

ALPINE RESCUE TEAM

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MEETING NOTICE:

A regular business meeting will be held on 9 March at 8:00 P.M. in Team Headquarters. Elected Officers shall meet one half hour earlier to prepare the agenda. All Qualified Rescue, Regular Active and Support Members as well as applicants and probationary members are required to attend.

The Treasurer will have a special report and proposal which will require everyone's attention.

COLORADO SEARCH AND RESCUE COORDINATING BOARD: After many years of seeking a more effective approach toward inter-group cooperation, the Regional Council of the Mountain Rescue Association has been successful in persuading our State Government to establish a Board which will evaluate and coordinate the various elements of search and rescue in Colorado. This new body will be explained in detail at our March meeting.

JANUARY EVENTS:

- 1 January: Last day of three-day winter mountaineering trip in Torrey's Peak area.
- 4-5 " Mt. Sherman aircraft accident mission and rescue-evacuation of Eldon Larson.
- 11 " Meeting; Colorado Search and Rescue Coordinating Board, State Armory, 300 Logan Street. Critique of Mt. Sherman Mission and Loveland Pass avalanche accident, (January 7th).
- 12 " Regular Meeting, Alpine Rescue Team-Evergreen. By-Laws amendments and election of officers. Officers for 1967-68:  
Team President - A. G. Lambert  
Team Captain    D. W. Moore  
Team Secretary - L. A. Wood  
Team Treasurer - W. A. Myers
- By-Laws amendments will be published shortly.
- 16-17 " Stand-By status: Reported aircrash near Westcliffe, Custer County. Report originated in a hoax.
- 20 " A press conference was held by the Regional Council-M.R.A. at the Albany Hotel. Good press, radio and television coverage was had. (Local paper, Canyon Courier, was invited but the editor did not feel that any of the news media would attend.) Perhaps we should form an amateur orchestra within the Team and butcher Beethoven, Bach &c-----we should certainly receive average notice then in our local paper.
- 27 " The Mountain States Telephone Company agreed to support the Regional Council at a level of \$100.00 per year. Their first check was received on the 27th.

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29 January: Al Auten, (American Everest Expedition) agreed to address the Mountain Rescue Association during the April meeting at Rocky Mountain National Park. Dr. Tom Hojnbein will appear on the program with Auten.

An executive meeting was held at Team headquarters to firm up arrangements for accommodations at Estes Park during the conference. Bill Myers states that food and lodging will be furnished at \$14.75 per full day. More will be published on this later.

Dale Messerly, formerly at Ft. Carson and now living in Lakewood was interviewed with respect to his joining Alpine Rescue Team. Dale is a strong and competent mountaineer who would be a valuable addition to the Team. Some ART people will remember Dale as the leader of the 'Death March' at Westcliffe three years ago.

30-31 " Alert and Stand-By status; Kansas Air National Guard F-100 presumed to have crashed in the Milner Pass area. Alerting was activated by General Moffitt through the Regional Council answering service. Major Mark Engel, (CAP) in charge of the headquarters at Granby. ART involvement will be covered in the February News Bulletin.

Fund Raising: A gift from American Metals-Climax has enabled us to retire our Bank Loan. This donation will get us 'out of the hole' but does not solve our problems by any means. We have heard through round about sources that ART "gets every thing it needs" This bum dope must come from some one who hasn't attended meetings for some time: No one is authorized to speak for the corporation but its Officers and Board Members. We hope that this will be sufficient warning.....

Training: Training classes will resume one week after the conclusion of the First Aid classes. A revised training bulletin will be published. Please disregard the current schedule. Please contact the Secretary, Lin Wood for information.

C.A.P. On January 17th, Rod Smythe (RMRG) and Al Lambert (ART) were invited to address a meeting of Civil Air Patrol Group Leaders at Lowry Air Force Base. They were courteously received and heard. We have reason to believe that our problems with the Civil Air Patrol can be resolved. Col. Shearer was emphatic in his remarks to the group leaders with respect to the experience and competence of M.R.A. teams.

Jurisdiction: The jurisdiction of the County Sheriff over humanitarian search and rescue appears to have been placed in grave doubt by a study of the question recently made by Tad Koeberle, Regional Council attorney. A.R.T. will take no particular action with respect to this opinion until the State Attorney General's Office completes a similar study.

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SECRETARY

FIRST AID TRAINING:

Thursday February 16, was the last session of the Advanced First Aid course sponsored by the Red Cross. About 10 or 12 of our Support members completed the course in high fashion. CONGRATULATIONS

TRAINING CLASSES:

In accordance to the wishes of our Team President, Training will begin on March 2 (Thursday). Please bring your texts. TIME: 7:30 PLACE: Team Headquarters WHO: All Explorers required. Other members are invited.

PATCHES:

A.R.T. patches and M.R.A. patches will be available at Team headquarters during all meetings and training sessions.

MRA PINS:

M.R.A. pins are now available at the Team Headquarters. It would be good if all members could have a pin for the up-coming M.R.A. National Conference, to be held at Rocky Mountain National Park in April.

MONEY:

Do you owe the team any money? With the payment of our outstanding loan, we have about \$10.00 left in the Treasury. If you owe for books or patches, please settle your debt as soon as possible.

BOOTS:

It won't be long before we are into the rock season again. Better give that equipment a good going over. A pound of preventions is worth a lot. Several persons have mentioned the need for new soles on their boots. It has been suggested that we might take them all down at one time. If you are interested, let me know and we will make a decision in the near future.

Lindon Wood

Secretary.