



SEATTLE MOUNTAIN RESCUE NEWSLETTER MARCH 2006

ELECTED OFFICERS

Timmy Williams, Chairman
Cheryl Drevecky, Recording Secretary

Doug Hutton, Vice Chairman
Charles Zwick, Treasurer

BOARD MEETING NOTES

The meeting on Feb. 16th was called to order by Vice Chmn Doug Hutton with the following board members present: John Wick, Jonas Bean, Kecia Bruce, Doug Caley, Josh Farris and Russell Anschell. Under old business a place for meetings was discussed and the new Bellevue city hall should be available by late spring. We can use Forest Ridge School as long as Jonas is here. Greg Prothman offered a room at his office. Under new business, Ken Turner wants to borrow a litter for his Association for Experiential Training, the topic of his presentation will be "Broken Back Mountain." There was a discussion about ICS training being dictated by FEMA. Brian Williams was involved with discussions at MRA about FEMA standards. It was moved and seconded that Brian Williams will become the SMR rep to the MRA. The state SAR conference was discussed and the web site is up for members to register at VASAR2006 at info@wasar2006.org. Doug Hutton brought up resurrecting the newsletter. Art Farash volunteered to take over as editor and will publish it on the web and send out a link once a month for members to read it. The motion was seconded and approved and the newsletter will be done monthly

starting in March. John Wick brought up getting new name badges for members. There was a discussion on the ITOL and combining in town and rescue and whether it is worthwhile to assign a specific in town. It was generally felt that there was always someone around who would take ITOL. Dan Perrakis stated that there were a number of missions that never had a report and that mission reports never had individual miles and hours. This was followed by a discussion about what the function of the rescue chair should be. Greg Prothman suggested resurrecting the FART team and that the rescue chair spearhead this effort. Doug Hutton suggested that we have one truck committee for both vehicles and Art Farash accepted this position. Under training the RFR will be the end of April. The Robinsons would like the summer picnic to be more of a reunion affair. Finally, a new vice chairman will be needed in July as Doug Hutton will be going to Australia for two years. The meeting adjourned at 2045. (*Please note that these are not the approved minutes and are intended only to keep members informed of the meeting – Editor*)

Notes by Chris Madden

Meet "Big Green"

The next generation SMR rescue vehicle to replace "Big Blue" – *from Doug Caley.*



Notes From KCSARA General Meeting

Meeting called to order on Feb 13th @1900 hours by **C. Madden**, KCSARA President. There were no minutes from previous (January) meeting. A partial list of KCSARA missions reviewed included:

2/12 Missing Dementia PT

2/11 Missing Hiker, Mt. Dickerman

1/30 Missing person/Body Recovery - Duwamish River

Unit Delegates gave a brief report out:

ESAR - Course 3 was suspended due to high winds, participants were able to go on a missing Alzheimer's PT search instead. They are on track to graduate ~50 people in April.

4x4 - Has been assisting ESAR in training. They reported a couple of misc. missions.

SAROPS - No report

Search Dogs - No Report

Trackers - Misc. Training and orientation for new members.

R1 - Reports they have been busy.

SMR - Reported that we'd had a couple of missions. Reported that MRA is working with DHS and FEMA on Resource Typing.

SPART - Minimal missions. Avalanche II Complete, 8 KCSARA members graduated. Upcoming Avalanche II has 13 KCSARA members.

Horse - 12 new members, qualification training 18 - 19 February.

ELT - Couple of recent searches.

Communications Committee- Presented Coord Certs for our repeaters

Computers - We're securing more new (used) computers.

Medical - Frank Rossi reported on a deal on some personal heaters. They (SPART) will buy some and make them available to other KCSARA units.

Training - Focus on SAR Conference. June 30 deadline for updating WAC training. SMR & 4x4 still owe training syllabus.

State SAR Conference - Gil Tumey is the volunteer coordinator.

