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**TRAINING – BASE CAMP AND MOCK MISSION – OCTOBER 16, 2010
--CHARLOTTE GUNN**

After a Tuesday-evening refresher class on the basic purposes of a SAR base camp, we met early on Saturday morning to practice: checking equipment, loading additional needs, briefing for the “mission” and finding out how to get to our destination. Jerry took the Command Post trailer out to the site, gave everyone an introduction to how to set it up for action, and accepted a couple of volunteers who wanted to learn

how to use the software and operate the other equipment. Everyone else then set up one of our pole shelters and checked out radios for each team.

Meanwhile, Colin and I had preceded the search team to the area and set up the scenario, leaving “Rescue Randy” in a scuffed-up area with spattered “blood” and a note indicating no vital signs, then exiting in opposite directions before joining everyone else to set up the base. When set-up was well along, we two returned to our chosen hiding spots, conveniently leaving behind a scent



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item for the dogs. We had agreed that whichever one was found first would be hysterically worried about the other and babble a story about the man who came out of the bushes and attacked us; the last one found would be injured and unable to walk so that the team would get to practice a litter evacuation. It came out later that Colin, the first live subject to be found, added the extra information that he didn't know what happened after the stranger attacked—he ran away and I took care of the attacker.

Trackers, K9 teams and foot teams searched various pieces of the search area and found all three subjects. It was a beautiful day to be outdoors and we shared ideas, learning experiences and chocolate goodies before returning all the equipment to the Compound...not knowing that our next callout would be on Sunday morning for a real search.

We had a good mix of experienced and newer members attending: Andy Anderson, Brad Acker, Jeff Ball, Judd Ballard with K9 Zora, Michael Cook (VSAR), John Ferguson, Jake Gillis, Charlotte Gunn, George Gunn, Mike Johnson, Kim Juda with K9 Kiwi, Tom Kearney with K9 Midge, Ron Moomey, Jerry Newland, Gregg Rettschlag, Colin Sese, Jamie Simpson, Lori Thompson, Byron Wachtler, Tom Wheless, Jimmie Yorgensen.



Rrelaxing after the work is done. —Photo by G. Gunn

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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All the individuals and organizations who helped make possible our purchase of a NEW truck.
(See article about the vehicle on page 9.)

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HUNTER MISSING NEAR TERRACE LAKES – OCTOBER 17, 2010 **--CHARLOTTE GUNN**

At about 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 16, two hunters of a group went in to scout a steep area a few miles from Terrace Lakes Lodge. One walked along the rim while the other worked his way down into the steep ravine, with the agreement that they would come out at 5 p.m. At first they were in contact by sight, then by their respective elk calls, then not at all. The hunter on top waited, tried a louder call, and eventually went back to phone the Boise County Sheriff's Office at about 10 p.m. They called us on Sunday morning.

We responded with eighteen searchers, including two K9 teams and two ATV teams. The Ada County Aerial Sheriffs also put a plane in the air. Chief Deputy Dale Rogers met us at Terrace Lakes Lodge parking lot and briefed us on the missing subject, a 37-year-old male, dressed in camo and not carrying gear for a night out. Our mantrackers were especially intrigued to hear that he was wearing "footgloves" which should leave a print resembling a bare foot with five separate toes and a patterned skin. The subject was of course carrying a rifle but not much ammunition; his friends had heard no response to their signal shots.

We left Terrace Lakes in a caravan to as close to the end of the "road" as our vehicles could get and were well into the narrow rutted section when the call came through that some other hunters had encountered the missing man and were bringing him back. It took a bit of maneuvering to get everyone turned around; most of us then headed back to the valley while some treated themselves to lunch in Crouch and some talked about hot springs and other possibilities for a lovely October afternoon.

