3 SAFE AT SUGAR BOWL—3 DIE IN CRASH

SNOWMOBILER RESCUES THREE HUNTERS

Russell Valley resident Vance Wood, an instructor at Sierra Nevada College, had the experience of rescuing three duck hunters several weeks ago when their boat capsized in Stampede Reservoir during a storm. Vance, who rides a snowmobile between his home and the highway, made repeated trips back and forth through white-out conditions to rescue the men and their dog. Two of the men were suffering from acute hypothermia—one of them had a core temperature of below 80°F—but all survived thanks to Vance, his machine and everybody’s good luck. The three victims are scheduled to appear at the January 2 meeting to give a brief account of their ordeal.

TRANSPORTATION NEWS
SCOOP HAS A SCOOP

Saturday, January 21 is the night of the 2nd Annual SAR Potluck Thiiokol Moonlight Tour on the slopes above Tahoe City. Plans are to convene at Scoop & Charlotte’s house on the corner of Cathedral and 89 South at 6 PM, for either a snowcat ride or a gentle uphill ski to the vicinity of Paige Meadows, where a well-fortified snow bunker will have been constructed, complete with underground “SAR Bar” and other facilities. Bring a salad or a dessert, and strong spirits if you require them; all else, including BBQ birds and beer, will be provided. Make your reservations by calling Scoop during the day at 583-3370.

In other transportation developments, team member Nancy Devon has volunteered to serve as the full-time TNSART truck driver, responsible for piloting our Toyota and its load of equipment to search scenes. She’ll be needing help, too.

EDUCATORS GET INTO GEAR

Winter Awareness Week has been set for January 23-27 this year at the Tahoe-Truckee schools, and Jan. 30 - Feb. 2 at the Incline schools. The program consists of outdoor demonstrations for grades K-8, and community-oriented slide shows and lectures in Truckee, Tahoe City, Kings Beach and Incline Village on the topics of survival and avalanche safety.

The 1984 theme is “The Three W’s”: Where (you’re going), Who (are you going with) and When (are you planning on returning)… all information that should be entrusted to a responsible person before any wilderness activity. Jeff says he’ll need a lot of help for this series of presentations, so if you can assist call him any day or evening at (702) 831-5449, and leave a message if he’s out.

There will be an Education Committee potluck dinner meeting on Wednesday night January 11, 6 PM at Jeff & Diane’s house, 987 Galaxy, Incline Village. Call for directions.

Jeff Menzer is teaching an intensive 2-day class in Winter Survival for Educators at Sierra Nevada College Jan. 7-8. The course, which costs $30 + $5 lab fee, focuses on winter awareness, physical and emotional reactions to being cold and lost, and specific survival skills. Lectures, discussions and fieldwork will all take place during the weekend, and guest speakers Rick Foster, Diane Iglesias, M.S., and Barry Levenson, M.D. will share their knowledge. To register call Sierra Nevada College at (702) 831-1314 or (916) 546-8356, or stop by the campus at 800 Campbell Road in Incline Village. Jeff recommends this course to anyone who is thinking of helping out in the schools during Winter Awareness Week.

APOLOGY

Sincere prostrations to long-time member Linda Kuecker, who went uncredited in last month’s report on the Fall Training. Linda was the creator of the delightful free lunch, which was capably served by others.

TRAINING SCHEDULE SET

Ted Lloyd has announced the tentative 1984 Training Schedule:

Jan.14—Helicopter work with CHP at Truckee Airport
Jan.22—Avalanche training on Martis Peak. Meet at the trailhead on Hwy. 267 at 9 AM
Feb.18 or 19—Combined training with Washoe County SAR on Mt. Rose
Mar.17-18—Overnight by the full moon, location to be determined.

Any questions, either now or the night before, call Ted at 546-4505. Times and locations of these and additional sessions will be announced and confirmed via meetings, this newsletter or call-outs.
LETTER

To: TNSART

Tod Lloyd and myself would like to extend our thanks to the Nordic team in general and the Bernie Kingery Fund in particular for allowing us to attend the 1983 National Avalanche School in Reno. Avalanche training of this caliber is not available anywhere else in the nation at this time, and we feel we came away with a "broad spectrum" educational experience. We are proud to have represented TNSART and to have been the first recipients of scholarships from the Bernie Kingery Fund. I'm sure that the opportunity for this type of education is what Bernie would want for us all.

Thanks again,
Paul Wilford
Tod Lloyd

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The regularly-scheduled membership meeting takes place on Monday night, January 2 at 7:30 in Granlibakken's Ski Hut. Guest speaker will be Squaw Valley USA's Jimmy Mott, who will talk on avalanches. There will also be timely committee reports on The Great Ski Race, Winter Awareness Week, the Valentine's Day Ball, and upcoming training sessions. Please don't forget to observe the one-way signs at Granlibakken; i.e., don't turn right and try to drive up the hill toward the main entrance, but keep to the left and watch for the ski hut on your left.

General meetings take place throughout the winter season on the first Monday evening of each month, except for the March meeting, which has been moved to February 27 due to the Great Ski Race on March 4.

LIBRARY DOINGS

Susan Antipa says she'll need volunteers to put up posters in the local libraries for Winter Awareness Week (see Education Committee report) during the last week in January. Also, instead of revising the SAR Book List issued last year, Susan wants to put together a supplement reflecting recent acquisitions. Call Susan if you're interested: 587-5062 (Truckee Library) or accost her at the January 2 meeting.

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