

# SNOW LINE

❄ The official newsletter of the Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team ❄  
North Tahoe Truckee Donner Summit

## GARAGE HAVEN

### Way to go!

**D**espite the dry weather, it's been a busy fall for the Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team. At the last general meeting, Jeff Reiger, Garage Boss Extraordinaire, officially announced the garage is officially finished. Now we have our long awaited hot-tub, lounge, heated driveway, and personal answering service. Just kidding. Truly, the garage is an important milestone in the Team's 20-year history. It took dozens of volunteers and materials donations to build the structure, and the result is a beautiful and efficient building in the Old Tahoe style. The garage allows us to store the Team snowcats, equipment truck, equipment, and administrative items in a protected, clean, well-lighted place. Way to go, all you people who put in back-breaking hours to pull this off!

**SEARCHES.** Because winter began only a few days before this writing, to our relief there were no searches in the early part of this month. That doesn't mean we haven't been busy.

**TRAININGS** last month took the form of an avalanche survival seminar Dec. 13 and an excellent anatomy of a search lesson Dec. 18. In the anatomy lesson we learned how the Placer County Sheriff's Department responds to a missing person report, and how the Tahoe Nordic Search and

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*Next General Meeting is  
7 p.m., Jan. 1, at the  
Granlibakken Ski Hut*

### TNSAR 20th Anniversary New Year's Party!

8 p.m. at Lakeview Cross Country  
Ski Center  
Bring Your Own Drinks and  
Snacks  
and be ready to dance, dance,  
dance to music by The Vergel  
\* A \$5 donation to cover band  
expenses is optional

Rescue Team members organize to locate people lost in the backcountry. Look in upcoming newsletters for some of the valuable information imparted during this training.

## CALL-OUT TEAM

### Don't be a Dispatch Deadhead

*A note from Medora Weiser,  
Dispatch Coordinator*

**O**kay, so we haven't had too many searches – yet. But now that winter's really here, it's time to figure out how to aid the Search and Rescue Team.

I know. It's the coldest night of the year when the phone rings around 8 p.m. and it's a Dispatch Dame on the other end saying, "We need skiers, pronto, on top of Ward Peak."

And you say to yourself, "Self, I sure would like to go out on a search, but look at the temperature! Look at the snow! The fire is soooo warm and cozy, and, besides, I can't ski."

Well, there is a way to get  
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## TRAININGS

- 1/7 Mock Search. 8 a.m. at the garage. Prepare for an all-day strenuous excursion. Bring all gear, including transceivers, shovels and lunch. Call Carl Toepfner, 587-4545 for info.
- 1/12 CalStar Helicopter presentation, 6:30 p.m. Kings Beach fire station. Includes a GPS training.
- 1/14 Snowmobile training to The Cedars. Meet 9 a.m. at the garage. Skiers call Dirk, 583-2929, to arrange transport.
- 1/20 Map and Compass. 9 a.m. Auburn Ski Club. Call Peter, 548-0588, to register.
- 1/21 Northstar training. 8 a.m. at the parking lot end of Northstar Village. Intermediate and above Tele and Randone skiers. Bring out-of-bounds equipment for a long day.

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involved in the initial stages of a search if you don't want to ski. You can get in on the action without putting on your boots.

You can be a member of the Dispatch Crew, commonly called callers. The caller's job is easy

and very important. It involves a little free time, usually on weekends when searches are likely to happen, and a nice phone voice. Call Medora, (916) 525-0539 if you're interested. Or show up at the Dispatch meeting right before the general meeting, 6:30

p.m., Jan. 1 at the Granlibakken Ski hut.

**CLASSIFIED AD**

◆ Voile classic cable Telemark bindings (without pins) for sale, 3 pair, \$30 each. Call Joe Pace, 583-1806.

**WHAT'S IN A PACK? sample search pack contents****Carl Teppner's Pack**

avalanche transceiver  
shovel  
skins  
headlamp  
compass  
small insulite pad  
30 ft. rope  
short lengths of rope  
flashlight w/ spare batteries  
knife  
matches and fire starter bars  
space blanket  
CPR mask  
goggles  
light and heavy spare hats  
extra socks  
extra underwear top  
polypropylene sweater

hi-tech mittens  
water bottle  
three or four Snickers  
food  
six pack of Heineken

**Randall Osterhuber's Pack**

avalanche shovel and probe  
extra avalanche transceiver  
one liter of water  
food for 24 hours  
extra hat  
extra headlamp  
2 extra headlamp batteries  
radio and extra radio batteries  
ear plugs  
map in zip-lock bag  
extra polar fleece shirt or jacket  
extra pair of mittens w/ overmitts

radio harness (unless wearing)  
climbing skins  
fanny pack  
flare gun w/ 4 (3 red, 1 white)  
12-gauge flares  
compass w/ sighting mirror  
whistle attached to compass  
lanyard  
1-liter thermos of hot chocolate  
or tea  
megamid (occasionally)  
snowshoes (occasionally)  
mylar space blanket  
2 meters bailing wire  
ace bandage  
2 rolls white medical tape  
5 meters duct tape  
matches, Bic lighter, fire starter  
2 halogen headlamp bulbs

10 meters utility cord  
small flashlight  
pen  
hypothermia thermometer  
14 chemical heat packs  
small wire splint  
2 pair latex exam gloves  
2 triangular bandages  
Swiss army knife  
sunglasses  
goggles  
extra parka and storm pants  
(if raining)  
2 plastic garbage bags  
That's all

**TNSAR Officers**

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**Training**

Equipment  
Snowcats  
Great Race

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