IMSARU responders included Jeff Ball, Judd Ballard with Zora, Charlotte Gunn, George Gunn, Aimee Hastriter, Kim Juda with Kiwi, Linda Kearney, Carl Kidwell (air observer), Bill Lindennau, Ashley Pierce, Gregg Rettschlag, Rebecca Shaver, Lori Thompson, Byron Wachtler, Rick Webster, Mark Westerdoll, Tom Wheless, Everett Wood, Jimmie Yorgensen. Rod Knopp handled in-town coordination. Wayne Thiel was the Ada County Aerial Sheriffs pilot.

MAP & COMPASS FIELD TRAINING – NOVEMBER 13, 2010 **--CHARLOTTE GUNN**

Following a Tuesday-evening class on how to use map and compass together to figure out either where you are or how to get where you want to go, ten members met with Training Director Owen Miller on Saturday morning for a short hands-on field practice in the foothills.

We practiced shooting bearings, dealing with declination, and traveling on a chosen bearing over varied terrain and vegetation. For some of the attendees, this brought back memories of trying to navigate this same area in middle-of-the-night darkness on a real search a couple of years ago. (Given a choice, all would vote for daylight.)

Members attending were Jared Belsher, Francisco Castellon, John Ferguson, Charlotte Gunn, George Gunn, Mike Johnson, Brian Kerley, Owen Miller, Edgar Rae, Gregg Rettschlag and Byron Wachtler.

**WE RECERTIFIED FOR C.P.R. – NOVEMBER 16, 2010
--CHARLOTTE GUNN**

One of the requirements of our affiliation with the international Mountain Rescue Association is that members maintain current certification in C.P.R. and basic First Aid. (Many of our members choose to continue on to First Responder or E.M.T. levels, but that is personal choice.) There are various organizations that offer the training for these skills, with the certification lasting from one to three years. Our medical training meeting in November offered the chance to renew our C.P.R. skills, with the only cost to members being the registration fee for receiving the card. It was also a chance for people whose certification is not expiring to refresh their skills with instruction and hands-on practice, and the classroom was full.

I.C.E.M.T. provided this class, using American Heart Association standards, and including a review of A.E.D. use as well. Main instructors were IMSARU Medical Director Colin Sesek and Life Flight Ambulance attendant and IMSARU Vice President Carl Kidwell, assisted by I.C.E.M.T.'s Jeff Hewitt and other experienced members. In addition to reviewing such topics as abdominal thrusts for choking incidents and how the A.E.D. operates, we used mannequins with lighted displays of treatment adequacy to practice one-person and two-person C.P.R.

Thank you to all who put this class together. We hope we never need to use the skills—neither in SAR nor in our personal lives—but will be forever grateful for the teaching if we do need them.

SEE YOU AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M.
AT THE HOME OF BILL AND MARTY LINDENAU
1407 S. COTTERELL WAY**

Directions: Heading west on Overland, pass Maple Grove. Shortly past the empty fire station, turn right (north) on Cotterell Way. Stay to the right past Delaware; you will soon see the house on the left, with beautiful Christmas decorations.

Bring a dish of food to share for the potluck supper. Table service will be provided, as will hot and cold non-alcoholic beverages; for anything else, it's B.Y.O.B. **Your spouse or special friend is welcome (it's a chance to meet those unique individuals you've been spending so much time with) as are former members who want to renew acquaintances.**

This is an informal event, dedicated to good food, good fellowship, laughter and memories. There will be "awards" for various humorous moments of 2010, and serious awards for some individuals we want to honor.

Linda Kearney is coordinating the set-up with Bill and Marty; all of us will help clean up at the end of the party.

**WHEN I AM AN OLD WOMAN I SHALL WEAR ORANGE
(AND DOG HAIR)
--BY KIMBERLY R. KELLY**

[Printed by permission of Kimberly R. Kelly, who includes “all appropriate nods and gratitude to the 1961 poem ‘Warning: When I Am An Old Woman, I Shall Wear Purple’ by Jenny Joseph.”]

When I am an old woman, I shall wear orange (and dog hair)
With a boonie hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me
And I shall spend my pension on MREs and rappel gloves
And Danner boots, and say we've no money for butter.

