

R M R U NEWSLETTER

LAST MEETING (May): Discussion on the following subjects: Quartermasters to inventory team equipment; Insurance for truck, three members appointed to obtain bids; possible changes on call sheets and equipment check lists. Jim Fairchild was appointed chairman of the Membership Committee. The rest of the meeting was spent with Capt. Crowell of the Riverside County Sheriff's Dept. discussing search and rescue problems.

RESCUES: 31 May - 1500 hrs. We received a call from the sheriff that two men were overdue from a hike from the tram to the bottom of Murray Canyon. A scent article was transported from San Diego by the CHP and Sheriff's Dept. The Bloodhound was started on a trail that was 56 hours old and the wind was blowing. The hound did not track well (it was learned later that she did track part of the trail). On 1 June, we were joined by members of the Sierra Madre team. Four teams were sent out to descend the four canyons most likely that the missing men could have gone down. While the teams were enroute the two men walked out. The two men were only about 36 hours wrong about their estimated time of arrival.

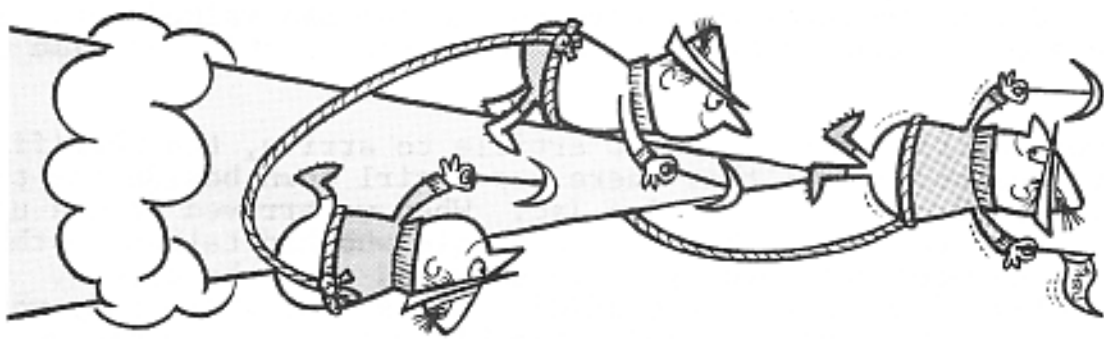
While we were waiting for the scent article to arrive, the Sheriff's Department received a call that there was a girl down beside the trail on the way down from the top of San Jac. When we arrived at the upper terminal of the tram, we talked to the people who had talked to the couple and they were not sure of where they had seen the couple. Jim and Don finally found them at the saddle, miles from where they were reported to be. The girl was having trouble walking. Jim and Don helped the girl out to Humber Park.

8 June - 2200 hrs. We received a call that a five year old girl wearing only shorts and blouse was missing in the Pinyon Flats area. We took 'Sugar' to the area and once again the wind was blowing hard. She tracked for about two miles and we lost the scent and could not pick it up again. The teams then tried to visual track. Sierra Madre arrived after midnight and tried their dog with little success. Shortly after daylight two Marine UH 34 choppers arrived and were used for air search. Two S.M. men located the girl about 0830 by visual tracking. She was in surprizingly good condition.

NEXT MEETING: June 30th, 7:30 P.M. - Southern California Gas Company Auditorium. It is located on Central east of Magnolia Ave. near the Riverside Plaza. We will plan our calendar for the next six months. Bring any information you have that could be used in the new training manual. The new technical climbing slides will be shown.

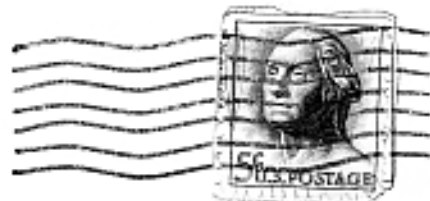
COMING ATTRACTIONS: June - 12th, Bud - 9 Pks. Trn. Hike; 13th - So. Calif. Region -MRA Meeting and testing of Sylmar Team; 18-20, Jim - Poopout to Whitewater hatchery; 25 or 26, ? simulated rescue; 30th regular meeting; July - 2-5, Jim - Palisade area; 3-5 Bud - 9 Pks. Hike; 7-11 - Sunnymead Fair, helicopter rides.

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