



OLYMPIC MOUNTAIN RESCUE NEWSLETTER

A Volunteer Organization Dedicated to Saving Lives Through Rescue and Mountain Safety Education

January 2001

The next meeting will be at the Westgate Fire Hall at 7:00P.M. on Jan. 9th. Training will be: Hypothermia

REPORTS of Chairman, Officers, Coordinators, and Committees:

CHAIRMAN:

Chairman Leslie announced Seattle Mountain Rescue would host the 2001 spring meeting of the National Mountain Rescue Association. Current plans have it at Snoqualmie Pass and Steve appointed Board member Kelly Muldrow as O.M.R. liaison with Seattle Mountain Rescue.

This event brings representatives from nationwide and incorporates lectures, training, field seminars and usually a fine dinner Saturday evening with guest speaker and it's loads of fun. Attending this function would give members a chance to meet and interact with MRA folks from all over the country. Steve Leslie and Paul Gelineau are the official O.M.R. representatives but this event is open to everyone and you are encouraged to attend. The dates are: June 21st through the 24th. More information will be provided as it becomes available or you can contact Kelly.

TREASURER:

Treasurer Greg Barron reports that OMR currently has adequate funding. He also informed the membership that dues are **now payable** at \$35.00. This reflects



Human directional to assist attendant over the edge

annual membership and pager fees.

SECRETARY

Secretary Paul Gelineau wants to inform all members that he keeps all the training records. If you aren't sure where you stand regarding the Required Training Events you can contact him and he'll run you a personal report.

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TRAINING:

Training Chair Patrick McAuliffe distributed the 2001 training calendar at the December meeting, which is also included in this News Letter. Patrick, in collaboration with the members of the board developed this schedule. Note that the first series of weekend events are some of the required Training Events; Patient Packaging, 1st Aid/C.P.R., Rigging and Helicopter.

Three of these will be offered twice to ensure all members will be able to make room in their personal schedules.

There will be NO make-up training events this year. Please make every

effort the attend one of the scheduled events. If you have attended any training outside O.M.R. please let either Patrick or Paul know so that your records and your Mission Eligibility requirements can be kept current.

There are several unit climbs and trips on the calendar. All members are encouraged to partake in at least one of these. They serve to enable you to keep your skill levels honed, expose you to new experiences and new areas and most importantly they give members of the unit who would not normally climb together a chance to do just that!

Additionally, there is a complete text of the required training events necessary to maintain Mission Eligibility attached to the January Newsletter.

Meeting Training:

No official training was held at the December meeting. Instead former Chair Brad Albrow shows slides from his three arctic expeditions to Elsmere and Baffin Islands. Brad participated in these Eddy Bauer sponsored trips, each lasting thirty days as a product researcher. The teams climbed many of the peaks in the late 70's and early 80's that are now just receiving publicity. It gave the members a chance to examine Brad's experience in the Arctic, as well as his exposure to the arctic. Also it provided a chance to see Brad with hair.

The O.M.R. Holiday tradition was maintained with offerings of eggnog, cookies and popcorn.

UPCOMING:

Unit Climb - Mt. Angeles - Jan. 13th. Contact Greg Barron for details.

SNOW TRAINING (Bi-Annual requirement) - **Jan 20th** - Hurricane Ridge. More details at the January General meeting. If it has not snowed the night before you should expect to be at the gate at 0800. In town rendezvous with truck at 0630. Times subject to change. Attend meeting or check with Barron or Groh.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership Chair Paul Gelineau welcomed two guests to the December meeting, Andy Graham and Berry Pealstrom. Paul also made the unit aware the Paula, Gabe and Nikkie have completed their three consecutive meeting prerequisite to membership evaluation by the Board. The Board will review their applications at its next meeting in January and present its recommendation to the General Membership for a vote at the January 9th meeting. Congratulations! Paul reminds the membership that you should take a look at your D.E.M. card and note its expiration date; it's good for three years. If you're close or

expired see Paul for an application to the county D.E.M. **Remember, the application will not be accepted with out two photographs.**

MISSIONS

None to report. The 119 turn around page, that some received, resulted from a mis-dial by a sheriff's deputy.

ELECTIONS

Election for two Board positions was held. The three candidates were, Steve Leslie; present Chairman, Paul Gelineau; present Secretary and John Ellsworth; not currently on the Board. Steve and Paul were elected to another three-year term. During the January Board meeting an election will be held for the two-year position of Chairman and assignment will be made.

HURRICANE RIDGE

Coordinator Cass Whalen informed the unit that the first weekend would be the New Year's Holiday. He circulated the sign-up sheet and all members are encouraged to participate in this activity. Stand-by duty starts at 0900 Saturday morning and ends at about 1700 Sunday afternoon. You are expected to stay overnight at the lodge on Saturday. It's a real treat to have the entire facility to your self. Members have been known to engage in night sledding, skiing, snowshoeing and Paul and TammyRae always bring their small Webber BBQ for a great high altitude cook out! This duty is greatly appreciated by the Rangers and amounts to skiing or snow shoeing around the area, helping at the tubing runs and just making sure every one has a safe, fun time. Sunday mornings are usually reserved for a short training secession with the Rangers. If you want to offer training on a specific topic, contact District Ranger Dee Renee Ericks prior to your weekend and let her know.

Dee Rene Ericks@NPS.Gov. In addition to giving members a chance to get out and stay at the lodge overnight it also serves maintains our

close working relationship with Olympic National Park.

BANQUET

Coordinator Debbie Stewart reports that this year's banquet would be held at The Inn at Gig Harbor on Friday, January 12th. The social hour starts at 1800 and a dinner of Alder Plank Salmon, chicken and assorted sundries will be served at 1900. Paul Gelineau has retained Eric Simonson as this year's guest speaker. Eric was the expedition leader for the Mallory Everest Expedition and his show will present slides and he'll talk about the search on the Everest's North side. It should be a very interesting presentation.

The cost this year is \$20.00 per person and payable in advance only. Invitations have been mailed to every member of O.M.R. with all the details. The dead line for payment is Wednesday, January 3rd. Checks should be made payable to O.M.R. and mailed directly to Debbie Stewart. Make sure you attend this year, it will be worth it!

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The fifth & sixth grade science class at Cougar Valley School was treated to a discussion on pulleys and mechanical advantage by Dale Boyle. After discussing simple and compound systems, the students were able to detect an incorrectly made system and tell how to make it right. Counting the "Ts" was a new approach for the regular teacher.

Members are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to interact with the public as a member of Olympic Mountain Rescue.