

# Snow Job

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## MT. MCKINLEY CLIMBS FEATURED IN PRESENTATION AT NOVEMBER 3 MEETING

The Nov. 3 general meeting at 7:30 p.m. will feature a slide presentation of two climbs on Mt. McKinley (or Denali, if you prefer) by local mountaineer Dave Nettle, who is also a member of the China-Everest 1987 team.

The slide show will present two aspects of climbing McKinley: the less technical West Buttress route, which features a skiing approach, and the more difficult Cassin Ridge, which is one of the major alpine walls in North America.

Dave will talk about his trips up the 20,320 foot peak and the problems and differences of the two approaches. He will also speak about the China-Everest 1987 Expedition of which he is a member. The Everest expedition consists of a small team of American climbers, eight to be exact, who will attempt to climb the north face of Everest, from the China side in the Fall of 1987. The team include well-known climbers such as John Roskelley and Greg Sapp. No American team has scaled Everest from the north face.

The talk and discussion will begin at approximately 8 p.m. following a brief amount of team business. The public is invited to attend, as always, and bring a friend.

The meeting will be held at Granlibakken beginning at 7:30 p.m. See you there.

## OMNIPOTENT MISSING

Equipment Committee Chair Randy Osterhuber reports that the team's two-person tent, the Omnipotent, is missing in action. Although the team keeps a detailed record of our equipment, the flurry of activity during searches and trainings makes it possible for equipment to become unaccounted for, such as with the Omnipotent. It's a yellow and blue two-person tent, very lightweight and excellent to use during blizzard conditions. They don't make them like this one anymore. It's, like, irreplaceable. Check your closets, packs and car trunks. Information leading to the reacquisition of the tent will be rewarded with the satisfaction of knowing that the tent will again be put to good use. Contact Randy if you find the tent. Thank you very much.

## TRAININGS SET FOR NOVEMBER

The next training will be Thursday, Nov. 13 at 9 a.m. Tod Lloyd is organizing the training, which is a medical-type training. All ability levels of skiers are invited to participate. Bring skis, search/day pack, first-aid kit or supplies, and a sack lunch. Participants should meet at the summit of Mt. Rose Highway. Look for Tod or other team members standing around near the edge of the road.

The following training is Sunday, Nov. 30 and will be conducted by maestro Randy Osterhuber. Randy will lead the group on a ski tour to Snow Mountain, which is south of Kingvale. The details will be announced at the next general meeting, but you can be sure it will be an early start and an all-day ski.

On Dec. 11 TNSAR has a joint training with the El Dorado Sheriff's Department at Sierra Ski Ranch. The Thursday mock search exercise will be centered in the Huckleberry Flat area. Cross-country skiers and snowmobilers will be participating. Training committee chairman Scott Schroepfer will offer details as they become available.

The Dec. 28 training will be a David Fenimore production, and if you think we have information on that, you're dreaming.

## DONATIONS RECEIVED

The Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team, Inc. has received some donations over the past few months. Without donations such as these, we could not function as we do now. Donations are used to purchase new equipment, replace or repair worn-out equipment, fund education projects such as the Winter Survival Brochure and community winter awareness seminars, trainings and more.

Recently we've received donations from the Tahoe-Sierra State Parks Association, the Truckee-Tahoe Airport (from money raised during the Truckee Airshow this year), and the Bernie Kingery Fund received a donation from Edward and Gloria Crum of New Jersey. Thank you all for the wonderful donations.

## SAR OPENER RATED A-1

A great time was had by all. The first annual SAR Opener was a success, with 30 people participating in the "training" Oct. 18.

The emphasis was on fun, and that's what they had. The day started with a series of "problems" for each of the three teams to solve. By solving each problem the team would advance closer to the end of the exercise, and the barbeque. The exercises included compass work, map work, communications work (with the help of Bob Williams and Bob Dobbins and the communications van), avalanche transceiver practice and evidence-locating practice.

"The SAR Opener was a resounding success, it exceeded all our expectations. Scott and Debra Schroepfer and Mike and Kimberly Hogan were a tremendous help in organizing the day," Scoop Remenih said. The exercise, which was really a mixture of a light training and social event, was held in Blackwood Canyon, with a few new people attending. The barbeque was held in a picnic area in a small clearing hidden from view of the road. The activity got lots of interest going and was a great way to start off the year, Team President Doug Read said. Doug didn't get home until midnight. A full report will be forthcoming at the general meeting Nov. 3.

## NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Yes, it's official. Barbara Sutherland is the new Dispatch Committee Chairperson, which was announced at the last general meeting. Barbara has been a member of the committee for many years and a very valuable asset during search call-outs.

The importance of the Dispatch Committee should not be underestimated, it's one of the essential ingredients in facilitating a speedy response to a search call.

Mike Hogan, TNSAR board member, Truck Committee Chairperson and a long-time member of the Education Committee is the new Education Committee Chairperson. The committee decided that at its October meeting. Congratulations Mike and Barbara, and thanks.

## QUESTIONNAIRE YIELDS INTERESTING ANSWERS

The membership questionnaires mailed last month have been coming in steadily, with about 40 returned so far. The comments we have received are very helpful and will be implemented where possible. If you haven't sent yours in yet, there's still time. Some of the more provocative comments may be shared with the rest of the team at the Nov. 3 general meeting at Granlibakken. And thanks to all who have returned their questionnaires.



