

# SILVER STAR SEARCH & RESCUE

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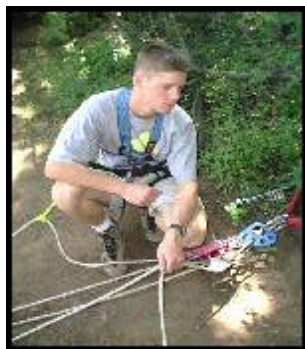
## 2002 NEWSLETTER

A Non-Profit Organization

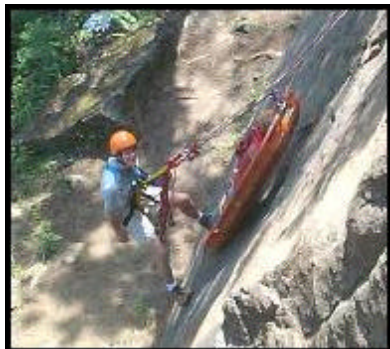
*Silver Star Search & Rescue is a non-profit organization dedicated to wilderness and urban search and rescue. Our volunteers are on call 24 hours a day. We are supported by donations from the public and have no paid staff. We have provided emergency services to Clark, Skamania and Cowlitz Counties for over 38 years. Our rescue vehicles include a military 6x6 - 2 and 1/2 ton cargo truck, a snow cat, a 4-wheel drive Suburban, a motor home and a mobile 10K generator. Our communications include a paging system for members and 15 handheld radios for field communications. All of our vehicles are also equipped with radios to communicate with personnel in the field. We maintain our own headquarters in Washougal, WA 11 miles east of Vancouver just off of Highway 14. Our business meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at 7:00PM. Anyone interested in membership and the general public is invited to attend. We also have junior memberships for those that are 16-17 years of age.*

### COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT FUNDS NEW ROPE RESCUE EQUIPMENT

A generous grant from the Community Foundation for South-west Washington has made it possible for Silver Star to update and enhance our rock rescue equipment. Our new equipment includes a new rescue litter, extensive new rescue rigging hardware and new gear and rope bags which will enable us to store rescue systems and ropes in a "rescue-ready" state. Rope rescue can be needed in many rescue situations and must be performed quickly and safely. Four of our members recently completed an intensive 5-day 40 hour course in Low and High Angle Rope Rescue Techniques where they learned about the latest techniques and equipment used in rope rescue missions. These members will be sharing their knowledge with our rope rescue team during intensive training sessions this year utilizing the new rope rescue equipment. Our many thanks to the Community Foundation for their continuing support.



Jordon Boldt manages the raising system rigging.



Wade Oxford manages the litter during rope rescue training.

### FUNDRAISING: DOES YOUR EMPLOYER OFFER A "MATCHING GIFTS" PROGRAM?

The members of Silver Star wish to thank all of our supporters for their generous donations. Silver Star is funded completely by donations from the general public. This year we are asking our supporters to make their donation go even further with a "Matching Gift" from their employer. Many local employers offer this program as an employee benefit. They may match your donation 1:1, 2:1 and sometimes even 3:1 depending on their policies. Contact your Human Resources Department to find out if your company offers matching gifts and to obtain an application. Again, many thanks to all of our supporters. Your donations are much appreciated.

### SILVER STAR NEWS BRIEFS

Our team was involved with many searches this year as well as our Snow Patrol, Bike Patrol and (new this year) Back Country Patrol activities (see page 2). Six members were able to attend the State SAR Conference this year in Mason County for advanced SAR training. We continued our community service activities by providing Safety Patrols during snowmobile races and bicycle races (Pedal the Pinchot). We also taught several classes in Outdoor Safety and Survival. Silver Star member Chris Tolomei designed a fantastic new logo for our team (see back page) which we have used on our new sign. The September 11th attacks reminded us once again to review our Disaster Preparedness procedures. Come to our meetings for free brochures. Our recruiting efforts also paid off this year. We have several very motivated and eager new members.

