



## Three Stranded Climbers

**August 15, 1977**  
**China Lake**  
**1977-021**

It was early afternoon when the pagers alerted the team that a mission was in the works. Calls were made to the coordinator and we started rolling toward the Idyllwild Sheriff's Substation.

The only information we had was that a 10-year-old mentally retarded boy was lost.

Just as the rescue van was crossing Sanderson Avenue on Ramona Boulevard in San Jacinto approximately 45 minutes after the call, we received a message from the Sheriff's Department that the boy had returned and our services would not be needed on this one; but it was a beautiful afternoon for a ride!

RMRU is a volunteer search and rescue team that covers Riverside County and assists other teams with search and rescue efforts in other counties. Each member purchases their own equipment and takes time off work, without compensation, to participate in search and rescue missions. Team equipment is purchased from contributions from the community. We are a non-profit organization and are funded by [donations](#) from people like you.