Fundraisers - The Master Builders Kitchen & Bath Show will be the 3rd weekend in April.

Doug Caley was voted in as new KCSARA Vice President.



The MRA Honor Guard at the Memorial Service for Lea Leavitt of Everett Mountain Rescue on Jan. 28th - from left to right - Kirk Cloyd, Riverside MRU, CA; Dana Potts, Riverside MRU, CA; Chris Haley, Everett MRU, WA; Guest Honor Guard member Dave Moore, Alpine Rescue Team, CO; Brook Alongi, Everett MRU, WA. President of EMRU (hosted HG members); Tim Kovacs, Central AZ MRA/MCSOMR, AZ; Carl Schwendler, Central AZ MRA/MCSOMR, AZ

GREG PROTHMAN ON TV



Our own **Greg Prothman** represented Crystal Mountain Ski Patrol and SMR on Feb. 27th on Channel 4's Northwest Afternoon for a discussion on Non Avalanche related snow deaths. Greg was dispatching the ski patrol the day that Laurie Macartney went into a tree well and was pulled out and resuscitated by her fellow Ski Patroller and Husband John.



MISSION REPORTS

06-08—February 26, 2006

Mt. Si, Injured Hiker

SMR was paged around 1300 hours for an injured male hiker who was reported to have a broken leg and was about 1.8 miles up the main Mt. Si trail. SMR had a good turnout for this mission with 11 members reporting for field duty. Caley and Anschell were first on the trail and to reach the subject (Dave) who had been able to hobble down some one quarter mile (with the help of passers-by) to about the 1.6 mile mark, just before Slag Flats, where SMR found him. His right foot (not leg) was extremely painful and was re-splinted by SMR and then the subject was put into a litter and wheeled out to the trailhead. Some 25 rescue personnel participated in this evacuation, supplanted by a contingent of ESAR personnel. The subject was met at the trailhead at around 1700 hours by his wife who was going to drive him to the hospital. Note: The trail around the 1.4 mile mark and beyond was very icy making hiking treacherous.

SMR Participants: Chris Giedt (ITOL), Greg Prothman (Base OL), Kecia Bruce (Base OL Assistant), Doug Caley (Field OL), Russell Anschell (Truck Driver and Field), Dave Rusho, Darren Emmons, Bill Davis, Kecia Bruce, Steve Allen, Mike Arnold, Golan Kedan, Timmy Williams, Seth Brothers (Field). **SMR Hours:** 60, **SMR**

Mileage: 635

Sunday, Feb. 26th



"The Thundering Herd" - 11 SMR among the total of 24 on the litter at Mt. Si (photo by Bill Davis)

"That others will remember and honor"

This is the motto of the **National Search and Rescue Memorial** that **Marty Lentsch**, the vice president of Central Mountain Rescue, has proposed to honor the 450 search and rescue workers who have given their lives during missions and trainings. It is logical that such a memorial be situated in Washington State and

Seattle is the most appropriate location because of our city's connections to mountaineering and the birth of the MRA. The three pieces of work to accomplish are: 1. A memorial monument built somewhere in Seattle; 2. Congressional legislation to establish a day/week for the purpose of recognizing people who serve in search and rescue; 3. A museum depicting the history and the disciplines of search and rescue. These are in Marty's priority order with the first two running concurrent. The step taken at national mountain rescue was to request that MRA would take the lead in the start-up of this project and be responsible for the sustaining of the project in the future. For more contact [Marty Lentsch](mailto:MartyLentsch@mountainmarty@hotmail.com) at mountainmarty@hotmail.com. For those who have access to the Yahoo Group a PDF file and a powerpoint presentation on the proposal.