**Silver Star Search & Rescue. Established 1963**

# SEARCH AND RESCUE

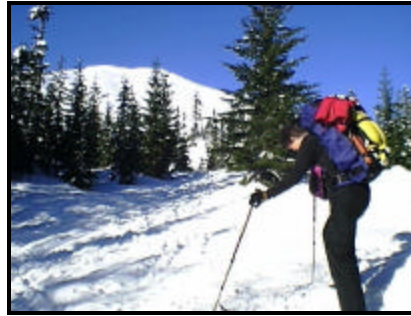
## 2001 MISSIONS / CALLOUTS

- 1/14/01 Evidence Search – Homicide – Battle Ground
- 3/02/01 Search – Missing Man – Tarbell Trailhead
- 3/28/01 Mock Search – Kline Ponds
- 6/02/01 Search – Lost Alzheimers Patient – Vancouver
- 6/15/01 Mock Search – Molton Falls
- 6/30/01 Search – Missing 8 year old
- 7/27/01 Search – Missing 19 year old girl – Vancouver
- 7/30/01 Evidence Search – Cowlitz County
- 10/10/01 Search – Missing Alzheimers Patient – Camas
- 10/11/01 Search – Reported Downed Aircraft – Bells Mt.
- 10/31/01 Search – Missing Alzheimers Patient – Camas
- 11/04/01 Search – Missing Alzheimers Patient – Camas
- 11/14/01 Evidence Search – Skamania County
- 11/24/01 Search – Missing Alzheimers Patient – Camas
- 12/11/01 Search – Lost Alzheimers Patient – Hazel Dell
- 12/15/01 Search – Lost Christmas Tree Cutters
- 12/30/01 Snow Rescue – Snowmobiler with Broken Leg
- 12/30/01 Search – Snowmobiler Stuck in Tree Well

## SNOW PATROL, MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL & BACK COUNTRY PATROL

- 1/13/01 Snowmobile Races – Safety Check Points
- 1/14/01 Snowmobile Races – Safety Check Points
- 2/01/01 Ski Patrol – Swift Trail
- 3/10/01 Snowmobile Races – Safety Check Points
- 3/11/01 Snowmobile Races – Safety Check Points
- 5/11/01 Bike Patrol – Mt. Tabor
- 5/12/01 Bike Patrol – Lacamas Park
- 5/18/01 Bike Patrol – Larch Mountain
- 5/19/01 Bike Patrol – Siouan
- 5/28/01 Bike Patrol – Olympic Natl Forest – Mason Co.
- 6/01/01 Bike Patrol – Lucia Falls
- 6/14/01 Bike Patrol – 3 Corner Rock
- 6/16/01 Back-Country Patrol – Moulton Falls
- 6/17/01 Back-Country Patrol – Summit Silver Star Mt.
- 6/18/01 Bike Patrol – Powell Butte
- 6/22/01 Bike Patrol – Smith Creek Loop – Mt. St. Helens
- 6/24/01 Back Country Patrol – Summit Silver Star Mt.
- 6/29/01 Bike Patrol – Siouan
- 6/30/01 Back-Country Patrol – Summit Hamilton Mt.
- 7/09/01 Bike Patrol/Trail Maint – Smith Creek–Mt St Helens
- 7/18/01 Bike Patrol/Trail Maint – Smith Creek–Mt St Helens
- 7/21/01 Pedal the Pinchot Bike Ride – Safety Check Points
- 7/27/01 Bike Patrol – Swift Trail – Mt St Helens
- 8/01/01 Bike Patrol – Tarbell Trail
- 8/04/01 Back-Country Patrol – Summit Silver Star Mt.
- 8/12/01 Back-Country Patrol - Summit Mt. Adams
- 8/14/01 Back-Country Patrol – Summit Mt. St. Helens
- 8/25/01 Bike Patrol – Rock Creek
- 9/30/01 Back-Country Patrol - Ape Canyon to June Lake
- 10/14/01 Back-Country Patrol – Ollies Cave
- 10/20/01 Back-Country Patrol – Ollies Cave
- 12/23/01 Snow Patrol – Marble Mountain Sno-Park
- 12/28/01 – 12/30/01 Snow Patrol – Lone Butte Sno-Park

**Silver Star patrols back-country recreation areas all year round and is always ready to help anyone in need!**



Jan patrols the Sasquatch ski trail at the base of Mt. St. Helens.



Laura digs a snow cave during a break in Snow Patrol duties.

