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- Dec 4 - Board meeting
- Dec 11 - Regular meeting
- Dec 14 - Training
- Jan 8 - Board meeting
- Jan 18 - CR-MRA Snow & Ice test
- Jan 19 - CR-MRA meeting (Riverside)
- Jan 22 - Regular meeting
- Jan 25-26 - Training



COMING EVENTS

December 4 - Board meeting, 1900 at Highland Outfitters.

December 11 - Regular meeting, 1930 at Highland Outfitters. Wear some old clothes as we will have a short outdoor practice. (Dinner board, 1800 at Sir George's in Riverside)

December 14 - The training session will be a day long brush up on Helitac techniques. We will meet at Western Helicopters, Inc. at 0830. Western is located at the Rialto Municipal Airport which is south of Highland Avenue on Linden Street between Rialto and Fontana. Protective old clothing is recommended. -A1



The Road
Runner sez-

First, does anyone have any brilliant ideas on how to get the members who do not read the NEWSLETTER to do so? Our last training session was cancelled because many members

thought the session was a later date -- why? Because they did not read! Talk about a lost art, reading seems to be going into limbo as is dexterity in knot tying. Second, remember the "Monday On The Rocks" series we had on Mt. Rubidoux? While only a few attended more than once, the regular ones really developed technical skills and have even commented since about our evening training up there. So, when the Instructor phase of the present first aid course ends (9 Dec.) The Roadrunner plans to re-start the instruction and practice of technical rock rescue skills on Wednesday evenings -- those Wednesdays when there is no RMRU Board or Regular meeting. We'll meet just before 1900 at 9th & Loring Streets and hike to the cliffs. You will receive notices prior to the first session. Third, if one familiar with RMRU's operation were asked what the unit's greatest need is, he would probably mention money. But this writer would like to submit that a higher need is crying for fulfillment. That is, more dedicated members. We need new, dedicated members, we need re-dedication in some of the present members. Those at the skinny end of the participation department might do some soul searching. -Jim

RESCUE - TAHQUITZ CANYON - 11-24-68

It was 9:20 A.M. Sunday morning when RMRU received the call from the Riverside County Sheriff's Dept. that a hiker was down and injured in Tahquitz Canyon and was awaiting help. The bulk of the team arrived at Don Landells' Aviation Service at the Palm Springs Airport about 10:40 A.M. Base camp was set up at the airport, this gave us a pretty good shot at the canyon with the radios. Walt Walker and Larry Percy immediately were flown into the canyon to the victim, Richard McCantee, who had been located earlier by Don Landells in his helicopter. Don made a nice one runner touch down and Walt and Larry stepped out on the rock and were with the victim in just a matter of minutes. McCantee had a very bad laceration on his right ankle, the bleeding had been quite severe and the muscle and bone were exposed. He had fallen the day before, Saturday, about 12:30 P.M., a friend had been with him and stayed with him through the night and on Sunday morning went for help.

First aid was administered by Walt Walker. More help and a litter was called for, and both were flown in by Don Landells in two more trips. An air splint was applied to the victim's leg to protect the injury; he was put in the litter and with quite some bit of difficulty carried back to the spot where the chopper could touch down. The carry-out of the victim started without incident, that is, until a by-stander got hung-up on a rock face and had to be helped down with a belay from Mike Daugherty. Just after that Walt Walker's Yashica Camera was well broken up by a 50 or 60 pound boulder, which was dislodged from above. After all the extra-curricular activities, we finally got the victim to the chopper and from there on everything went quite well. Mission Number 22 successfully completed gave us somewhere near 3400 hours in search and rescue alone.

Immediately after the rescue was completed a critique was held at Shakey's Pizza Parlor in Palm Springs; stay tuned next month for the names of the two members who won the pizza eating contest. -Larry

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

November has been another outstanding month for RMRU's sustaining membership. We now have nearly enough funds for our third 5-watt radio. Thank you again, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Brandt, Mr. & Mrs. George Shipway, Dr. & Mrs. Noel Kirkby, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald E. Harris, Mrs. M.A. Johnston, Mr. & Mrs. B. E. Harris, Explorer Post 353, Mr. & Mrs. Earl N. Cannon, Izaak Walton League, Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. Harry T. Penn, Idyllwild Firemen's Association and Mary P. Chapman. -A1



First, let me echo the 'Road Runners' thoughts on dedication. You soul searchers know who you are. Unless you become more dedicated mighty fast you are going to find yourself pruned off just like dead wood. Your board of directors has been giving a lot of thought to the problem and most of them feel that 12 hard working dedicated men are better than 18 who are sort of so - so.

Second, from now on there will be no cancellations of training week-ends. You RMRU members pay dues that bring the newsletter each month. Why not get your monies worth and read the newsletter as soon as you receive it each month.

Third, if you have had a change of address or telephone number notify the secretary as the new call lists will be printed 18 December.

Fourth, last but not least. We of the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit would like to thank the members of Idyllwild Chapter of the Izaak Walton League for their most successful fund raising dinner in our behalf.

THINK SNOW - Pres. Walt

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