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RESCUE

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BLACKHAWK UP – MUTUAL AID TO CUSTER COUNTY HORSEBACK ACCIDENT – AUGUST 13, 2007 --ROSS “MAC” MACINTOSH

I was on the phone with Kris Walker when he put me on hold for a call from George Gunn. Kris re-joined the conversation with “Wanna take a ride in a Blackhawk?” I carefully considered my options on a day that was less than interesting and very quiet, and responded in the blink of an eye, “You betchya!” An urgent response was needed for a male who got bucked off a horse up Stanley way. His injuries were serious (“possible flail chest”); he weighed 270 pounds; and those on scene did not have the manpower to carry him 3/4 mile to the probable helicopter LZ for Life Flight. The National Guard was willing to fly us to the mission.



The carryout was not easy.

—Photo by R. Macintosh

We met at the Compound

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and off to the National Guard Military Aviation Support Center we went. After a quick briefing by the crew, we loaded and headed to the scene. Stopping off at Idaho City to hot-load Jerry Newland, we got to the destination in a short while. Unbelievably enough, one of our searchers (who I believe serves in the military) actually fell asleep on the flight and woke after we landed! Fortunately, the pilot was able to land much closer to the site of the accident than the predicted 3/4 mile. We gathered our gear and followed the lead of a local horseman up the hill to the scene, where the injured man was not in good shape at all. The medics packaged the patient and we set to very carefully carrying the patient down a nasty loose windfall-strewn trail to Life Flight. As much as we tried to make the carry as comfortable as possible for a patient that was tanked with morphine, he was still in a lot of pain.

With the Life Flight helicopter en route to the hospital, we took photos of the event, as it was a first for a few of us who now have our Blackhawk wings (blades?) Being as the remaining help outnumbered the seats in the craft, the Blackhawk taxied the Custer County crew back to Stanley and returned to complete our day with an exciting terrain-following trip home. After off-loading Jerry at the Idaho City airport, the crew spread the remaining gear and people around the flying bus and locked the doors open for the flight of a lifetime. Owen of course got a crew seat home, facing directly out to the left of the aircraft with a fully-articulated harness that he was more than impressed with.



Ron and Tim are ready to fly.

—Photo by K. Walker

Upon landing and realizing that it was still daylight, it became apparent to us that we had done the mission and returned in almost the same time it would have taken us to be arriving on scene by road. I had a flashback of the arm-stretching carry-out we had just performed and was thinking it's never an 85-pound subject. We were all still buzzing with adrenalin from the ride when I asked, "Does anyone remember carrying out the patient?" to which the only reply was..."What patient?"

The medical report we heard later did not confirm the flail chest, but the subject did have a ruptured spleen. A lengthy extraction could have been fatal. Many thanks to the National Guard, pilot Col. Clemons and the helicopter crew for getting us up there to help!

IMSARU members participating included Tim Henning, Tom Kearney, Mac Macintosh, Owen Miller, Ron Moomey, Jerry Newland, Lee Pierce, Kris Walker and Eric Zuber.

**FAILED TO ARRIVE AT CAMPGROUND – PINE CREEK AREA
AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1, 2007
--CHARLOTTE GUNN**

A 49-year-old woman was last seen as she left work at about 4:40 p.m. on Thursday. She was to drive her pickup camper, towing a trailer with two ATVs, up to meet family and friends at a campsite on Pine Creek Road that evening. When she had not arrived by mid-morning on Friday, the family notified the Boise County Sheriff's Office. They did the preliminary search, assisted by Forest Service personnel, then called us at around 2 p.m. Ada County Aerial Sheriff Jerry Terlisner flew the air search with Carl Kidwell and Tom Kearney as observers. They were unable to spot a vehicle matching the description in the Rabbit Creek-Pine Creek-Thorn Creek area; they were able to safely wait out that major windstorm on the ground at the Idaho City airport.

Anyone familiar with the destination area knows there are lots of roads and tracks that do not appear on maps; some actually go somewhere and many abruptly dead-end or simply peter out. The best guess was that the subject had picked the wrong branch at some junction and ended up in a spot where she would be unable to turn around the truck and trailer...or was totally lost many miles from the planned campsite. With a camper packed for a long holiday weekend and her little white dog for company, it was unlikely she was in immediate danger unless she had driven off the edge of a road—not as frequent an occurrence as getting lost in this area, but easy enough to do in the dark—but neither was she likely to just appear where people were expecting her.

