



OLYMPIC MOUNTAIN RESCUE NEWSLETTER

A volunteer organization dedicated to saving lives through rescue and mountain safety education
May 2006

Missions

Mission No: 2006-5 (DEM 06-0961)

Date: April 15
Location: McClellan Butte, King County
Type: Rescue- Turn Around

Personnel: John Stieber (OL), Rick Lorenz, Shawn Herndon, Loring Bemis, Tony and Susie DiBenedetto

Shortly after 2200, Kitsap County Deputy Mark Rufener called Beckett with word that King County needed everybody available to help evacuate a man with a broken leg from the 4000' level on McClellan Butte. This info was confirmed with the State DEM and King County IC Steve Marshall. The truck was leaving Westgate at Midnight but about 2300 a turn around call was received indicating they didn't need "more" people. After a brief period of confusion of "more" meaning no OMR or no more OMR, we got it figured out and turned the team back before leaving Westgate (or home).

After Seattle Mtn Rescue arrived on site the assessment was the carry out could be done with people close at hand.

Total Personnel: 7
Total Hours: 11
Total Mileage: 148

Quote to ponder

"Worrying is a poor use of the imagination"

Author Unknown

Meeting

Next meeting : Tuesday, May 9th. The training is scheduled to be "Vertical wall pick off concepts", with the instructor being

Training

Upcoming training : Saturday, May 20th. This training is going to be a scenario based and will held in the Elwha River canyon, just West of Port Angelas. This is an entirely new area for OMR to work in and should be very interesting. As a side note, this area is also becoming more active for rock climbers. It would not be surprising if we start seeing missions in this area in the near future. More information on this training will be given out at the next meeting.

On May 13 and 14 will be a basic snow training up at Paradise, on Mt Rainier. This training is being given to the Kitsap Explorer Search and Rescue group. This training will cover constructing snow shelters on Saturday and basic ice axe use (including self arrest techniques), avalanche awareness and traversing a snow field with a rope. If you are interested in helping with or attending this training please contact John Stieber at 830-0914.



Sometimes we make do with what we can get.
See any potential problems with this LZ?

Climber's Guide is out

At long last, the new edition of the Climber's Guide is out. A big thank you to the guide book committee for all of their hard work on this endeavour. A heart felt thanks also goes out to all of those people who evaluated the climbs and traverses, which went into making this book. Currently the book has not yet been seen on local selves. Hopefully soon? So far the only place that the book seems to be available is online

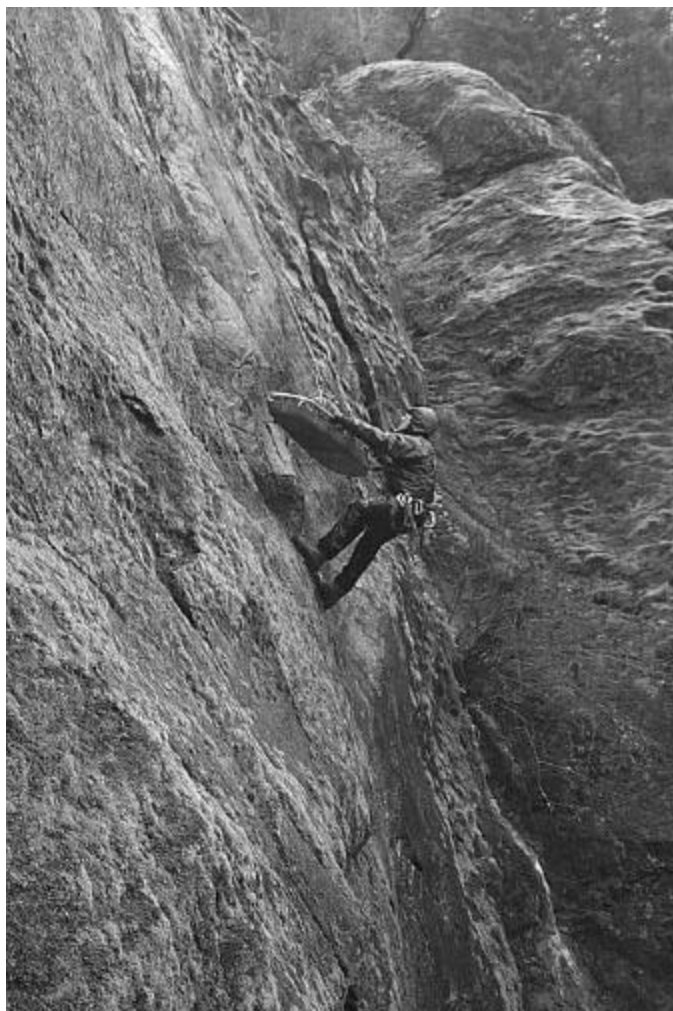
Back to Class

I thought it might be of interest to put in the newsletter that we have three outdoor related classes at OC this quarter run by famous OMR members (we are all famous right?). Mark Hendrickson has the Backpacking class; Frank Chapin has the Hiking Safety and Survival class; and Brad Albro has the Basic Mountaineering class. Probably a first time for 3 classes of this type.. Important point to make is these kinds of classes are the birth place for budding mountain rescue people and a great place to scout out potential members...and we NEED new members!

Submitted by Roger Beckett

Prodeals

For those of you who do not have email or who are not on the OMR lister, Joel Pomerinki has been working hard at getting some really good prodeals through various outdoor suppliers. Black Diamond, Cloudveil, La Sportiva, and Outdoor Research are just a few of the many that Joel has contacted and received positive replies from. Some of you probably have already received an info disk on at least one dealer's pro purchase program. This is a good chance to replace or update your old gear for as much as 50% off retail prices. So put Joel's hard work to use and at least check out what the deals are. If you did not get the email on which dealers we have prodeals through or if you have any questions, then please contact Joel at 360-457-0756.



Lowering down the wall of slime. Note the position. Provides for good view of footing on the slippery surface. The trade off is that you are a little low if the patient needs more than routine attention.