I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm waiting for deployment
And gobble up Gorp on trails and respond to alarms paged
And run my tracking stick along the public pathways
And make up for the selfishness of my youth.

I shall go out in my Gore-tex with my dog in the rain
And leave no trace behind the flowers in other people's gardens
And learn to start a fire using only Doritos.

You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat
And eat three pounds of sausages at a go
Or only bread and pickle for a week
And hoard pens and pencils and beer mats and things in boxes.

But I will wear orange and dog hair
And eat from the Salvation Army chow wagon
Or pancakes from the Dolores Fire Department
And I'll hoard compasses and waterproof pencils and matches.

For now we must have parkas that keep us dry
And pay for conferences and not swear in base camp
And set a good example for the children by doing dog and pony shows.
We must have friends to sit around campfires and read after action reports.

But maybe I ought to practice a little now?
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised
When suddenly I am old, and continue to wear orange.

CALENDAR

[NOTE: With new officers moving in on December 1, and the new Board having not yet met, there are decisions yet to be made about activities that should appear on this calendar. Please be patient and keep in touch. The calendar on our website is usually more up-to-date than the printed one in this bi-monthly newsletter.]

Nov. 30	Business Meeting AND Garage Cleanout	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	General Meeting – Membership vote on 2011 Budget	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	IMSARU Christmas Party – See info in this issue.	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 14	SAR Training CLASSROOM TRAINING ONLY; NO FIELD TRAINING IN DECEMBER, DUE TO HOLIDAYS	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	Trackers' Planning & Training	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 21	Medical Training	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 28	Business Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 4	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	SAR Training	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15-16	SAR Field Training	Time & Place TBA
Jan. 18	Medical Training	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Business Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	SAR Training	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12-13	SAR Field Training	Time & Place TBA
Feb. 15	Medical Training	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	Business Meeting	7:30 p.m.

J.H.P.T.S. TRACKING COURSE – OCTOBER 8-10, 2010

KRIS SCOVEL

IMSARU hosted a Joel Hardin Professional Tracking Services class for all interested SAR and Law Enforcement personnel. The class was held at Gowen Field and I can't thank their people enough for the excellent facilities, food and lodging. One certified Journeyman commented that he'd never been to a class where he had a TV in his own room! (We are usually "roughing it" up in the mountains somewhere in a rustic setting.)

For those not familiar with JHPTS, they offer an accredited, certified and recognized professional "tracking" training program. Students are constantly challenged to master their skill with four certification levels possible: (1) Basic Tracker (learning to see sign); (2) Apprentice Tracker (learning to use tracking techniques); (3) Journeyman Tracker (achieving operational tracking success); and (4) Sign Cutter (master tracker). All certification levels are valid for twelve months with students needing to re-certify within that time.

We had a fantastic turnout with a total of 38 students and six instructors. Idaho SAR groups represented were Bannock County SAR, Blaine County SAR, Idaho County SAR, Idaho Mountain SAR, Jerome County SAR and Valley County SAR. Also attending were a reserve officer with Fish and Game; law enforcement personnel from Ada County S.O., Blaine County S.O., Coos County (OR) S.O., Granite Falls (OR) P.D., King County (WA) S.O.; as well as SAR personnel from California, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. Thank you all for volunteering your time and efforts. It is no small decision to attend a course, considering cost, work schedule, family, class and the travel.

As always, JHPTS made the course fun and challenging. Who knew how hard it would be to find the presence and passage of human footfalls in two-foot high cheatgrass and sagebrush?! All students worked on their how, when, where and why skills, with the Journeymen and Sign Cutters spending a little more time on the ageing of the sign. Oh, did I forget to mention the



Students and instructors at the J.H.P.T.S. tracking class.

—Photo by D. Scovel

night-tracking on Friday as well as early Sunday morning before it got light, using flashlights as a low-level light source to create the correct angle for the optimum observance of sign?