So, 17 of us started our Labor Day weekend by reporting to the Compound at 5:30 a.m. on Saturday. (O.K., 15 of us did that; Jerry and Rick met us in Idaho City, as did the two pilots.) After a briefing by Chief Deputy Bill Braddock and Capt. Dale Rogers, and much study and discussion of maps, the two planes took off with Carl and Capt. Rogers as observers. We then assigned road search areas to one team on ATVs and five vehicle teams. Most of the teams had barely reached their assigned areas and started to search when, at about 8:30 a.m., something caught the eye of Jerry T. and Capt. Rogers. A second pass over the same swath identified the pickup camper and trailer, then a small white dog and then finally a woman. The woman and dog were walking away from their vehicle, but the circling plane cued them to return to it.

It took another half hour to get the Chief Deputy's vehicle to the subject, guided by GPS coordinates and low-circling plane. Person and dog were both fine and happy to accept a ride to their family campsite; missing vehicle was high-centered and would wait for a tow truck. We don't know whether the subject was just passing time with a stroll or had decided to walk out; she was actually very close (as the crow flies) to her intended campsite. Had she continued to walk in the direction she was headed, however, it would have been a very long distance to anywhere.

It took another hour to get all personnel and vehicles back to the Sheriff's Office. After debriefing, we headed for breakfast at Trudy's Kitchen, where we tested the theory that extra calories can make up for missed sleep.

IMSARU personnel included B.J. Avila, John Ferguson, Ann Finley, Charlotte Gunn, George Gunn (O.L.), Tim Henning, Linda Kearney, Tom Kearney, Carl Kidwell (air observer), Wade Kimball (ATV), Mac Mackintosh, Clint Mathews, Jerry Newland, Kris Scovel, Dan Scovel, Kris Walker, Rick Webster (ATV) and Everett Wood (ATV). Rod Knopp handled in-town coordination. Ada County Aerial Sheriffs pilots were Jerry Terlisner and Wayne Thiel.

Thoughts from this mission:

1. We discussed afterwards the relative merits of doing road searches with two people per vehicle (so one can be full-time searcher while the other can drive safely) vs. two vehicles with one person each (so that if one vehicle gets stuck on the bad road, the other can help extricate it.) Decision was that it depends on the circumstances. Ideal would be two vehicles carrying two people each, but that's not realistic for searching large areas with limited resources.
2. Aerial search is a great tool, but luck helps a bit, especially in forested areas. Who would have expected to see a little white dog before seeing the person? And that pilot is sure they flew over that same area three times on the Friday-afternoon search, but on Saturday morning the light was different and the angle of sight presumably was also.
3. Mac and Kris S. hold the new record for fastest road search of their assigned area. Their road was totally blocked by boulders about 200 feet from its starting point. (As we said, the map's relation to reality may be tenuous.)

CONSERVATION WEEKEND AT CABELA'S – SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2007 --TOM KEARNEY

Kris Scovel, as Public Relations Officer, received the invitation to participate in Cabela's Conservation Weekend for kids—with hands-on games and contests for ages 14 and under. However, she was going to be out of town that weekend, there were only a couple of weeks for preparation, and we had never done anything quite like they were expecting. Not to worry—IMSARU members to the rescue! The members voted to accept the challenge and allocated money to fund the prizes—sort of a reverse fund raiser. B.J. Avila attended the final planning meeting with Cabela's staff; Kris bought the prizes (survival tools and water bottles); Rick and Lori Thompson assembled—not an easy task, putting the gear AND a large orange plastic bag into a one-liter bottle.) I said I would oversee the operation. Jeff Munn, Wade Kimball and I agreed to come up with games for the kids.

Over the next week everything fell into place. Christine Huether, a co-worker of mine, donated a Boy Scout Survival Handbook, which became the “grand prize.” Jeff put together a compass game and a “make the stretcher” challenge. He even dressed our two mannequins, “Randy” and “Russell,” for the event. (Ask Rick how he liked having a co-pilot.) Wade devised the two most popular games, a “Survival Bingo” game using Skittles or M&M's for markers and the “Ten Essentials” game. I wrote up some answers and questions for Jeopardy.

