

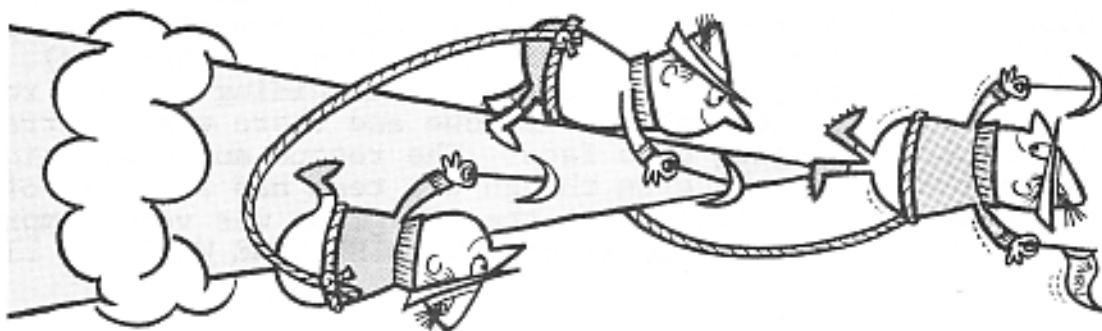
R M R U NEWSLETTER

LAST MONTH: April 24th - At the Association for Outdoor Education Conference in Idyllwild, we gave a very complete demonstration of our capabilities. The team met at 8 a.m. and after a short discussion of the plans for the day we went to the Strawberry Creek area and worked until 1 p.m. on the rescue demonstration that was to be given in the afternoon. (All morning the wind was blowing and the Schwartz was jumping for glee.) After lunch the wind died down and Paul drove down to Hemet to meet Dixon and Barbara with their Cessna 206. About 2:45 p.m. the plane came over and the ground wind was about 15 knots with gusts up to 25 knots. A smoke flare was set out and Paul dropped a spotter chute that landed about 3/4 of a mile away in the very tip top of a tall pine tree. After a couple of more passes, Paul jumped and landed 70 feet from the panels in a very small meadow. One of the gals from the AOE group left from the jump area and headed toward the rescue demonstration area. We had one of her blouses and gave 'Sugar' the scent and away she went. The direction the victim went was straight out the ridge road with the wind blowing across the ridge. Most of the time the hound was about 50 to 100 feet away from the road and most of the people thought that the dog was not on the trail (including the handler). But Sugar came through by going to the victim who was hiding in some rocks. We were now in the area of the planned rescue and there was 'Sierra Sam' (courtesy of S.M.S.R.) hanging on a face. The rescue and evacuation by aerial traverse went very well even though the team had a couple of trying moments. Paul reported later that the AOE group was very impressed and that they would be giving a donation. WE NEED SOME WORKOUTS LIKE THIS ONE.

April 28th - Annual meeting. The following men were elected to the Board of Directors: R. Watkins, D. Ricker, J. Fairchild, R. Minter, D. Jackson, W. Walker, P. Sanders, J. Johnson, D. Martin, A. Bridge, B. White and S. Hirsh. The board then elected the following officers: President, Walt Walker; 1st Vice-President, Paul Sanders; 2nd Vice-President, James Fairchild; Secretary-Treasurer, Don Ricker; Quartermaster, Jake Johnson; Asst. Quartermaster, Bob Minter.

REGULAR MEETING: May 26th, Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Camp Evans, BSA. We are hoping to meet with Capt. Crowell of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.





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