It was great to see old friends and many new faces, and to connect with local personnel here in Idaho. There was lots of talk regarding some joint training with the other Idaho groups to continue our tracking training and to just keep in touch.

Trainings and classes help us understand how different terrain, vegetation and animals (darn those badgers!) will challenge us during missions, but as we discover...the sign is always there. A first-time student commented that after working difficult sign for two days, covering quite a distance and finally going up the hill, using his tracking stick the entire time, he was rewarded with a signature print right at the end of the stick. It works!

IMSARU members attending were Ann Finley, Charlotte Gunn, George Gunn, Edgar Rae, Dan Scovel, Kris Scovel, Lori Thompson and Jimmie Yorgensen.

[Editor's Note: Many thanks to Kris and Dan for their months of preparation—everything from advertising, corresponding, and arranging facilities to trying to balance the budget so that IMSARU would not be paying a large bill from our treasury.]

DON'T FORGET YOUR PAGER FEES

If you carry an IMSARU pager that has a discrete number (which means it can be called individually, without setting off a whole group of pagers) then the annual fee of \$36 is also due at the first of the year. There is no charge for use of the group pagers nor for receiving your IMSARU messages via cell-phone texting. If you have chosen to use the latter, thank John Ferguson for making this possible

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2011 DUES?

Yes, it's almost the end of 2010, and time to think about 2011. Dues for continuing members are \$30 per year. Listed below are those who have already paid, as of November 26; others need to give Charlotte a check or cash (be sure to get a receipt) soon. If you have paid but your name is not listed, please see Charlotte to straighten out the books.

Acker, Brad	Knopp, Rod – life
Anderson, Andrew	Mancuso, Michael
Armstrong, Diane	Mathews, Diane
Ball, Jeff	Meredith, Bob – life
Ballard, Judd	Miller, Owen
Barsness, Amanda	Miller, Patti
Belsher, Jared	Moore, Daniel
Castellon, Francisco	Moser, Ann
Cone, Danny	Newland, Jennifer
Engleman, Tony—life	Newland, Jerry
Ferguson, John	O’Bryan, Phil
Finley, Ann	Rae, Edgar
Gillis, Jacob	Rettschlag, Gregg
Gunn, Charlotte – life	Robinson, Jacob
Gunn, George – life	Sander, Phil
Henning, Tim	Scovel, Dan
Hewitt, Jeffrey	Scovel, Kris
Holloway, Mike	Sesek, Colin
Johnson, Mike	Shultz, Nicholas
Jordan, Randy	Simpson, Jaime
Juda, Kim	Strasser, Ted – life
Kearney, Linda	Thompson, Lori
Kearney, Tom	Wachtler, Byron
Kerley, Brian	Webster, Rick
Kidwell, Carl	Wheless, Tom
Kinney, Nate	Wood, Everett – life
Kline, Bob – life	Yorgensen, Jimmie

A BIG FIRST FOR IMSARU

--CHARLOTTE GUNN

After fifty-one continuous years as an independent volunteer search-and-rescue unit, during which time we relied on members’ personal vehicles and vehicles that were donated with 100,000+ miles already on them, IMSARU has bought its first NEW truck. It is a one-ton with a crew cab that has four-wheel-drive, of course, as well as a heavy duty engine and towing package that should enable it to pull our Command Post trailer wherever it needs to go.

Those of you who have, over the years, snickered and/or commiserated over our many vehicle problems en route to and from events may be disappointed if those tales decrease, but we are looking forward to using a reliable unit vehicle.

We obviously did not manage this out of our regular budget. Many thanks to Danny Cone, who worked out the arrangements, to the foundation (which does not wish to be named) that gave us the generous grant, to Treasure Valley Motorsports for their help, and to Dan Wiebold Ford for their generosity in pricing.

THEN



First Truck from Surplus in the early '60s

NOW



Beautiful, isn't it?! Jerry received the keys and drove our new 2011 truck to the Compound.

—Photo by G. Gunn