The two-day event went very well. There were a couple of minor glitches: We found out at the last minute that the hours were shorter than originally planned; B.J. Avila and Lee Pierce, scheduled to work partial shifts on Sunday, didn't have to come at all, but we'll get them next time. There was also a pop-up shelter sans canopy, and the weather could have been better, but all in all it was a successful mission. My job was made easier by the willingness of other IMSARU members to help out.

Thanks to all who participated, to Christine Huether for her generous and timely donation, and of course to Cabela's for giving us the opportunity to participate in such a worthwhile endeavor. IMSARU members who worked included Brad Acker, Tony Barrett, Lynde Christensen, Collin Garner, Dave Gomez, Tom Kearney, Carl Kidwell, Wade Kimball, Clint Matthews, Jeff Munn, Lori Thompson, Rick Thompson, Rose Wood and Everett Wood.

MANTRACKING CLASSES – AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 2007 **--LINDA KEARNEY**

Short version of what a tracking class is: You spend 4 to 8 hours driving to the location. Work the first day from 8:30 a.m. until about 10 p.m., the second day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the third day from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Then you get back into the car and drive home. While there, you have had some classroom instruction and a lot of hands-on. Maybe I should say "eyes-on." Bloodshot eyes, fatigue...and yet we keep going. It's all about training you to see what is different.

No two classes are the same. The terrain, weather, and critters (human and animal) are all going to change the tracks. And yet the mantracker team is growing.... There must be something to this. Let me fill you in: I have been around a few years, lived in a lot of different places, and met a lot of wonderful people. There are very few that have a real passion for what they do. That number goes down even further when you are talking about a person who can inspire that passion in others. Joel Hardin is that person in tracking. Just when you can't see any more, he walks up and can toss twigs in the next six footsteps, and you wonder, "Why didn't I see that?" You need to look for what is out of place, not only on the ground but also above.

Anyone can track in mud or snow. Try tracking in pine needles, across the desert or in heavy brush. It takes a team of three to do this best. You can't learn the skills in just one session and certainly can't just keep them. This is a perishable skill that diminishes in thirty days. Doing it well is a commitment that the team makes. Joel is now talking more about trackers banding together as associations. Lists will be made so law enforcement officers will know whom to call if trackers are needed. The need to write reports and maybe testify in court will become greater in the future.

I came back from the August class in Stanley, Idaho, to find out that in two weeks there was another class in Polson, Montana. Ann cheerfully agreed to take the class with me. I had never been up there before. It is a beautiful spot but tracking was hard because it was heavy brush and very dry.

For both classes, the location was beautiful, the food was good and the people were great. You catch up with old friends and make new ones. For all the hard work that goes into this, it is very rewarding.

IMSARU members who took the Stanley class were Ann Finley, George Gunn, Carl Kidwell, Kevin Nehila, Dan Scovel, Kris Scovel, Lori Thompson and myself. Ann and I took the Polson class. Contact any of the above people for more information on tracking.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Special thanks to some of the many people who have helped us:

Thyne Murdoch for a cash donation.

Race to Robie Creek Committee for a cash donation.

Carl Kidwell, who got the estimate of \$800 to repair our water-line leak and decided to save the unit money by digging down the five feet or so and replacing the broken valve himself.

David Thigpen, who has volunteered to be our Webmaster and has our website up and running again after a six-month hiatus.

Individuals who made cash donations **in memory of Richard Grass:**

Kathleen Longstoth	David & Sally McColly
John & Karen Vehlow	Carolyn Wolinski
Steven & Kathy Brich	Rhea & William Grass
Robert & Lonnie Hensler	Dale and Loreen Caverly
Kathryn Cuendet	Jim & Robbie Taipale
Janet & James Batkoski	

For help in outfitting our new mobile command post trailer:

Tom Honnold of **Interstate Battery System of Boise** for donating two AGM batteries.

Troy Tapp at the **Schucks Auto Supply** on Ustick for the generous discount on searchlights.

Dan Knighten and **Larry Stokoe** of **Pacific Steel** for donating the materials to build a roof rack for the trailer.

TRAINING AND MORE TRAINING --CHARLOTTE GUNN

Question: How much training does it take to become an expert SAR person?

Answer: Enough to teach you that you always need more.

