



OLYMPIC MOUNTAIN RESCUE NEWSLETTER

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

March 2001

The next meeting will be at the Westgate Fire Hall at 7:00P.M. on 3-13-01. Training will be: Mechanical Advantage Systems and Rigging Update

REPORTS of Chairman, Officers, Coordinators, and Committees:

CHAIRMAN:

Chairman Gelineau announced that, thanks to timely and well considered member input, the board has reconsidered the pager issue. Unit subsidized pager will be available to all active and participating members without regard to field eligibility status.

Paul also noted that the history channel had a program devoted to National Ski Patrol and Mountain Rescue. The unit has obtained three copies. One copy will be donated to Kitsap County library.

TREASURER:

Treasurer Barron reports that all major bills have been paid with the exception of the Truck insurance. Our old carrier has stopped writing this kind of insurance. A New carrier is being sought.

Annual Dues are now due. \$40 covers both the pager and membership dues.

OMR didn't escape the Tech Crash unscathed. The Smith-Barney account took a sizable hit.

TRAINING:

Training Coordinator McAuliffe reminds everyone that the green sheets must be filled out completely for each training and mission. Members will note that this ~~includes~~ the meeting training we hold

JUST PAST: In a high intensity few days, a great deal of medical training



Duane hanging out via highline was accomplished.

Meeting Training: Splinting and Backboarding - Dale was assisted by several members in discussing various concepts and techniques. Stressed were CMS (circulation, motion, & sensation), open fracture treatment & types of splints & spine immobilization.

UPCOMING:

March 17th - Rigging Practical - Muldrow - This is the first of the two times this annual requirement will be presented. Be prepared for a full day, filled with multiple rigging problems. Don't put off attending
April 21st - Rigging Practical - Boyle - The second opportunity to complete this requirement.

SECRETARY

Muldrow, acting in his capacity of liaison with Seattle MRC's hosting of the National MRA meeting, informs us that the meeting will be on

Snoqualmie Pass on June 16 - 17. He notes that Tom Hornbien is on tap for keynote speaker.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chair Leslie would like to remind everyone that they are to sign only, the yellow DEM card when renewing your emergency worker status. Any other writing on the card will result in it being returned to the unit.

The unit received applications from four prospective members. One of those applicants was voted on by the membership at the February meeting.

As a result we would like to welcome Greg Daughtry to the unit as a Rescue Support member.

MISSIONS:

On Saturday, Feb. 24, a 47 year old male was assisted in walking out from Hurricane Hill. His ski broke through the crust while telemarking from the top of Hurricane

Hill, and his right leg was twisted and hyper-extended in the process. The subject was in extreme pain and unable, for some time, to bear any weight on the leg. Believing that he would need a rescue, his brother skied out to the Hurricane Ridge lodge where he contacted rangers and OMR. Due to the difficulty involved in mounting a carry out across the narrow "steep & icy" stretch, Jack Hughes put a helicopter on standby. Mike Danisiewicz and Tom Banks were transported to the end of the road by ski patrol snowmobile, then skied towards Hurricane Hill to make an evaluation of the subject. They were met by the subject, who was already making slow progress to the trailhead, limping. The helicopter was canceled. The subject walked, with assistance, back to the trailhead. Mike and Tom packaged the subject on a cascade litter, and the subject was towed behind the snowmobile back to the lodge. The subject's brother drove him to the hospital in Port Angeles for evaluation.

Tom Banks

HELICOPTER TRAINING

Basic Ground School will be presented at the **May Meeting**. Jeff Sharp will be putting on his award winning training session. This is a 1.5 hour Power Point presentation. All members are due for this training. It is a biannual requirement to maintain mission eligibility. Make plans now to attend.

Live Helo training opportunities are still being investigated.

OMR ID BADGES

The Board has acted to provide active & retired OMR members with permanent picture ID Badges. A sample of this badge was circulated at the February meeting. It is hoped that this will provide clear ID for use at rescue sites, Park access, and other situations where positive ID as a member of OMR would be needed.

These badges will remain the property of OMR. *These will be photo ID so please come to the next meeting prepared to have your picture taken.*

WAC 118.04

To Comply with the WAC, as interpreted by Kitsap DEM, a photo copy of your drivers license and insurance card must be held by OMR and may be examined by DEM during an audit. These records will remain within OMR and will not be released to any other entity.

While we hope to have copying capabilities available at the next meeting. However, it would speed things up if you brought this copy with you.

PAGERS

Due to a rash of pager problems, the rescue coordinators will be test paging all the unit pagers during March.

In order to facilitate this, be sure that your pager is in, what should be its normal condition. That is: turned on and with a good battery.

Members are encouraged to occasionally page their own pager to check its function.

HURRICANE RIDGE

Winter standby coordinator Cass Whalen reports that members who have received a park pass last year should retain that pass, since it will be good for 2001 also. The park is short of the passes due to a printing problem and is issuing new ones only to persons who are getting one for the first time or have lost /discarded the 2000 card.

Cass also notes that John Stieber has had duty four time this winter. Thank you John. We all appreciate you time and dedication.

OC BASIC MOUNTAINEERING

Instructor Brad Albro provided members information on the OC class at the February meeting. The lectures will be held in Science

136, Thursdays, 7:10 - 9:00 PM. The first lecture is 29 March. The field trips will be both Saturday and Sunday with the class split between the days. The schedule is as follows:
31 Mar & 1 Apr - Green Mountain
21 & 22 April - Snow Bivouac
28 & 29 April - Steeple Rock
5 & 6 May - Mt. Ellinor
12 & 13 May - Mt Angeles
19 & 20 May - Mt. Washington
26 & 27 May - The Brothers
27 & 28 May - The Brothers
2 June - Nisqually Glacier
3 June - Pinnacle Peak