

Calendar of Coming Events

Oct. 7 MRC Operational Leaders Meeting, 8 p. m., Washington State Patrol.  
Tuesday

Oct. 15 MRC monthly board meeting, 8 p. m., School Administration Bldg., 815 4th N., Seattle. All members cordially invited. (Note to new members: these monthly meetings constitute our only scheduled periodic meetings. Anyone connected in any way with mountain rescue is welcome to sit in. It is an excellent way to get acquainted with others in the council and to make yourself known to committee chairmen for volunteer work.)

LUCK WAS WITH 20-YEAR OLD COED STRANDED ATOP MT. RAINIER

A combination of quick action and favorable weather worked to the advantage of Miss Naydene Nutley, Stanford U. student, who spent Aug. 31, Sept. 1 (Labor Day) and Sept. 2 on Mt. Rainier. She spent the entire nights of Sept. 1 and 2 on the summit in the steam caves.

An unofficial review of the case was made by Chairman Dorrell Looff for this Newsletter. At the time of transcription of the following notes, there had been no critique conducted so this cannot be taken as gospel. However every effort has been made to make it accurate. Actually the intent here is to show how the rescue forces rallied into action and how they proved successful.

MRC received a call at approximately 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, from Al Rose, chief Ranger of Mt. Rainier National Park, for an air drop on top of Mt. Rainier. Due to phone connections it was possible for Dorrell to hear only a portion of the request. However he phoned Sand Point NAS to ask for an air lift. The navy supplied not only the air lift but most of the gear in the air drop. MRC furnished its skia, some chemical hot pads and a thermos of hot coffee and the navy supplied sleeping bags, food, first aid equipment, clothing, oxygen and boots. The navy took the side door off their plane and was ready to fly by the time Dorrell and Ome Daiber arrived. It was a bi-motor and both the pilot and co-pilot were high-ranking officers of the base. The plane's crew were all MRC members, part of the MRC unit at the base.

The King county sheriff picked up Ome's gear at his home while Dorrell sped home from work and back to Sand Point with a police escort. Apparently the most hazardous part of the operation was Dorrell's breakneck speed trip through early-afternoon traffic at speeds approaching three figures. Incidentally, Dorrell says if you're ever called out on an air drop, wear plenty of heavy warm clothes.

The plane made five drops in eight passes, all close to the top. All the gear went "free fall", with no parachutes. The time now was about 3:30 p. m. and the plane returned to the base at 4:45 p. m. Naydene changed into the new navy clothes that were dropped and went back to the steam caves.

By 9 p. m., Summit guides Dick McGowan and Gil Blinn arrived and found Miss Nutley very low in physical strength and in fact ice-covered (from moisture at caves) but taking advantage of some of the air-dropped materiel. The summit guides arrival at a critical hour is considered an important factor in her being able to live through the event.

Miss Nutley---con't.---

The way the mountain trip started was that the girl and three others started climbing the mountain. Two stayed back during the summit dash and Miss Nutley and Mr. Schuster went ahead. She took ill at the summit, was unable to descend and two spent the night in the crater. Next day Schuster went for help. There are many details and unknown ramifications centering about the original party which bear mightily on the reasons for Miss Nutley getting into the jackpot. However, there are obvious lessons to be learned for rescuers from this experience and a study of the above details. The rescue parties' trips to the summit on foot were made in record time and all are to be complimented on their outstanding physical ability and mountaineering skill.

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MoResCO MEETS---that's "Mountain Rescue Council of Oregon"

Chairman Dorrell and Irv Herrigstad attended their conference held at Hoodoo Bowl, Santiam Pass, Ore., as representatives from MRC. Dates were Sept. 13-14. In spite of rain, there was an excellent turnout and a field practice was held until nearly dark on the 13th. There was a rewarding Sat. evening program, with talks by various rescue experts, Oregon State Aeronautical Commission, movies and a talk by Chairman Loeff. All rescue agencies in Oregon attended. The air show was rained out.

Scratch down the date of July '59 on your date calendar. It's the big rescue training conference scheduled for Mt. Hood. Will give you exact dates next year.