Most people who join IMSARU want to do field work of some kind. We insist that they first become competent basic searchers, willing and able to do the everyday, non-glamorous work safely as part of a team. Many then choose to add specialties—medical, mantracking, K9 SAR, technical rescue, search management.... Whatever the level of participation, on-going training is a given. Our unit's ordinary schedule includes medical training on the third Tuesday of the month and SAR training on the second Tuesday plus the following weekend.

Last month, we had SAR Management training on two Tuesday evenings plus a full weekend. For medical training, we learned how to interact safely with a medical helicopter from Joe Levich of St. Alphonsus' Life Flight. There's an article in this issue about mantracking classes our members attended in Stanley, Idaho, and in Montana, and a few of us are registered for another in Kelso, Washington later this month. The technical rescue team trains on the first Monday on each month, plus various field excursions. The canine team officially trains two weekends of each month, and smaller groups do additional sessions as schedules permit. There will

be a Field Certification class (the very basic introduction to our unit's expectations) later this month.

Do you wonder how we find the time and energy for all of this, in addition to the maintenance of the organization and the fund-raising, safety education, and public relations events...oh yes, and missions? So do we. We are all volunteers and the majority of our members have to work for a living and to support their SAR habit, but we are all proud to be part of a group that cares enough to do it right. To paraphrase an advertising slogan, "Search and Rescue is our passion, not our business."

IF THIS IS OCTOBER, CAN CHRISTMAS BE FAR BEHIND? SPECIAL EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2007

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m. Bill and Marty Lindenau will be hosting it again this year at 1407 S. Cotterell Way. If you did not attend last year or you did but your memory is less than perfect, here's how to find their house: Heading west on Overland, pass Maple Grove and turn right (north) on Cotterell Way. Stay to the right past Delaware. After you pass Delaware, there are two big willow trees, a stump, a pine tree and a maple tree in the yard on the left. The house has a brown roof and, if like last year, will have beautiful Christmas decorations everywhere.

This is a potluck dinner, so bring a big dish of your favorite food to share. Soft drinks, hot beverages and table service will be supplied by the unit, but please do bring serving utensil(s) for your food. Dress is as casual or as dressy as you choose. Spouses and special friends are invited to join us and meet some of those SAR-types you've been talking about. Events will include a review of some of the year's humorous moments, serious awards to people who've done a lot of extra work for the unit and, rumor has it, another media show by Jerry and Jennifer Newland.

Come prepared to eat lots of good food, tell and listen to stories, relax, and celebrate IMSARU.

GIFT WRAPPING AT CABELA'S

We will again be wrapping gifts at the Cabela's store on Franklin during the shopping season. Exact dates and times are not yet set as of printing deadline, but we will need lots of help. This is our second-biggest fundraiser of the year, so please make time in your busy holiday schedule to work several shifts. You don't have to be artistic; we advertise "rustic" wrapping.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, AT 3 P.M.

Part of our rustic wrapping includes home-made bows, and we need thousands of them. We meet at the Compound and turn paper twist and various other materials into bows of many colors. If you have an electric drill, a small wire-cutter and/or scissors, bring them. (It's wise to put your name on your tools.) We also need multiple glue-guns for attaching decorations to the basic bows. If you have artistic talent, so much the better; if you don't, there are plenty of routine tasks for willing hands. [Note: We already started this project on October 6, but you still have lots of opportunity to participate.]

CALENDAR

IF PLACE NOT LISTED, EVENTS WILL BE AT THE COMPOUND, 2519 FEDERAL WAY.

Oct. 13	SAR Field Training – ELT – Bob Meredith Training will run into Saturday night; you may want to camp.	Meeting Time & Place TBA
Oct. 16	Medical Training	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	K9 SAR Training – Contact Linda Kearney at 321-1175	
Oct. 21	Make bows for Christmas gift-wrapping	3:00 p.m. At the Compound
Oct. 23	Business Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	NO MEETING SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	
Nov. 4	K9 SAR Training – Contact Ann Finley at 336-1485	
Nov. 6	General Meeting – ELECTION OF OFFICERS	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	SAR Training – tentatively Helicopter Operations	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	SAR Field Training	Time & Place TBA
Nov. 18	K9 SAR Training – Contact Charlotte Gunn at 378-7787	
Nov. 20	Medical Training	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 27	Business Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 1	IMSARU CHRISTMAS PARTY See information in this issue.	7:00 p.m. At the Lindenaus'
Dec. 2	K9 SAR Training – Contact Winston Cheyney at 345-6329	
Dec. 4	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	SAR Training [Traditionally, there is no weekend field training in December.]	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	Medical Training	7:30 p.m.

