GENERAL MEETING

The November General Meeting will be held Monday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Granlibakken Ski and Racquet Resort. Lt. David Dennis of the Placer County Sheriff's Department will be at the meeting to distribute Civil Defense Cards. If you haven't been issued a card, he can take your thumb print and give you a card right there on the spot. Remember, you must have a card to participate in trainings and on searches (or you won't be covered by insurance).

Other agenda items for the meeting are in the planning stages, and maybe President Doug Read will be showing slides of his recent bicycle trip to Europe and some Iron Curtain countries with Randy Osterhuber and Carl Toepnner.

NOVEMBER TRAININGS

The next training will be held Thursday, November 12. It will be a first-aid training and is being set up by Tod Lloyd. The location and time will be announced at the general meeting at Granlibakken on November 2. If unable to attend the general meeting, call Tod for more information.

The Sunday training in November will be November 15. The details of that training will be announced at the general meeting by Scott Schroepfer.

MORE TRAINING NEWS

Norm Wilson's Rock Creek Avalanche School this season is January 17-22. The cost is $350 and includes five days of on-snow work . . .

Randy McLain and Roz Mikens are attending the National Avalanche School in Denver this year. Funds from the Bernie Kingery Fund are being used to help defray their costs...

For those of you who need to get refreshed, in respect to your first-aid certifications, and have missed the current class at the Kings Beach Fire Department, Tod Lloyd has promised to keep us informed of when the next refresher courses for Advanced First Aid will be held. Remember, Advanced First Aid, or better, is required for participating on search and rescue missions . . .

There is a joint training in the works for this winter with the Washoe County Search and Rescue Team and the National Nordic Team. Scott Schroepfer and Jeff Menzer will be contacting those agencies to set up a training.

WINTER AWARENESS BROCHURES HANDED OUT

Ken McMaster and Mike Wolterbeek handed out hundreds of Winter Awareness Brochures (containing survival and winter education information) to cross-country and downhill ski shops in October.

They covered shops in Sacramento, Berkeley, Palo Alto and other communities in the Bay Area. All of the shops were happy to have the brochures available to their customers.

If you have any ideas or suggestions on where else we can send these valuable brochures let Ken know.

REPEATER TEST TRAINING—IT WORKS!

The radio repeater was tested in an impromptu training session near Ellis Peak. About ten team members on mountain bikes spread out between Blackwood Canyon and Ellis Peak to test the repeater, and according to Dave Fenimore, it worked perfectly.

The repeater was driven most of the way up to Ellis Peak in a four-wheel-drive vehicle. The team members were able to talk to each other from Blackwood Canyon to the McKinney-Rubicorn Rd. area very clearly. Without the repeater no radio contact could be made. The repeater is used to enhance radio signals into otherwise ‘silent’ areas.