

# Snow Job

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## FALL OPEN HOUSE

Instead of the usual Marine boot camp this year, the Fall Training has been recast as the Fall Open House. We plan to put on demonstrations, displays of equipment, and have as many working members on hand as possible to explain their various duties and skills to the community. There's to be a barbeque and beer as well.

Date has been set for Saturday, October 13. The place isn't firmed up yet, but it could be the Commons Beach in Tahoe City, from 11 A.M. or so till the middle of the afternoon.

Board members Scoop Remenih, Tod Lloyd and Mike Wolterbeek have formed an organizing committee to pull this one off. Their first meeting is scheduled for August 20th. If you can help you ought to call one of them: they're in the telephone book, and they'll be awfully glad to hear from you.

## THE NEW QUIPPIES

Due to the press of personal business Chris Burnett submitted his resignation as Equipment Committee chair to the Board of Directors in July. The Board wasted no time in appointing Scott Schroepfer and Randy Osterhuber as co-chairs, with posthumous assistance from Burnett.

Their new duties will include, but not necessarily be confined to, maintaining our equipment and keeping it functional, conducting periodic inventories, and determining what new or replacement equipment is necessary.

If you have talents in this area and wish to help, or just have some suggestions, contact one of these fine gentlemen and let them know. Letters to P.O. BOX 7703, Tahoe City, will be forwarded.

Also in the line of equipment, TNSAR has made a request to the Alpine Winter Foundation for several pieces of much-needed gear. Stay tuned to find out if we are once again to be beneficiaries of this organization's generosity.

FLASH !!! Scott and Randy have announced, as a result of their first computerized inventory, that two (2) GoreTex parkas are missing and unaccounted for. If you have any knowledge of their whereabouts, please "fess up".

## WE NEED YOUR IDEAS

Late last winter a gentlemen by the name of J. Victor DeMello lost his life in an automobile accident near Chico. Vic DeMello was an employee at Alpine Meadows, and his parents specified TNSAR as recipient of donations in memory of this young man.

Thus far we have received just over a thousand dollars from friends, relatives, and fellow employees of Victor DeMello.

What we would like to do is something very special with these bequests. There is no shortage of places to spend more money in our various educational, administrative, and operational programs, but we want to do something different with the DeMello fund, something ongoing and concrete enough to point to and say to the wonderful people who chipped in on Victor's behalf, "That's a memorial to him".

If you can help the Board decide what would be the best thing to do, write to P.O. BOX 7703, Tahoe City, CA 95730 and let us know. We'd like to ask your help in figuring this one out.



## PARTY

On Saturday, August 18,

Doug Read invites one and all to a Fabulous Blow-Out and Celebration, in commemoration of:

Gary York's 21st

Doug Read's (well, he's not yet 40, but closing)

Ruth Schnabel's (well, she's not yet 50)

Janie Kellermeyer (not telling)

Eileen Hall's going away

Al & Missy Jensen got married, and...

THE NEW HOUSE !

Music with a real live DJ and 2 floors of dancing; that's 2100 square feet of fun (plus the garage). Valet parking available, but please--no tipping. RSVP by August 14th at 583-6381. Leave a message with whoever answers, and bring something to barbeque. Address is 4570 Ridgewood, between Carnelian Bay & Cedar Flat. Motorcyclists welcome !

## WINTER SURVIVAL ENCORE

Jeff Menzer is once again teaching his two-day Winter Survival course through Sierra Nevada College's Division of Continuing Education.

The course, scheduled for the weekend of December 1 & 2, consists of about half classroom and half fieldwork, including actual construction and utilization of emergency snow shelters. Guest lecturers give presentations on avalanches, hypothermia, and the psychology of being cold and lost.

Tuition for the 19-hour experience is \$40 (or \$50 for one Continuing Education Unit). For registration or more information call Sierra Nevada College at 546-8356.

## BURNETT TO TEACH SAR CLASS

Former Placer County Search & Rescue Coordinator Chris Burnett will be teaching a course titled "Introduction to Search & Rescue" through the California Community College District on the South Shore.

