



## Aborted search for overdue hiker

**October 5, 1986**  
**Palm Canyon**  
**1986-041**

RMRU was returning from Marion Flats, completing a two day hike across upper Mt. San Jacinto, when a call was received over the radio. The Indio office of the Riverside Sheriff's Department called RMRU to begin a search for an overdue male hiker. The solo hiker reportedly was hiking from Santa Rosa Springs (Near Santa Rosa Peak) to Hermit Bench at the mouth of Palm Canyon. As RMRU hiked down the trails of Mt. San Jacinto, the in-town member, Walt Walker, made arrangements regarding aerial search and transportation technicalities. Walt also had the Palm Springs Mounted Police called out to search the lower part of Palm Canyon and cover the mouth of the canyon. As both search and rescue teams proceeded towards Palm Canyon, the overdue hiker walked out, uninjured.

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.