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TACOMA RESCUERS REALLY MEAN BUSINESS

Listen to this: Tacoma mountain rescuers are meeting weekly, concentrating on first aid training for all until everybody in the group has his advanced card. At their first turnout some 60 showed up. This will be a good solid group with plenty of all-round experience and an enthusiastic spirit. There is no reason why Tacomans cannot have one of the best teams in the region. They frankly need organizational assistance and said they would send up a flare when they need some one to come down from around Seattle to give 'em a hand.

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ANNUAL DUES STILL URGENTLY NEEDED

No slush fund....just \$1 per member to cover postage costs for Newsletters and other notices sent during the year. Did you know that Seattle merchants contribute time and materials for this Newsletter? Without their excellent unpublicized efforts our costs would zoom skyward.

Remember these three points:

1. Send \$1 duesto MRC, Box 67, Seattle 11.
2. Indicate your new phone number (and new address if you have moved).
3. State date of your F. A. card expiration. If no card expiration, so F.A. committee can have complete info. Thanks.

FORGAIN PRICE RETRACTED.....Real Price of Pins is \$1.50

Those terrific lapel pins you have been seeing on some MRC members don't cost \$1.00 as you may remember from our previous announcement, in the last Newsletter. Our sources of supply & information tell us this should have read \$1.50. So when you send in your \$1 dues, add another \$1.50 and you will receive one of the impressive MRC pins.

.....AND---as long as you are sending \$\$\$ to MRC, CONSIDER THESE NEW OFFERINGS:

Here's something that you can get stuck with....in fact they'll stick to everything. This is the new MRC decal, which sells three for \$1. There is one problem, should you sell your car, and that is to scrape off the old MRC sticker. It can be used on helmets and other equipment. This sticker not only identifies you to fellow MRCers but it also is good for our public relations. Put your \$1 in an envelope, along with a self-addressed & stamped envelope and mail to Bill Westbo, 2611 29th Ave., W., Seattle 99.

MRC Hard Hats offered at special prices. We have made an arrangement with one of the major suppliers of safety equipment to make a bulk purchase of fiberglass hard hats. These are the "modern" style as worn by jet jockeys and hot rodders, with no wide brim, just a slight peak in the front. They come complete with chin strap in orange or yellow. Specify color and send check for \$4.70 to Bob Byhre, 4806 University View Pl., Seattle. You may be refunded part of this amount, depending upon the volume of orders and the amt. of the discount we are able to get. For example, if the orders flood in there might be a slight reduction.

Equipment Notes: the word from Bob Byhre, equip. chairman, is that around 100 sectional steel probing poles have arrived from Germany.....equipment work volunteers needed and should phone Bob at LA.5-8353 right away.....the main project is the construction of 4 MRC bergtragas from stainless steel.

TV SERIES HAILED BY VIEWERS: Over 50 letters and cards came in from interested and appreciative TV-watchers following MRC's "Can You Survive" series on Educ. Channel 9. Publicity Chairman Bill Westbo who spearheaded the program says "Thanks" to all who helped.

NEW MEMBERS JOIN MRC: Accepted at the August board meeting were Don Schuler of Chelan, a forest service forester; John Young, Richland; Ray Barker, William Irion and Harry Thomas, all Bremerton; and Robert Petersen and Loren Norman, Port Orchard.

NORTH END TEAM & OPERATIONAL LEADERS joined up for their Sept. meeting at Sand Point and had as their program a talk, demonstration and movie by Bill Wilson, sales manager for the Clayton B. Merry Equipment Co., Leavenworth, Wn. He told how "Merry" equipment, both on wheels and tracks, is being widely used by forestry organizations, fire fighters, sheriffs and others involved in rescue and supply work in the back country. He has offered MRC free use of their machines in any rescue.

OUR STANDING OFFER: Ever hear of a newsletter without news? Yes, we have...but don't let it happen to us. Committee chairman and anybody else with scraps or news, information or notices, send to us at 8435 SE 36, Mercer Island.  
Thanks.....Ward C. Williams