FIRST MEETING OF THE SEASON

will be Monday night, October 7, 7:30 PM at
Grainbakken. The schedule remains the same for the rest of
the 1985-86 season: first Monday night of each month,
same time and place.

Traditionally the December meeting is a glorious potluck
affair, and the March meeting is one week earlier, on
the last Monday of February, to accommodate last-minute
details of the Great Ski Race.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

This fall the Bernie Kingery Fund Committee has
decided to send two TNSAR members to the National
Avalanche School in Reno. Tuition will be paid in full for
the two selected.

The seminars are scheduled for November but
applications must be filed very, very soon. If you’re interested
in applying, call Doug Read without delay at 583-6381.

KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT

If you’ve changed your telephone number at home or
work, it’s vital that we get a correction as soon as possible
so we can get in touch quickly if necessary.

This also goes for mailing and physical addresses.
Send your corrections, additions, and deletions to TNSAR
Secretary, PO Box 7703, Tahoe City CA 95730.

GALA OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 26, is this year’s date for the traditional
Fall Open House at the Tahoe City Commons Beach.

Close to two dozen Search & Rescue teams from
North Tahoe and surrounding areas are expected to par-
ticipate, showing off rescue equipment, snow, water, and
land rescue vehicles, and communications gear. Members
of the teams represented will operate information booths
and give demonstrations. Refreshments will be available.

TNSAR is only one of many all-volunteer and profes-
sional rescue groups in the area, and every skier and
Thiokol drivers work closely in the event of an emergency.
For example, snowmobile volunteers have saved skiers
many hours of labor covering flats and logging roads, and
hunting searchers into search areas and victims out of
them; and as one TNSAR member put it last year, without
the Communications Reserve we’d be “whistling in the
dark.”

So plan to attend the TNSAR Fall Open House, get
together with old friends, and help increase the local
community’s awareness of SAR and mountain safety.

P.S.—Event chairmen Tony Remenih and Mike
Wollerbeek can use some volunteer assistance with several
details of setting up the Open House. If you’d like to get on
their good sides by lending a hand, call one of them or
make contact at the October 7 meeting.

THIS YEAR’S ACTIVITIES - AN OVERVIEW

Besides social and informational opportunities offered
by the monthly general meetings, there are a number of
other regular functions carried on by TNSAR that invite
participation by members of all skill levels.

1) The Fall Open House is a good way to become
familiar with the entire Search & Rescue Community, of
which TNSAR is a part.

2) A regular training schedule will be announced
shortly. These one-day activities will once again be twice a
month, one weekday and one weekend day. Ranging from
mild recreational ski tours to longer, more grueling exer-
cises and full-fledged mock searches, these are indispensible
ways to become familiar with SAR equipment and
routines. More experienced winter outdoorsmen can have
their abilities verified, and beginners and intermediates will
have the opportunity to ski with some fantastic talents and
get their gear and survival instincts tuned up.

3) Education — just as important as ski rescues, this
part of TNSAR’s work attempts to reduce the need for our
services by going into the elementary and high schools, and
the community-at-large, with creative programs on winter
survival and mountain safety.

4) The Valentine’s Day Ball and Great Ski Race—these are the two main fundraising activities
TNSAR puts on each season to generate funds for the rest of our
activities. Numbers of volunteers are needed to coordinate
all the details. Sign up with the committee chairpeople as
the dates get closer (February & March).

5) Other committees — there are groups of volunteers
to handle equipment: purchasing (maintenance, transporta-
tion, food, dispatch telephone calling); food, public rela-
tions, library services, and other logistical and behind-the-
scenes services. And, of course, this newsletter is always
looking for good pictures, writings, reportage, and even
cartoons.

Many of the most active and effective members have
only been involved with the group for one or two years, so
if you’re new (or young, or old) plan to get involved! Attend
the monthly meetings, grab hold of a committee chair-
person, and find out what you can do to help promote
mountain safety.

GARAGE ON HOLD

This summer the TNSAR Board of Directors approved
in concept a plan to build a garage on the outskirts of
Tahoe City. The structure would shelter the team’s Toyota
truck, the Communications Reserve van, and possibly one
of the three Thiokols.

Land for the project was to be provided by the Forest
Service from a portion of the much-discussed “64-acre
tract” lying to the north of Highway 89, just off Fairway
Drive. The agency has since decided to reconsider its policy
on permissible uses of the 64 acres, so the TNSAR applica-
tion is in limbo until at least the end of the year.
SQUAW SEARCH SUCCESSFUL
A few weeks ago on September 17, TNSAR was called out in the rain and snow to search for a lost cross-country runner along the Sugar Bowl Squaw Trail. One of two runners had twisted his ankle, and his partner had left him at Mountain Meadow Lake to fetch help. Searchers climbing the trail from Squaw Valley heard the man crying out as they paused to adjust their clothing. He had continued on as best he could in the dark, until he fortuitously bivouacked at the edge of some cliffs to the north of the trail, in sight of the lights of Squaw.
In spite of torrential rain reported elsewhere in the local Sierra that evening, "We could see the Milky Way," reported searcher Doug Read.

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