



ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION
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This is the first newsletter from this region. I have felt for some time that there is much to be gained by increasing the amount of communication within the region. To this end I intend to put together, periodically, any worthwhile information; probably two to four times per year, and send it to member units and prospective member units of this region.

Initially, this newsletter will be sent only to the unit itself, not to the individual members of the units. If any unit desires to have copies distributed to all its members, this can be arranged in the future if the unit will help with the mailing and publication costs. Ideally, a regional newsletter could supplant individual unit newsletters by publishing their news on a quarterly basis, paying cheap postage for bulk mailing, and, at the same time of course, providing a means of inter-unit communications. If there is any interest in this proposal let me hear from you.

Those units that participated in the 13 day search near the Mt. of the Holy Cross received portions of the \$1500 donation from Mr. Berlinger for equipment purchases. Some units have reported how they spent this money. Those that have not are requested to let me know so that the region can have a complete accounting. We anticipate \$1000 more from Mr. Berlinger. There are many very desirable uses for this additional money, but if anyone has any specific ideas please let me know.

The Colorado Search and Rescue Coordinating Board (CoordBoard) continues to develop under the chairmanship of Major General Joe C. Moffitt. General Moffitt is the

Colorado Adjutant General and the Director of the Colorado Civil Defense Agency.

The purpose of the CoordBoard is "to coordinate search and rescue activities in Colorado".

The members of the CoordBoard and their delegates are:

- (1) Colorado State Patrol
Deputy Chief Richard J. Schippers
- (2) U. S. Forest Service
Mr. Pete Wingle
- (3) Colorado Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
Sheriff Roy Vogt and Mr. Tony Reeder
- (4) Game Fish and Parks Division
Mr. C. C. Foster
- (5) Colorado Civil Defense Agency
Col. William S. Martin
- (6) American Red Cross
Mr. Harry Shade
- (7) Colorado State Forest Service
Mr. Ron Zeleny
- (8) Civil Air Patrol
Lt. Col. Alfred "Bud" Brown
- (9) National Ski Patrol
Mr. Hartman Axley
- (10) Colorado Rescue Association
Mr. Stan G. Bush
- (11) Mountain Rescue Association
Mr. L. David Lewis

The CoordBoard is about to publish a directory of rescue units in the state. A set of mission procedures for large operations will soon be adopted. The CoordBoard now has a radio frequency of 155.160MHz which is the M.R.A. frequency. The Rocky Mountain Rescue Group is expecting delivery any day now of 5 portables and 2 mobiles (Motorola) on dual frequencies 154.905 (Colorado State Patrol) and 155.160MHz. The CoordBoard meets the third Tuesday each month at 7:30 P.M., at the E.O.C. at Camp George West, southeast of Golden. M.R.A. members are

welcome to attend.

The objectives of the CoordBoard are to:

- (1) Establish a full time office to coordinate rescue activities and provide information on rescue resources.
- (2) Maintain a current directory of information on organizations and agencies with a search and rescue capability in Colorado.
- (3) Establish communication standards and procedures for rescue operations.
- (4) Establish standard procedures for search and rescue operations.
- (5) Establish training and proficiency standards for search and rescue organizations.
- (6) Provide information on the legal aspects of search and rescue activities.
- (7) Promote the exchange of information and ideas between search and rescue agencies and organizations.
- (8) Encourage the formation of new rescue units where the need exists.
- (9) Maintain an effective public relations program.
- (10) Promote safety education programs.

The Tenth Anniversary M.R.A. Conference will be held at Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming on June 21 and 22. Mr. Brent Burkey, Chairman of the Edelweiss Rescue Team in Grand Junction, is the Conference Chairman. We are looking forward to a record attendance and we hope to make this the best conference yet.

News from any unit will be greatly appreciated. As soon as the quantity of information justifies it, another newsletter will be published.

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Chairman