The class, however, will be taught at the Meeks Bay Fire Department, Monday nights from 6-10 P.M. First class meeting is on September 17 and last one is December 10. The cost is minimal for California residents.

Chris says that the course will introduce current theories and techniques of SAR. Topics will include search management training, resource management, survival skills, navigation, helicopter operation & safety, rock rescue, and search dogs. One of the objectives of the course is "to develop skills as a SAR person".

Registration for the course will be taken at South Lake Tahoe Community College, or at the first class meeting. Chris asks that if you plan to sign up on the 17th, please call him at 583-1844 so he knows you're coming.

## BASTARD

The Tuolumne County search reported on in the May/June issue which Chris Burnett flew down to evaluate turned out to be a real waste of everyone's time. According to the June issue of WOOF NEWS,

Twenty two year old Scott Stevens of Sonora, CA told friends that he was going to "walk to Yosemite" from Dodge Ridge Ski Area. Sometime late in April he purchased new snowshoes, a backpack, and other wilderness equipment from a local mountaineering store. When the clerk asked if he knew how to use the equipment and Stevens replied in the negative, the storekeeper tried to talk him out of the trip.

Early in May, Tuolumne County officials found Stevens' car parked at a snowgate above Summit Ranger Station off Highway 108. Foot searchers gridding the area found the missing man's wallet further upslope in the snow.

WOOF teams were requested by Tuolumne County at 1632 on 6 May, and advised to bring "full winter gear". Five teams were standing by or enroute when officials called back to cancel the search. Scott has called home from Kansas. His mother reportedly told officials that he had done this sort of "staged disappearance" before.

## TRAINING TIME AGAIN

Committee chair Tod Lloyd has announced his budget and training schedule for the new season in one fell swoop.

Lloyd, who is also a director of TNSAR, has arranged for the other directors each to organize and/or lead one training session during the year. The others will be run by Tod and his committee members. Special attention will be directed this year toward skiing likely search routes at Northstar, Alpine Meadows, Sugar Bowl, and Squaw Valley.

Training sessions are scheduled for one Saturday and one Thursday each month beginning in November.

### Dates are:

T 11/8 & S 11/25 (Tod Lloyd)  
T 12/7 & S 12/30 (Doug Reed)  
T 1/10 & S 1/27 (Scoop Remenih)  
T 2/14 & S 2/24 (Bob Moore)  
T 3/14 & S 3/14 (Charlie Kellermeyer)  
T 4/11 & S 4/28 (Dave Fenimore)  
T 5/9 & S 5/26 (Mike Wolterbeek)

Further details on each training will be announced at the General Meetings (1st Monday of each month, beginning 10/1, 7:30 P.M. at Granlibakken) and in the newsletters. For other information call Tod Lloyd at 546-4505 late mornings or early afternoons.

The traditional Fall Training has been restructured into an Open House, scheduled for 10/13. See article elsewhere in this issue for details.

Tod has also scheduled a weekend overnight outing for 9/15-16.

## FROM THE EDATUR

Don't put away those mountain bikes, sailboards, and lawn sprinklers yet, summer's not over by a long shot. It is time, however, to start thinking at least a little bit about getting organized for the fall. Notice I said fall, and not the word that comes after.

As we think about where all those woolen shirts and sticky tubes are stashed, we should also remember our brave little TNSAR newsletter, returning from the sunny fields of every-other-month into the dark, dimly-lit tunnel of every-month.

It's not actually as bad as all that. Marty, Mac, Linda, Mike and the gang down at Tahoe Crafts Printing make the production of this rag a breeze. What's difficult, though, is digging up enough drawings and photographs to distract you from the yards of print here.

So we're once again on our hands and knees (in a dignified manner) to ask you to remember us on your various outdoor activities for the next nine months or so. Shoot a roll of black & white once in a while, and have an extra print made for the ol' SNOW JOB. If you see a good, appropriate cartoon, line drawing or even a bit of verbal humor, clip it and send it in to the address on the front of this thing. Your editor will thank you, as will the 300 other readers who otherwise will have to grub through nothing but words, words, words.


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