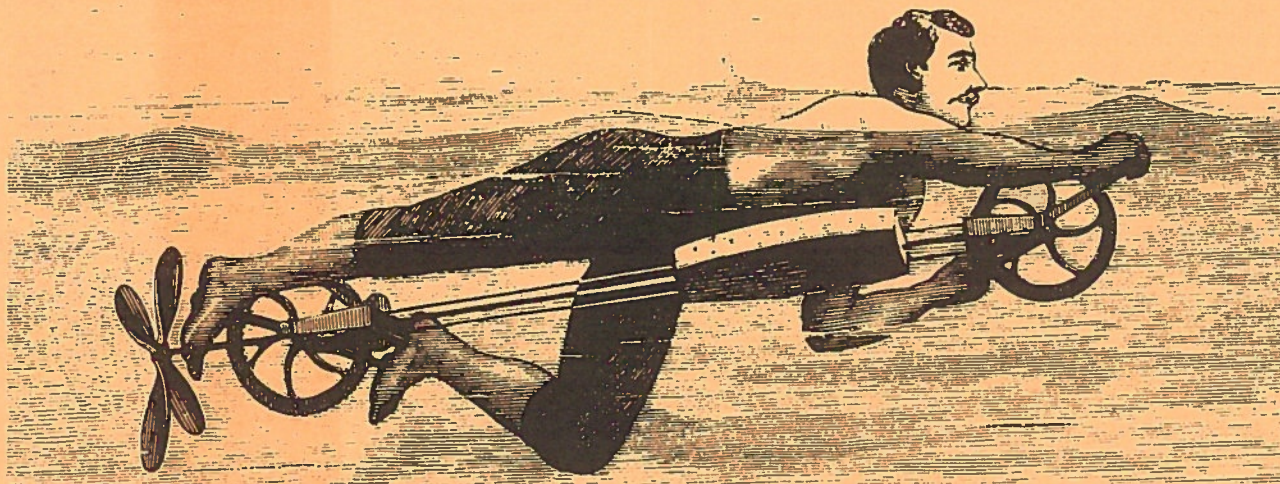


Snow Job

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TNSAR members will do anything to stay in shape...how did you spend your summer vacation?

FIRST MEETING OF THE SEASON

...will be Monday night, October 7, 7:30 PM at Granlibakken. The schedule remains the same for the rest of the 1985-86 season: first Monday night of each month, same time and place.

Traditionally the December meeting is a glorious pot-luck affair, and the March meeting is one week earlier, on the last Monday of February, to accommodate last-minute details of the Great Ski Race.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

This fall the Bernie Kingery Fund Committee has decided to send two TNSAR members to the National Avalanche School in Reno. Tuition will be paid in full for the two selected.

The seminars are scheduled for November but applications must be filed very, very soon. If you're interested in applying, call Doug Read without delay at 583-6381.

KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT

If you've changed your telephone number at home or work, it's vital that we get a correction as soon as possible so we can get in touch quickly if necessary.

This also goes for mailing and physical addresses. Send your corrections, additions, and deletions to TNSAR Secretary, PO Box 7703, Tahoe City CA 95730.

GALA OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 26, is this year's date for the traditional Fall Open House at the Tahoe City Commons Beach.

Close to two dozen Search & Rescue teams from North Tahoe and surrounding areas are expected to participate, showing off rescue equipment, snow, water, and land rescue vehicles, and communications gear. Members of the teams represented will operate information booths and give demonstrations. Refreshments will be available.

TNSAR is only one of many all-volunteer and professional rescue groups in the area, with whom our skiers and Thiokol drivers work closely in the event of an emergency; for example, snowmobile volunteers have saved skiers many hours of labor covering flats and logging roads, and hauling searchers into search areas and victims out of them; and as one TNSAR member put it last year, without the Communications Reserve we'd be "whistling in the dark."

So plan to attend the TNSAR Fall Open House, get together with old friends, and help increase the local community's awareness of SAR and mountain safety.

P.S.—Event chairmen Tony Remenih and Mike Wolterbeek can use some volunteer assistance with several details of setting up the Open House. If you'd like to get on their good sides by lending a hand, call one of them or make contact at the October 7 meeting.

THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES — AN OVERVIEW

Besides social and informational opportunities offered by the monthly general meetings, there are a number of other regular functions carried on by TNSAR that invite participation by members of all skill levels.

1) The Fall Open House is a good way to become familiar with the entire Search & Rescue Community, of which TNSAR is a part.

2) A regular training schedule will be announced shortly. These one-day activities will once again be twice a month, one weekday and one weekend day. Ranging from mild recreational ski tours to longer, more grueling exercises and full-fledged mock searches, these are indispensable ways to become familiar with SAR equipment and routines. More experienced winter outdoorsmen can have their abilities verified, and beginners and intermediates will have the opportunity to ski with some fantastic talents and get their gear and survival instincts tuned up.

3) Education—just as important as ski rescues, this part of TNSAR's work attempts to reduce the need for our services by going into the elementary and high schools, and the community-at-large, with creative programs on winter survival and mountain safety.

4) The Valentine's Day Ball and Great Ski Race—these are the two main fundraising activities TNSAR puts on each season to generate funds for the rest of our activities. Numbers of volunteers are needed to coordinate all the details. Sign up with the committee chairpeople as the dates get closer (February & March).

5) Other committees—there are groups of volunteers to handle equipment purchasing (maintenance, transportation, food, dispatch (telephone calling), food, public relations, library services, and other logistical and behind-the-scenes services. And, of course, this newsletter is always looking for good pictures, writings, reportage, and even cartoons.

Many of the most active and effective members have only been involved with the group for one or two years, so if you're new (or young, or old) plan to get involved! Attend the monthly meetings, grab hold of a committee chairperson, and find out what you can do to help promote mountain safety.

GARAGE ON HOLD

This summer the TNSAR Board of Directors approved in concept a plan to build a garage on the outskirts of Tahoe City. The structure would shelter the team's Toyota truck, the Communications Reserve van, and possibly one of the three Thiokols.

Land for the project was to be provided by the Forest Service from a portion of the much-discussed "64-acre tract" lying to the north of Highway 89, just off Fairway Drive. The agency has since decided to reconsider its policy on permissible uses of the 64 acres, so the TNSAR application is in limbo until at least the end of the year.

SQUAW SEARCH SUCCESSFUL

A few weeks ago on September 17, TNSAR was called out in the rain and snow to search for a lost cross-country runner along the Sugar Bowl-Squaw Trail. One of two runners had twisted his ankle, and his partner had left him at Mountain Meadow Lake to fetch help. Searchers climbing the trail from Squaw Valley heard the man crying out as they paused to adjust their clothing. He had continued on as best he could in the dark, until he fortuitously bivouacked at the edge of some cliffs to the north of the trail, in sight of the lights of Squaw.

In spite of torrential rain reported elsewhere in the local Sierra that evening, "We could see the Milky Way," reported searcher Doug Read.

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