



DOWNE PLANE'S location is shown by arrow on the north slope of Mt. Hood at the 7,300-foot level. It was discovered by Carrie Scott of Sandy and Al Vavra of Gresham, who were members of the air search team which had taken off about 45 minutes earlier. Both local

area men are employees of Western Skyways at Troutdale. The fliers found crash victim later perched on a rock about 2 miles away at the 6,500-foot level.

(Post photo)

Local pilots play key role in finding air crash victim



CLOSEUP AERIAL view of crashed plane—a Mooney Mark 21 single-engine, four-seat model—shows how it broke in two after sliding to a stop and flipping over.

Cushioning effect of the snow probably saved the pilot's life, according to one of the searchers.

(Post Photo)



PARACHUTES ON the snow (shown by arrows) indicate vicinity where crashed pilot, Greg Grani of Pasadena, Calif., was found Friday morning. Parachutes

belonged to Air Force rescue team who dropped down to administer first aid to Grani.

(Post Photo)

"The guy's lucky to be alive," a Sandy man told the Outlook Friday, just moments after the downed pilot was picked off Mt. Hood where his plane had crashed the night before.

Making the assessment was Carrie Scott, a pilot for Western Skyways at Troutdale. Scott and Al Vavra of Gresham, another Western Skyways employee, were the two men who discovered the crash victim about 45 minutes after the air search began Friday morning.

"He must have come down at a low angle, skipped along the top of the snow and flipped over. The snow slowed him down. If it hadn't been for the snow—if he would have stopped instantly—then that would have been it," Scott said.

The pilot was Greg Grani, a 25-year-old contractor from Pasadena, Calif. He is recovering from a severely sprained ankle, facial cuts and bruises and frostbite at Willamette Falls Hospital in Oregon City.

"You'd never guess the way we found him," Scott told the Outlook. "Vavra and I were flying low over the area (the north slope of Mt. Hood) when we spotted his footprints in the snow."

"We turned and flew uphill, following his tracks, until we saw the plane. We couldn't see him there, so we turned around and went down the slope until we saw him standing on a rock, waving his coat over his head like a crazy man," Scott said. (Grani had walked down the slope about two miles, according to one report.)

Grani was found about 10:30 a.m. Friday. He had been unconscious inside the crashed plane most of the night. His plane had vanished from the radar scope at Portland International Airport at about 6:15 the evening before. He was flying from Salt Lake City to Portland.

According to statements made in the hospital, Grani was approaching the Portland area, and he began to make his decent toward the airport. He entered a cloud bank at a lower altitude, and could not see the mountain. He knew Mt. Hood was nearby, and turned to get away from it. But he turned in the wrong direction.

Shortly after he was discovered, he was given first aid treatment by members of an Air Force Reserve rescue and recovery team, who parachuted down to Grani's location. Then he was picked up by a locally based Oregon National Guard helicopter and taken to the hospital.

Much of the search activity for Grani and his plane was conducted out of the Troutdale airport.

Wrench gone

An air impact wrench valued at over \$100 was reported stolen from an Arco service station, 18030 E. Burnside, Monday evening, March 5, according to sheriff's reports.

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