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TO:

Eastern Region MRA members

FROM:

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ASRC Representative to the MRA

There are several items/issues you should be aware of.

1. At the February 3 meeting of ASRC at Shenandoah National Park
Headquarters, copies of the 1989 MRA magazines Rescue Forum should be
distributed for MRA members in each Group.

In the future, you will receive Rescue Forum directly.

- 2. The spring 1990 MRA meeting will be held June 15-17 at Snowbird, Utah. Additional information will appear in the next issue of <u>Rescue Forum</u>.
- 3. A videotape, "Land of One Season," produced by the Portland, Oregon chapter of the International TV Association in cooperation with Portland Mountain Rescue is available for purchase at \$19.35 + \$3.50 shipping (total = \$23.45), Visa or Mastercard accepted. This is a 30 minute outdoor winter safety education program developed following the 1986 Mt. Hood tragedy. Information on purchasing the videotape may be obtained by calling 1-800-828-9816.
- 4. At the Fall 1989 MRA meeting in San Diego, the membership of the Eastern Region (ASRC) was finally accepted and put into place.

However, the dues we paid this last fall were accepted for 1989. While ASRC requested that our membership become effective beginning in 1990, the MRA Board passed a motion accepting the dues payment for 1989 with an instruction to the Executive Secretary that the Eastern MRA Region should be billed for 1990 dues.

- 5. The following dues payment schedule guidelines were accepted at the MRA Fall 1989 meeting in San Diego.
 - A. MRA dues (\$5.00 per person) are payable by January 31 each year along with a current roster of MRA team members.
 - B. If payment is not received by MRA by March 15, the team will be considered delinquent. Purchases of MRA supplies will not be possible, and copies of <u>Rescue Forum</u> will not be mailed.
 - C. Teams not paying by the June MRA conference may be dropped from membership.
- 6. On the basis of the above, please arrange to do the following:
 - > Revise and edit your Group's roster to include <u>only</u> those in your group wishing to be in the MRA in 1990.
 - > Collect, or otherwise designate from your treasury, \$5.00 for each person on your revised 1990 MRA roster.
 - > Submit your revised roster along with \$5.00 for each name on the roster not later then March 2 to me at the above address.
 - Please make the Group check payable to MRA. No payments for individual memberships will be accepted. Individual payments should be made to your Group.
 - > Payment to MRA of 1990 dues, along with forwarding of revised rosters, will take place on <u>Monday</u>, <u>March 5</u>, 1990.
- 7. If you are one of the ASRC groups with MRA members and you wish to order MRA supplies (patches, decals, etc.), please ask the Chairperson of your Group for the most recent MRA materials. (They received a packet of MRA information from ASRC along with the agenda for the February 3, 1990 ASRC meeting.) These materials contain an order form with prices.
 - Please complete the order form and send it with your check to me at the above address. Do not send your order directly to MRA, this will only delay your order as MRA will send your order back to us for verification.
- 8. Any ASRC group considering MRA credentials (Rescue, Support, or Associate) should contact me at the above address for information on established membership requirements and the evaluation procedures.