## INJURED SNOWMOBILER RESCUE

By Jardy Dawson

While at the Lone Butte Sno-park for three days of Snow Patrol in late December, several members of Silver Star Search & Rescue were heading to Lake Takhlakh when we noticed a large crowd of snowmobile riders gathered in a small gully. One of their group had just rolled her snowmobile and broken her femur. The group had already tried to keep her comfortable and had sent someone 11 miles to the 88 Sno-park to get help. One of our Snow Patrol members went back to our base camp at the Lone Butte Sno-Park to get medical equipment. While en-route he was able to contact rescue officials on his radio and apprise them of the situation. They immediately dispatched paramedics. In the meantime, our Snow Patrollers on-scene assessed her injury and stabilized her. A White Salmon paramedic eventually showed up with a traction splint. We had to wait for another paramedic to bring their medical kit to ease the pain. A little bit later, the rescue sled from the Trout Lake Fire Department arrived, to allow an easier ride over 11 miles of bumpy snow-covered road. Our Snow Patrollers safely escorted the rescue entourage to the 88 Sno-park, and retrieved some equipment the medics had used. On our way back to Lone Butte, we were flagged down to help look for a lost 14 year old girl on a snowmobile. Fortunately, she was found by her father, safe and sound, stuck in a tree well. It was a very eventful day. We never did make it to Lake Takhlakh. **Silver Star provides Snow Patrol Services at Marble Mountain Sno-Park at Mt. St. Helens, Lone Butte Sno-Park north of Carson and at 88 Sno-Park near Mt. Adams.**

## FAMILY SERVICE RADIOS – NEW SURVIVAL GEAR

Family Service Radios (FSR's) have recently become popular and useful items for outdoor enthusiasts. They enable parties of 2 or more to communicate with each other up to 2 miles. They can be a valuable tool if individuals get separated from their parties or lost. **TIPS:** Turn ON your radio, take extra batteries, have all members of your party on the same frequency, do radio tests BEFORE leaving the parking lot and frequently during your outing. **Silver Star monitors CHANNEL 9 - PRIVACY CODE ZERO during our outings.**

## SILVER STAR SEARCH & RESCUE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Attend 3 Business Meetings
- Current CPR Card
- Current Standard First Aid Card
- Successful Background Check by Clark County Sheriff's Dept.

TO BE FIELD QUALIFIED YOU MUST :

- Pass a pack inspection and fitness hike
- Complete the following Search & Rescue courses:  

<b>Radio Communications</b>	<b>Map &amp; Compass</b>
<b>Helicopter Safety</b>	<b>Search &amp; Rescue Techniques</b>
<b>Survival Techniques</b>	<b>Crime Scene &amp; Death</b>

## 2001 MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

Pepsi Foundation	Jill Allyn
John & Jeanette Delisle	Ken & Judy Sullivan
Vancouver Sno-Busters	Shane Yanagisawa
Raymond Hickey	Stan Drew
Maynard R. Moe	Eleanor Olson
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Melvin Homola	Robert Angelo Co.
Mel Stine	Elaine Edelberg

Broughton & Mary Bishop Family Advised Fund within the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington

## In Memory of Life Member Don Wills

Silver Star Life Member Don Wills passed away on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002. Don was a long time member of Silver Star who participated in numerous searches, served on the Board of Directors and held numerous offices including President. In recent years he ran the base radio during missions and spent many hours in the repair and maintenance of Silver Star vehicles. He always had a story to tell about past missions and was always there to lend a hand with any project. He will be missed by all our members and all who knew him. Thank you, Don, for all your years of service.



Don Wills stands in front of Silver Star's 6 x 6 cargo truck surrounded by his many Silver Star friends.

## 2002 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our annual operating expenses are totally funded by your support. We are staffed and managed entirely by volunteers. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated.

### COME TO OUR RESCUE AND SEND YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TODAY!

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City, St, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

- Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Your check is your tax receipt)  
 Please send a membership application.

Make check payable to:

**Silver Star Search & Rescue**  
**PO Box 443**  
**Washougal, WA 98671**

All money received is used by Silver Star only. We do not use, employ or pay outside promoters or fundraisers.

## SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT LIST

Silver Star Search & Rescue suggests its members carry the following items with them on searches and when they are out in the wilderness for personal reasons:

Map & Compass	Sunglasses
Flashlight & Batteries	Extra Water
Extra Flashlight Bulb	Rainwear
Extra Food	Knife
Firestarter	First Aid Kit
Heat Packs	Tube Tent
Plastic Whistle	Grid Ribbon
Space Blanket	Pen & Paper
Toilet Paper	Garbage Bags

### OVERNIGHT TRIPS INCLUDE:

Tent  
 Additional Food  
 Additional Water  
 Stove/Cook Gear  
 Sleeping Bag/ Pad  
 Additional Clothes

Family Service  
 Radios

# SILVER STAR SEARCH & RESCUE - PHOTO GALLERY



Mountain Bike "bridge?"



Snow Cat during Winter Survival Training



Training climb on Mt. St. Helens



Training climb on Mt. Adams



939th Air Rescue Squadron lands at Dick Beaver Park heliopad, next to Silver Star Building, for helicopter training.



Ready for a snow rescue!

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