EXACT SCHEDULE IS NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME, BUT THERE WILL BE MANY SHIFTS OF GIFT-WRAPPING AT CABELLA'S. BE SURE YOU SIGN UP TO COVER SOME OF THOSE SHIFTS.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2008 – NOVEMBER 6, 2007

At the general meeting on November 6, we will elect officers for the coming year. Offices to be filled include:

*Coordinator	President
Vice-President (also responsible for Safety Education and New Members)	
Secretary	Treasurer
*Training Director	Facilities Manager
Logistics Director (responsible for vehicles and non-technical equipment)	
*Technical Director	Medical Director
Public Relations Director	

*The offices of Coordinator, Training Director and Technical Director require a technical background equivalent to Rescue Specialist (current or past). Other offices are open to anyone willing and able to do the job.

We need a combination of experienced people continuing in their offices for another year and new blood coming in with new energy and new ideas. If you are willing to run for an office, or if you wish to nominate someone, contact Tony Barrett or Martha Vandivort. Please do not just assume that the same people will keep doing the same jobs forever. It is a lot of work to keep such an organization running, and some of our stalwarts are showing fatigue. Let's not burn them out completely.

The other part of this is each member's obligation to pitch in and help with the workload. If you aren't an elected officer, you still need to volunteer as assistant to an officer...or offer to spearhead a work project or fundraiser...or take on your own project. (Suggestions: Clean the Compound bathroom at least once a month; haul the trash as needed; take the plastic and cans for recycling; write the thank-you letters as needed; be responsible for re-charging and re-packing radios after every event; volunteer to check the phone message mailbox daily and follow up on the calls; become the record-keeper of member participation and status; do weed patrol every couple of weeks during growing season; take over care of the flower garden and tree; etc.)

We already have several appointed non-Board positions, such as New Member Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Financial Officer, Procurement Officer. There are suggestions that we should split off part of the workload from Board offices to additional appointments, such as Training Records-Keeper, Fundraising Coordinator, and perhaps others. Please give some thought to how we can distribute the workload more equitably, and how YOU are willing to help.

MORE WAYS TO HELP RIGHT NOW

1. Give nominations for serious awards—who and why—in writing to Charlotte Gunn.
2. Share ideas for humorous “awards”; also give these to Charlotte.
3. Give copies of photos of the year's events—missions, work projects, public events, training sessions—to Jerry and Jennifer Newland for their media presentation.

SEASONAL ADVICE (REPRINT, REVISED)

--GEORGE GUNN

With fall's change of weather comes the IMSARU members' ritual of changing the contents of the field pack. Start with the pack itself: Are the buckles and straps still secure? Is the stitching OK? Are there frayed spots on the bag that could cause problems if not attended to now? A little "seam sealer" or a few stitches or some replacement hardware could prevent a breakdown on a mission. Is the pack clearly labeled with your name? Finally, this is a good time to evaluate that pack's suitability. Does it carry all your gear, including winter needs, plus team equipment? Is it still comfortable with a reduced mission load? If not, maybe you can talk Santa into an early visit.

IMSARU suggests that members use a two-piece system: a field pack and a large duffel or pack that you will leave in base camp with all that stuff that you had to bring from home but your team leader and you don't think you will need today, once you have seen the local terrain and weather. This "overflow bag" holds the gear that converts a 24-hour pack into a 48-hour pack and that is not basic to every mission but may be needed depending on circumstances. I recommend you include a tarp or poncho that can be placed on the ground to keep things clean and dry while you transfer stuff back and forth. Also label this bag, to increase the chances that you will be able to locate your belongings after shifting between vehicles or radioing back for someone else to pull something that is needed.

If you don't have the luxury of a dedicated rescue pack, you might try the trick of color-coded bags. When that call comes in the middle of the night and your brain is not at its best, all you have to do is remember to grab the orange bags. A tag on the rescue bag that reminds you of items needed is a good trick too. We don't think of sunglasses when it is dark. There is water at the Compound if you forgot to fill up, but you should have your water bottles. I keep a lunch packed in the freezer but have to remember to pick it up. And trail snacks need to be rotated out. (I just found some old GORP that even the dog wouldn't eat.)

