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NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER CONVENTION Dr. Med. Rudolf Campell, President of the IKAR, International Commission Alpine Rescue, is scheduled as the principal speaker of the Mountain Rescue Convention (subject to final confirmation) to be held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Seattle, Washington, November 9 and 10. Dr. Campell is internationally recognized as an authority on mountain first aid and has published many articles dealing with the subject. Much of his important work has been for the Swiss army mountain troops. Dr. Campell is naturally in demand as a speaker and his appearances are augmented with slides and movies. His medical practice is in Pontresina and his contribution to mountain rescue might best be appreciated when it is realized that Dr. Campell has been instrumental in keeping the European factions of the IKAR functioning as a cohesive rescue unit. The countries with full rescue membership are Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France, Germany and Yugoslavia. Kurt Beam recently visited Dr. Campell and reports that he is enthusiastic about the trip to the U.S. Linc Mason, Convention Chairman, is proceeding with all other necessary arrangements, aided by John Roalkvam, Co-Chairman, Mariona Allway, Secretary, and Mary Ann Byhre in charge of registrations.

MT. EVEREST MRC shares with the world the tremendous news that MRC member, Jim Whitaker, was the first American to conquer Everest. Two other members of the Everest Expedition, now heading up, Bill Unsoeld and Dr. Tom Hornbein, are former MRC members to whom MRC extends good luck.

RESCUE SEASON The ten essentials of the Mountaineers:

Compass	Sun-burn Lotion	First-Aid Kit	Map	Extra Food
Extra Clothing	Fire Starter	Flashlight	Knife	Waterproof Matches

In addition, MRC members on an operation are expected to have with them a two-day supply of food. Chairman Williams reports that the next most commonly inadequate item on rescue operations is clothing. Clothing must be adequate to support an operation involving probable storms and other conditions incidental to the rescue terrain.

Operation Leaders have discussed avalanches and their dangers and agreed that 75 feet of avalanche cord is a minimum requirement. Avalanche statistics illuminate one important point: Almost all avalanche accidents involve slides which are started by the victims themselves. Moral: Don't trigger the slide which will overtake you. Go below the slide area, or, better, go above.

The classic study on avalanches is Gerald Seligman's "Snow Structures and Ski Fields". This is scarce and has been out of print for years but a second edition will be printed if enough people with \$10 commit themselves to the author at:

Little Dane, Biddenden  
Ashford, Kent,  
England

Klindt Vielbig will explain if further details are needed.

Last item re equipment is that the official hard hat of the IKAR is now available at the Co-op for \$4.95.

GROUP LEADERS OUTDOOR CONFERENCE The Seattle MRC and the Seattle Times presented two conferences April 16 and 22 to leaders of church groups, Boy Scouts and others with responsibilities to youth groups in the mountains. Speakers were Paul Williams, Robert Byhre, Peter Schoening and Jim McGinnis. Dorrell Loeff was M. C. and served on a panel group which also included Ome Daiber and Dr. Otto Trott. Responsibilities of leadership, the planning, organization and control of outdoor trips highlighted the sessions.

MRSCO The Annual Meeting of the Mountain Rescue and Safety Council of Oregon was held April 20, 1963, at the Marion Hotel, Salem, Oregon, and was attended by D. E. Loeff, G. Sainsbury, Linc Mason and Paul Williams, Seattle; Ev Lasher and John Simac, Tacoma; Don Wilson and strong contingent of Seattle Explorer Scouts; and a group from the Everett rescue group. MRC member, Dick McGowan, displayed equipment available from the Alpine Hut.

ADD MT. BAKER OPERATION Although it is hoped that MRC will assist in the evacuation of the body of Joan Huckell from Mt. Baker, the Forest Service reports snow twenty feet deep at the location at the present time.

TACOMA ITEMS Ev Lasher is now the Acting Chairman of the Tacoma MRC, replacing Maj. Ray Costello, who has gone overseas to an Asian hotspot. The Tacoma unit participated in the Nisqually area search for the Park Ranger's son.

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SPACE NEEDLE WALK-UP The April 9 climb of the space needle, timed at 18 minutes, commemorated the 15th Anniversary of MRC. Clarence Carlson and Stella Degenhardt were honored for their contributions to MRC -- the absence of which would have materially slowed the growth and dulled the successes. Bill Westbo was recognized as a representative of the new membership of MRC. Ome reported the food excellent, beverage (?) delightful and climb exhilarating.

MAPS Did you know that Don Brown, and the Map Committee, ordered 1,420 maps at a cost of \$256.00?

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES A special committee composed of Klindt Vielbig, Chairman, Don Brown, Jerry Sabel, George Sainsbury, Ray Way and Dorrell Loeff which studied the qualifications and requirements of various categories of membership in order that greater uniformity of standards could be attained, has produced the following MRC sanctions:

- I. Sustaining Membership
- II. Honorary Membership
- III. Active Membership
  1. Regular Member -- no subclasses
  2. Support Members -- no subclasses
  3. Rescue Member -- subclasses below:
    - a. Rescue Summer
    - b. Alpine Rescue
    - c. Advanced Alpine Rescue

The committee further has classified the total membership and, if your new card has not yet been received, together with a classification under the above categories, it is in the mail.

The committee also recommended training divided into the following sections:

- Support Membership Courses -- Wilderness Rescue Course  
Alpine Rescue -- Summer Course
- Rescue Membership -- Alpine Rescue -- Year around  
Advanced Alpine Course

FINIS Plans for a monthly newsletter during the rescue season are being entertained; thus, items are solicited from all to be mailed to Editor, 5525 - 39th N. E., Seattle 5, Washington.

CALENDAR

June 4	-- Operation Leaders Meeting, State Patrol, Dexter Avenue
June 19	-- Board Meeting, 851 - 4th North
June 22, 23	-- MRA Meeting, Boulder, Colorado
July 2	-- Operation Leaders Meeting, State Patrol, Dexter Avenue
July 17	-- Board Meeting, Sand Point Naval Air Station
August 6	-- Operation Leaders Meeting, State Patrol, Dexter Avenue
August 21	-- Board Meeting, Sand Point Naval Air Station

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