

RMRU NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS:

- Jan. 15 - So. Calif. Region meeting in Sierra Madre.
- Jan. 16 - Ice axe test - Sylmar Search & Rescue Team.
- Jan. 26 - Regular RMRU meeting - Don Ricker home.
- Jan. 29 - Training session - details at the meeting.
- Feb. 23 - RMRU meeting.
- Feb. 25, 26 & 27 - Winter practice - San Geronio area.
- Apr. 16 & 17 - MRA meeting - Yakima, Washington.
- May 7 & 8 - So. Calif. Region Seminar - Idyllwild.

RMRU MEETING: If all goes well with Highland Outfitters, this is the last time we will have to impose on Don and Alice Ricker for a meeting place. There will be a report of the SCR-MRA meeting and what RMRU's part will be in the coming seminar at Idyllwild. Details on the training session from Jim Fairchild. Plans will be made and teams will be selected for the coming winter practice. Bud White will unveil his 'Ultimate Tent' we hope.

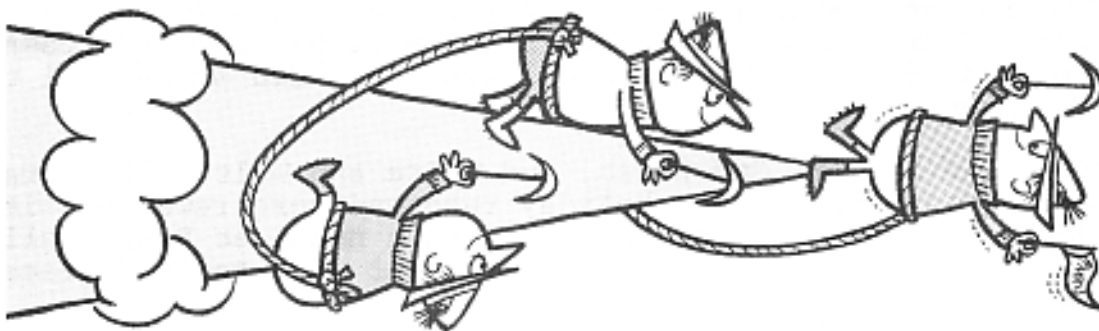
WINTER TRIP: Don Ricker, Stu Hirsh, Bud White and Walt Walker braved the ride up the tram during the holiday rush and were rewarded with two fine days of snowshoeing and skiing plus a night at Round Valley. The wind really howled and the temperature went down to 15 degrees by a Minimax.

RESCUE: We started the new year off with a mission that started on the evening of January 1st. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department called at 2230 and requested assistance in locating three boys missing in the Idyllwild area. The three boys had hiked up the Devil Slide Trail to the "Saddle". The boys tracks led from there and most of the time it was easy to track them in the virgin snow. They went out the ridge to Tahquitz Peak and crossed over areas that were icy and dangerous. They made it to the fire lookout tower just after dark and broke in. Just before sunrise, the Idyllwild-Banning team found the boys and we arrived about 45 minutes later. After a short rest we roped the boys up with us and began the descent. Each of the boys fell more than once and if they had not been roped they would have suffered quite a fall down the steep slopes.

TRAINING MANUAL: Jim and Walt have been working again and there will be a number of new sheets to be given out at the meeting.

NEW PARKAS: If you did not order a parka at the meeting the other night and still want one, get in touch with Don as he is sending the order this weekend.

NEW CALL SHEETS: They will be given out at the meeting.



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