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NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER CONVENTION Reserve the weekend of November 9 and 10 for the annual Mountain Rescue Convention to be held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Seattle, Washington. The conference will be highlighted with the presence of Dr. Med. Rudolf Campell, President of the IKAR, International Commission of Alpine Rescue. If anyone could be called the Father of present day Mountain Rescue, Dr. Campell would best fit this title. He will bring to this convention many years of experience in the field of mountain first aid. Much of the approved mountain first aid used by the Swiss Army mountain troops was pioneered by Dr. Campell. Appearing with Dr. Campell on a medical panel will be: William Mills, Jr., M.D., from Alaska, who has treated many frost bitten climbers returning from Mt. McKinley; Tom Hornbein, M.D., recently returned from the successful conquest of Mt. Everest and now on the staff of the University of Washington Medical School; Otto Trott, M.D., who, of course, needs no introduction to MRC members; and Kurt Beam, Section Chief of the National Ski Patrol System, who will act as moderator. Linc Mason, Convention Chairman, asks all those who have "sleeping bag room" for out-of-town guests to please contact him for further arrangements.

ED CHALCRAFT With the passing of Ed Chalcraft, MRC lost one of its earliest members. Ed was active in MRC from its start. While he was Film Committee Chairman the film "Mountains Don't Care" was made. Remember the fisherman in that film -- that was Ed. He was also a member of The Mountaineers.

FRANK FOTO Frank also died earlier this year after a long illness. He was a real friend of MRC. As snow ranger at Stevens Pass, Frank was always ready to help in any way possible. He gave many lectures on avalanche dangers through the years to Ski Patrol and MRC people. Frank was on the original snow survey party at Crystal Mountain.

EQUIPMENT SIGNOUT It is hoped that this item will serve as a memory stimulant. When the rescue truck or equipment there-from is taken, contact Ome Daiber (HU 6-3643) and Jacques Cubilie (AT 4-4439). When equipment from the State Patrol cache at Dexter or the North End cache at 155th and Aurora is taken, let Ome and Ray Moore (EM 3-2148) know. Remember, too, that all equipment must be signed out and signed in on the clipboards provided at the caches and truck.

FALL SOCIAL The gala event will be held on September 20 at the home of Pat and Paul Williams. Cuisine -- Potluck. Call Jan Newgard by the previous Tuesday or Wednesday (EM 4-6339) to coordinate what food to bring. Bachelors may donate approximately \$1.50 instead. Coffee will be served by the Williams.

For those who indulge, a keg of beer will be provided (for a small donation) or if you prefer, bring your own liquid refreshments. Dinner will be around 10:30, but come early. Those who wish to swim in the Innis Arden Community Pool should be at Paul's by 7 P.M. There is a swim fee of \$1.00 per person at the pool.

Directions to Paul's house are as follows: Proceed north on Aurora to 185th St. and turn left. Drive to 8th N.W. -- there is a Tradewell on the S.E. corner. Turn left on 8th N.W. to 180th, then right to 10th N.W. Turn left on 10th N.W. to 175th where you jog right to 12th N.W. Paul's house is 1½ blocks farther at 17048 12th N.W.

BOARD AND OPERATION LEADERS' MEETINGS These meetings are open to MRC members and interested friends. You are urged to attend. This is the best way members can stay up-to-date on current activities of the Council as well as contribute thoughtful suggestions on its operation.

WHY WEAR A HARD HAT? Paul Williams answers this question by the following account: "On August 23, 1963, Robert K. Byhre, our vice-chairman who is an experienced mountaineer, and his cousin, were scrambling up a gully on the lower slopes of Big Four Mountain about 500 feet above Big Four meadows on the west side route. The terrain was relatively simple and they reached a somewhat steeper band of rock with grass and wet moss immediately below a large basin. Bob apparently slipped on the moss while attempting to ascend this band. He slid approximately 75 feet before sliding over an overhang. He flew approximately 50 feet through the air, crossed a ravine and struck the far side of the gully head first. He then fell to the smooth gully floor and somewhere in course Bob and his hard hat unfortunately parted company. He then slid approximately 100 feet down the gully before striking brush and trees that stopped his fall. Circumstances were fortunate in that he was able to be evacuated within four hours to an Everett, Washington hospital by an H43 helicopter from Paine Air Force Base operating under very hazardous conditions in making the pick-up. His hard hat shows two distinct breaks from impacts as well as a third severe, scraping impact.

"Bob received extremely serious injuries from which he is now recovering. He received a brain stem injury, concussion, severe lacerations in his scalp, soft tissue injury to his right knee and probable right ankle breaks. Many of his friends in the Seattle Unit of the Mountain Rescue Council who were somewhat skeptical previously of hard hats have suddenly acquired them and are using them. We feel the lesson is clear. If it had not been for his hard hat Bob would be today, dead.

"Bob will be coming home shortly from St. Francis Cabrini Hospital and is responding nicely to treatment. I am sure he would appreciate receiving get well cards."

<u>CALENDAR</u>	Sept. 10	-- Operation Leaders' meeting, State Patrol, Dexter Avenue	Oct. 16	-- Board Meeting, 851 4th North
	Sept. 18	-- Board Meeting, 851 4th North	Nov. 5	-- Operation Leaders' Meeting, State Patrol, Dexter Avenue
	Sept. 20	-- Fall Social, 17048 12th N. W.	Nov. 9, 10	Mountain Rescue Convention and MRA meeting, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Seattle
	Oct. 1	-- Operation Leaders' Meeting, State Patrol, Dexter Ave.	Dec. 3	-- Operation Leaders' Meeting, State Patrol, Dexter Avenue
			Dec. 18	-- Board Meeting, 851 4th North