TNSAR FIELDS A NEW ONE

The equipment committee has purchased climbing equipment; Doug Stewart, Randy Osterhuber and Rich Waller have put terrific effort into training and now there is a rock rescue class on 14 August. What's going on here? TNSAR is about to unveil a technical rescue team, fully-equipped for high-angle operations.

With a budget of $500 the equipment committee has purchased a complete set of climbing equipment. Application has been made to the Lance Severson Fund for $402 to buy ropes, and the Sheriff’s office has provided $350 for edge rollers. Training has been taking place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6pm at Trudee Boulder behind Longs, and Sundays at 0900 at the overlook on Highway 40 at Donner Summit. Training started with basic belay work and climbing techniques, and has just progressed to hauling and descending techniques with a litter. The upcoming schedule calls for an all-day rescue class on 14 August and more basic climbing on 21 August. Call Chris (583-1844) or Tod (546-4505) for info.

ORIENTEERING

July 10th dawned bright and clear after the stiff winds of the previous week, as seven hardy souls stepped forward and submitted themselves to the rigors of an orienteering course set by Chris Burnett and Tod Lloyd.

Orienteering is the art of map reading on the run, with check points scattered over a five-mile course. A compass is used to help the participants find the checkpoints one-by-one in a prearranged sequence.

With the map-reading skills of the participants at varying levels, a quick course in how to use a compass was the first thing on the agenda. This was followed by a jaunt around the “simple” course.

“Simple” is open to different interpretations and some participants didn’t find this course so easy.

The second course was more difficult and featured a checkpoint that was admittedly not easy to find. Only two people found it successfully, but some of the others got a beautiful view of the lake!

4 September is the date of the next orienteering exercise, 10am at the Highlands Community Center (Tahoe Nordic Center in the winter). Bring compass & beer.

—Chris Burnett

FROM THE EDITOR

As of this issue, TNSAR’s official newsletter Snow Job becomes a monthly, all year around! It seems like there’s too much going on, even in the summer months, for us to get out of touch. Be sure to contact The Editor, c/o Box 7773, Tahoe City, CA 95730 if your address changes or is listed incorrectly. Since the P.O. doesn’t return bulk mail, we have no way of knowing that you’re not receiving us unless you speak up.

Hopefully our artist-in-residence will have a new masthead logo for us shortly...so keep your eyes on that space.

And finally, the Board of Directors has agreed to allow Snow Job to sell advertising. That’s right, for only $10/month, $50/half-year or $80/yr. you can get your message to the 300+ souls on our mailing list.
Contact the editor for more info.

—Dave Fenimore

p.s. We’re always looking for contributions in the form of photos, cartoons or short pieces on TNSAR-related activities.
TRAINING SCHEDULE

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR SURVEYS if you haven’t done so already!

9 AUG—Rescue training, 6pm at Truckee Boulder

11 AUG—same as above

14 AUG—Rescue training, 9am at Donner Summit overlook

18 AUG—Climbing training, 6pm at Donner Summit overlook

21 AUG—Climbing training, 9am at Donner Summit overlook

25 AUG—Rescue training, 6pm at Donner Summit overlook

28 AUG—Rescue training, 9am at Donner Summit overlook

4 SEPT—Orienteering, at Highlands Community Center, 10am

11 SEPT—Rescue training all day at Squaw Valley beneath the tram

16 SEPT—Training in helicopter litter evac with Fallon NAS on Donner Summit

17-18 SEPT—Fall hike in Coldstream Canyon

22 OCT—Fall training

For more info call Tod (546-4505) or Chris (583-1844).

MARK EWING’S PARTIAL LIST OF NECESSARY TECHNIQUES FOR SUCCESSFUL LITTER EVAC

This is not meant to be a complete list, but something to be adding to!

KNOTS

BOWLINE

figure 8

double figure 8

double bowline

triple bowline

running on a coil

BELAYS

DEVICES

double fisherman

Prusik knot

water knot

boehman hitch

RESUES

Z system

spill coil

rope litter

stokes w/ attendant

parachute boulder

helicopter protocols

clove hitch

RAPPELS

RUNNING SHOULDER/ waist

body

 Abu

figure 8

stich plate

figure 8

carabiners

stich plate

muenter

Italian break hitch

TOYOTA

The Toyota Motor Co. has donated a 4x4 longbed pickup to our team as part of their “Community Safety Program.” We take delivery at an official presentation ceremony on Thursday, August 11th at 11 am in front of the Kings Beach Recreation and Visitors Center.

RIM TRAIL

The U.S. Forest Service and the State Park people are working on a trail around the top of the Basin, and they’re looking for volunteer organizations to “adopt” a mile or two of the route to construct and maintain it. Bob MacCumber will be coming to one of the general meetings this fall to give a slide presentation on the project.

The National Avalanche School in Reno has accepted TNSAR candidates Paul Wilford and Tod Lloyd for the November classroom sessions. The Bernie K ingery Fund kicked in $300 toward each man’s tuition, leaving them to pick up the $100 remainder for themselves. Congratulations to both of you, and we’ll look forward to some great clinics this season!