MORE DETAILS IN APRIL NEWSLETTER

For more information go to <http://www.wasar2006.org>

ELT TRAINING

ELT schedule 2006

Apr12	7pm	Interferometer
May11	7pm	Integration
Jul27	7pm	BallardTraining
Aug 9	7pm	Interferometer
Oct28	9am	Qualifications
Nov 22	7pm	Annual meeting
Jan17,2007	7pm	Integration
Feb20,2007	7pm	Integration

Any field-qualified member of a KCSARA unit is welcome at ELT training. Please RSVP with Seth Brothers at sethbrothers@hotmail.com phone 206-459-1382



Heard Around The Campfire



There's reportedly a new sport called "Russell Trolling", apparently conducted on Mt. Si by attractive female RMI guides. **Russell** is now chair [?!?] of ESAR. A personal ascendancy to a pinnacle or an organizational descent to the lowest level?

Doug Hutton and family are headed for 2 years in Australia. Yes, Australia was originally a penal colony. No, his time there is not related. Reports are that there is a local Mt. Hutton that he has his eye on (no joke, can't make that up). It will be interesting to see the elevation.

Prothman was on TV, and it wasn't COPS. Art F has pics of Prothman. Greg also recently contributed to the study of geriatric orthopedics in a very committing way – breaking his femur skiing in Sun Valley. A presentation at the board meeting by an insurance agent offering to provide personal insurance to our members brought up the question of how it would have covered Prothman's accident - as an example. The salesman said that the policy he was promoting would have provided a cash payment for family members so the family could join him until he was capable of traveling. This sounded good until the family ran the numbers and realized that the cash payments would not have been enough to cover the costs of their lift tickets while they waited. They would have been forced to actually keep him company. Needless to say, the insurance offer isn't looking so good...

Debby R. had extensive back surgery on Jan. 13 and is having to ski patrol at Summit Central from the Communications room. This is Debby's 35th year of ski patrolling!

Art **Farash** is back from Abu Ghraib and has been skiing at Snoqualmie Pass 33 times so far. **Bill Davis** has been chain-sawing and GPS'ing his way through Tiger Mountain for months. If you see him on the trail pretending to be a logger, thank him for keeping the trails clear and plotted for our hiking pleasure (Bill – you missed a few on the Brink trail).

Doug Caley was recently appointed secretary of his antique furniture club. Congrats Doug! (maybe we should give him an award so he will return Greg's award).

Jonas Bean will be leaving SMR to move to Idaho, reputedly so that his wife can start her naturopathic practice. Not sure how the folks in Idaho feel about a naturopathic doctor, but there are reports of the Sheep Ranchers Association of Idaho contacting the all-girls school where Jonas works with concerns.

Tim Williams has come out of retirement and returned to his previous trade as a rocket scientist of the aquatic sort (torpedo guy).

Chris Madden and Patti are off to Europe next week for a ski trip with the Mountaineers (hopefully they are better skiers than Greg), followed up with a week in Venice with Chris's daughter who is joining them from Kuwait.

From Kecia Bruce the Campfire



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VEHICLES



At the February board meeting it was decided that that both vehicles will be combined into a single committee. The truck known as "Big Blue" continues to be parked in the rear parking lot at the Forest Service Ranger Station 42404 SE North Bend Way in North Bend. The Expedition is parked in the west end of the State Patrol parking lot at 2803 156th Ave SE in Bellevue-Eastgate. All persons using either vehicle are requested to fill out the log book entries whenever they are utilized. Please report any problems to the Vehicle Chair Art Farash (KD7EER@gmail.com) (425.888.6518)

TRAINING NEWS

This year, Rigging for Rescue, SMR's main technical training and practice, will be Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30. For those who are interested, we will have an introductory and theory refresher session the evening before, on Friday April 28. Tentatively, all sessions will be at the Bellevue Fire Training Center, 1838 116th Ave NE in Bellevue. The format is expected to be similar to the past couple years. Although field members are only required to do RFR once every three years, doing it every year is a great way to help keep your skills tuned. Stay tuned for exact times and confirmation of the location.

