

# Mountain Rescue Association Oral History Project

## PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The MRA oral history project endeavors to capture the stories of MRA members and their experiences and contributions to mountain rescue. The project is coordinated by the University of Washington Libraries Special Collections and the [MRA History Committee](#). MRA members are encouraged to participate by taking time to interview members whose stories preserve the history of the MRA since its founding in 1959. Recorded interviews will be archived in the Mountain Rescue Association records, which are part of the Pacific Northwest Collection at the University of Washington Libraries Special Collections. Recorded interviews will be made available online in Digital Collections.

## THE INTERVIEW PROCESS

- Complete the life history form, interview cover sheet and oral history release form in advance to familiarize yourself with the person you are interviewing. You will send the forms along with the recording to Special Collections or to the MRA History Committee.
- Choose a location and environment suitable to conduct an uninterrupted recorded conversation.
- Prepare some questions for the interview to help the move the conversation along.
- Choose recording equipment that you are comfortable using.
- Review the [Oral History Association's Principles and Best Practices for Oral Histories](#).
- After the interview contact Harry Patz, hpatz@alertcorp.com, of the MRA History Committee or the Pacific Northwest Curator at UW Special Collections pnwcoll@uw.edu to donate the recorded interview and the three interview forms.

## LINKS TO MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION ARCHIVES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

[Mountain Rescue Association Oral History Project](#)

[Guide to the Mountain Rescue Association records](#)

[Digitized MRA resources in Special Collections](#)

[Portal for digital resources about Mountains and Mountaineering in the Pacific Northwest](#)

[UW Special Collections homepage](#)

To find MRA documents in the collection below, search for "Mountain Rescue Association"

[University of Washington Library Catalog](#)

# Oral History Release Form

Name of Interviewee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, hereby convey and donate to the MRA History Committee this recorded video/audio recording and the transcript thereof subject to any special conditions stated below. The MRA and researchers in the University of Washington Libraries Special Collections may freely use these materials and may obtain a copy.

Subject to any special conditions stated below, my interview may be used for research, instruction, exhibition, publication, broadcast, publication, and similar purposes. In order to encourage full use of my interview, I dedicate all of my rights in this information to the public.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

Interviewee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer/Videographer or Recording Specialist Release:

I relinquish all rights to the recording and transcripts described above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I relinquish all rights to the recording and transcripts described above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Oral History Interview Cover Sheet

The interview cover sheet describes the interview to provide information for the listener.

## INTERVIEWEE'S INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## INTERVIEWER'S INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## INTERVIEW DESCRIPTION

Collecting medium (audiotape, digital audio recorder, video recorder, written notes):

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Description of collecting situation (date, place, social environment, people present at the time, and length of session).

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# Life History Form

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Interviewee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family or Biographical Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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## EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE:

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## MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION INVOLVMENT:

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