Speaking of food, remember that higher-calorie food is appropriate in cold weather, and you will probably eat more of it. How about an unbreakable thermos of hot beverage, or at least a travel mug that will get you through the first few hours? And clothing is completely different from summer. "Cotton kills" is not an idle phrase when the thermometer drops. However, you may still hit warm days when you need only one or two layers of that lightweight wool or fleece or polypropylene or other miracle fabric. Just be sure you also carry the additional layers for when the sun goes down. We talk about the three layers—wicking layer next to the skin, warmth layer in the middle, and waterproof/windproof layer on the outside—but of course that warmth layer may be multiple layers. Unless you're just standing around in base camp, several lightweight layers are much more likely to be comfortable than one Arctic-weight parka.

For the 48-hour pack, don't forget the extra food, stove and cook set, sleeping bag, toiletries kit, extra clothing, and tent or tarp. You will usually be back in base camp for the night—but not always. Even if you are, there may not be enough extra people there to supply your comforts. And don't forget your snowshoes, poles and backcountry skis if you have them. Rain in the valley usually means snow in the mountains.

**CORN BOOTH – AUGUST 17-26, 2007
--CHARLOTTE GUNN**

The weather was great, fair attendance was up, and we were kept very busy. Did we make more money than last year? We don't know yet. Expenses were up, but we don't yet have all the bills. Do we need to raise prices, or depend on high volume? We'll talk about that before next year. Do we need to schedule more people during the weekday shifts? Yes!

As always, we owe thanks to a lot more people than can be named here. Tom Kearney supervised the set-up and take-down of the booth. Everett and Rose Wood worked all the weekday day shifts. Terry and Susan Read worked the full week of day shifts, then offered to come in again on the final Sunday when it looked like we were really short of help. Dan and Jean Iverson came to town for three day shifts. The Newlands and the Munns each gathered full crews of family and friends for their shifts. The Boise Corporation supplied volunteers for the night shifts on the final Friday and Saturday. Lots of family and friends pitched in along with almost 50 members to get the project done. **THANK YOU, EVERYONE.**

Highlights included one brief but strong wind-and-rain storm that didn't seem to faze the crowds, trying to scrub clean that old sink (already replaced for next year), Sheila Ford's trading skills (rivaling those of Dave Gomez), the Chinese acrobats in the performance space behind us, and the temperamental fits of our old "for personal use" refrigerator.

My rough tally shows the following people as having worked three or more shifts, including the set-up and take-down: B.J. Avila, Tony Barrett, Jim Cooper, Lynde Christensen, John Ferguson, Collin Garner, Charlotte Gunn, George Gunn, Tim Henning, Dan Iverson, Jean Iverson, Linda



The wind was strong, but our crew held it together.

—Photo by G. Gunn

Kearney, Tom Kearney, Carl Kidwell, Mike Mancuso, Clint Matthews, Jeff Munn, Kevin Nehila, Susan Read, Terry Read, Phil Sander, Tom Wheless, Everett Wood, Rose Wood, Jimmie Yorgensen and Eric Zuber. The gold star goes to Clint Matthews for 13 shifts! (Yes, that includes double shifts on several days—makes me tired to even think about it.)



This is our first step in preparing corn for sale.

--Photo by G. Gunn

SPECIAL NOTICES

A Mountain Bike Team?

The article on pages 6-7 mentions recent training and some of the specialized skills our members choose to develop. We hope we are close to adding an additional group. Several members have expressed interest in forming a Mountain-bike Team, which could be really useful on trail searches, as well as in-town events like the Great Potato Race. Rick Thompson is collecting the names of interested members, so be sure he has your name if this sounds like your kind of activity.

Refrigerator needed.

The ordinary refrigerator that we use at the Corn Booth for workers' lunches, snacks, etc. has decided it's too tired to continue. We know that moving it to the Fairgrounds and back is hard on it, but suspect it especially objects to being expected to function in high summer temperatures. And no, we can't air-condition our booth. If anyone has a refrigerator, especially a "patio fridge" that is designed to operate in outdoor temperatures, that you would be willing to donate or at least sell at a low price, please speak to a member or leave a message at 342-0809.