Many of us have expiring certifications for trainings that are required by state law. These trainings are CPR, first aid (SMR is not currently requiring Mountaineering Oriented First Aid because of trouble accessing classes), blood borne pathogens, crime scene, and helicopter. Your main way of getting current certifications will be through courses at the Washington State Search and Rescue Conference, held in Enumclaw May 19-21. Go to <http://www.wasar2006.org/> to register. If you want to participate in the conference you must register and either pay the registration fee or volunteer 12 hours. I'm still trying to find out if it is possible to update your certifications without attending the conference or paying the conference registration fee.

If you have not been keeping track of your certifications and want to know your status, contact Gordy Smith at 206.784.9662 or send email to the address in the roster (but please don't post the email address where a spammer might get it).

Dates for Spring Rock and Summer Rock have not yet been finalized, but Spring Rock may be in late May and Summer Rock may be in late July.

If anyone is interested in organizing an informal rigging practice during a weekday evening this spring or summer, please contact Gordy Smith. Also, if anyone is interested in attending the Mountain Rescue Association spring meeting June 15-18 (in Marin County, north of San Francisco) or the International Technical Rescue Symposium conference November 3-5 (outside of Denver), and reporting back to SMR, contact Gordy Smith.

From Gordy Smith, Training Chairman

Newsletter Deadline: The next newsletter deadline is April 10th. Please try to submit your input by that date. Thanks to all who submitted this month. The Editor : SMRNewsletter@gmail.com .



BOARD MEETING REMINDER

Board meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month and the next meeting will be Thurs March 16th at 7 p.m. in Bellevue at the Forest Ridge School. Check your pagers for any changes in locations.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Our mission count over the years has risen slowly but steadily. Just four or five years ago we were averaging about 65 missions a year. Then things seemed to take a jump. We had a couple of years in a row where our mission count was in the 80s. That kicked our annual average into the 70s, where it sits today. Was it slow during the last quarter of 2005? Yes. Was 2005 a slow year? A very definite, NO!

In contrast to our mission count, our membership has remained relatively stable over the years. We do bring in new members every year. And that's good. We need to get not only new blood into the Unit, but also new strength, and fresh minds. But also, every year, there are members that "retire". They move out of the area, have significant changes in their lives, or just get out of the mountain business for one reason or another. It's funny how it all seems to balance out.

But what really speaks well for SMR is that during this continuing increase in the number of missions there was no corresponding increase in membership. But, we almost always met the challenge. We almost always fielded a team for every mission. Yes, on occasion we didn't field the number of folks that we would've liked to. And there are rare occasions when we didn't field anybody at all! But low or no responses were the

exception. We continually met the challenge. Well, here we are in the new year. And, yes, it sure appears to be a slow start. But we're into March already. That means that the start of our "high season", of our rescue season, is only a couple of months away. Are you ready? How's the gear looking? How are you looking, feeling? The rescue "business" is nice because there's a level of involvement out there to fit everyone's capabilities/needs/desires. All you have to do is find your slot, your niche. And I hope you do.

Will we continue to meet the challenge in 2006? I have no doubt that we will. And I look forward to seeing all of you out there, meeting that challenge.

Timmy Williams

Chairman
Seattle Mountain Rescue



Timmy Williams and Doug Hutton

Have a great day and think snow.

Be safe in the mountains!



"Don't patronize me. Nobody cares what I think anymore. Go ask Dr. Phil."

FEMA and ICS/NIMS Training

** **Question on FEMA Website:** Last Updated 02/06/2006 12:26 PM

What are the NIMS requirement for volunteers? In particular our Search and Rescue volunteers and CERT volunteers. Thank you!

Answer: As volunteers, you are not required to comply with the National Incident Management System and Incident Command System. However,

volunteers are part of the emergency response community and they should understand the common terminology and role responsibilities inherent in both systems. We strongly recommend that volunteers, especially S&R and CERT volunteers, take ICS-100, ICS-200 and IS-700. They should take IS-800 if they are a part of a command structure. (From a posting on theMRA Lister on 03/09/2006)