

Snow Line

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January 1992

Next General Meeting

Monday, January 6, 1992

Granlibakken Conference

Center's Ski Hut

7:00 p.m.

The snow that fell on the weekend of December 7th provided some good coverage for backcountry skiing. This was the perfect opportunity to steal away to the steeps of the Sierras (with a trusty pair of rock skis) and indulge oneself in some fresh powder. The skiing is still excellent in many places, and I just heard there is a huge storm due to arrive in the Sierras in a couple of days. See you in the backcountry.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Scoop Remenih is organizing a moonlight barbecue, and tethered hot air balloon ride in Paige Meadows Friday, January 31, 1992. Professional balloonist Tony Hesch who is a twelve year veteran of the sport has generously donated his time and balloon to the team. Weather permitting the balloon will ascend to a height of about 200 ft. and be tethered to a Thiokol. The balloon rides will begin at about 8 or 9 p.m. Rumor has it Scoop may even descend from the balloon via bungee cord.

Anybody who would like to go should meet at Scoop's corner of Highway 89 and Cathedral Dr.. Take Highway 89 (Westlake Blvd.) South from Tahoe City about 1/2 a mile to the corner of Cathedral Drive and the highway. Turn right Officer Gerald Rockwell will lead a night training mediately. Participants can either ride in the Thiokol or get towed behind it on their skis to the meadow. The trip will take approximately 20 minutes. Even if you ride in the Thiokol, bring your skis because the meadow will be fun to tour at night. There will also be a barbecue dinner hosted by the TNSAR.

I think this is going to be a great event for everyone. For more information and R.S.V.P. by January 17, 1992 please contact Scoop Remenih at 583-5370.

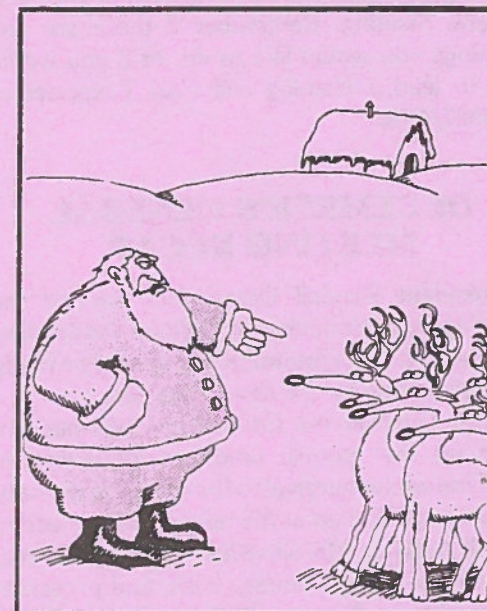
TNSAR TRAINING

Twenty two members of the TNSAR team participated in the December 12, 1991 toboggan training at Sugarbowl Ski Resort. It was a day (about SPF 30 on the tanning chart) on the mountain. Team members started out by learning how to assemble the two toboggans. Then the group moved over to a beginning run and Randall Osterhuber demonstrated correct techniques for controlling and maneuvering the sleds.

After conquering the bunny hill the group graduated to the steeper slopes where they could fine tune their skills. They found the key to controlling the sled is constant pressure on the tail lines so the steersman can control the yoke

and maneuver the sled safely down the slope.

After lunch they were met by Sugarbowl's Ski Patrol Director Mike Trotter who led the group to Rollar Pass where he pointed out geological formations and the most likely routes taken by lost skiers. Team member saw where TNSAR Officers Gerald Rockwell and Chauncey Parker placed reflective electric fence signs which marks the safe route down to Cold Stream from Rollar Pass. Thanks again to the folks at Sugarbowl.



"And I've only one thing to say about all these complaints I've been hearing about . . . venison!"

FUTURE TRAINING

There is one more training left for December and hopefully the Newsletter will be out by then. Remember, the trainings are typically the second Thursday, and the last Sunday of the month. If you need more information about trainings please feel free to call Carl Toeppner the Training Director at 587-4545. The following is a short list of the upcoming trainings in which everyone is encouraged to participate:

Saturday, December 28th, TNSAR Officer Gerald Rockwell will lead a night training in the Paige Meadows area. This will be a simulated search where victims are sent out

ahead of searchers, and try to elude them. Participants of this training should dress appropriately for night nordic skiing. Meet at 5:00 p.m. at the end of Silver Tip Drive in Talmont subdivision. If you have any questions please call Gerald Rockwell at 916/583-5376.

There will be an announcement about the trainings on January 9th and 26th at the next general meeting. Remember if there are any trainings you would like to do, or if you would like to lead a training call Carl Toepfner at 916/587/4545.

DECEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING RECAP

President Randall Osterhuber opened the meeting by announcing the Winter Awareness Brochure is at the printer, and it should be ready for distribution by the first of the year.

Andy Butcher the Education Chairman announced that people who are interested in teaching winter survival to the areas elementary schools can sign up at the next general meeting or call Andy at 916/546-8729. Training for presentations will be January 20th, and presentations will be January 27th at Kings Beach Elementary School, and January 28th at Ride-out Elementary School.

BROCHURE UPDATE

Mike Wolterbeek has assured us the new winter awareness brochure should be completed and ready for distribution at the next general meeting Monday, January, 6, 1992!

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