support CMRU's annual operations through this event -- yet at the same time provide a service to the community.

BENTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES -- new face

Mike Bamberger, who had been active with CMRU in the past, has been named to succeed Jim Swinyard as Benton County's Emergency Services Coordinator. Mike began his tenure on the first of November as Jim moved on to become Undersheriff of Benton County. Congratulations to both men. CMRU looks forward to working with and supporting Mike just as we have worked with the previous Emergency Services coordinators.

ELECTIONS -- election day

Not only is it "election day" throughout the state, it is also election time at CMRU. This month's Unit Meeting will allow us to elect a new slate of officers for the coming year. All Executive Committee positions will be voted upon at this Unit meeting. All Unit members are encouraged to participate -- not only to vote, but to serve.

The direction CMRU takes often comes from the members of the Executive Committee. If you want the Unit to move in a certain direction, get involved in running the Unit by being elected to the Executive Committee. Even if you chose not to run for elected office, CMRU still has three Standing Committees (Medical, Equipment and Truck, Training) which need a constant influx of members to remain viable. Volunteer to work with one of the Standing Committees.

SKILLS WORKSHOP -- December 11

The final **Skills Workshop** of the year has been changed from November 20 until December 11 in order to accommodate the Civil War Relay. In the unlikely event our participation in the Relay is cancelled, the Skills Workshop will be rescheduled at its usual November time. If that should happen, it will be paged. Regardless of the day on which it is held, the workshop will be held at the Benton County Shops and probably in the new truck building.

WINTER SOCIAL -- do you remember?

Have you been with CMRU long enough to remember the Winter Social that Angela & Ken put on? Well, Joy and Anne are working on a reprisal (repeat) of that candle lit night. If you have ideas for the evening's theme or activities, email Anne or Joy with your thoughts.

WINTER HAS COME --in the high country

The first snow of the season has come to the Oregon Cascades. Are you and your equipment ready to answer the call? Sure, you've used it all summer, but winter really is a different season in the mountains. Be sure your equipment is ready for the "fourth" season. Check your skis or snowshoes, boots, gaiters, and raingear. Be sure you car is ready for winter travel. Are you prepared to bivy in some really nasty weather? And finally, does Matt have your latest contact information for the Call List?

TIME CHANGE --fall back

You've probably reset the clock in your pager to Pacific Standard Time, but if you own a GPS receiver, have you reset its clock? Remember, the Pacific time zone is 8 hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT or UTC). (Just a word of warning if you are the next person to use a Unit GPS receiver.)

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