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13 Jan. - CR-MRA Meeting
24 Jan. - Board Meeting
26-27 Jan. - Training
31 Jan. - Regular Meeting

California Region-MRA meeting on 13 January at 1300 will be held at China Lake. If you are interested in attending contact Al Andrews or Walt Walker.

RMRU BOARD MEETING on 24 January at 1900 will be held at Larry Pearcys'.

TRAINING MISSION. Meet at 1900 on 26 January in the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway parking lot. We will take the 1930 car which is the last one of the day. Bring full winter gear and a 2 qt. canteen. The canteen will be necessary if we descend the skyline trail.

REGULAR MEETING on 31 January at 1930 will be held at Highland Outfitters.

8-10 DECEMBER TRAINING MISSION. Five faithful members climbed Rabbit Peak and camped on the scenic summit plateau. Weather was cold, and clear. We saw three Bighorn sheep at close range. This was an exceptionally strenuous but rewarding trip.

SEARCH AND RESCUE: 10 December. Three children were missing below camp Lawler in Dark Canyon. Walker arrived and was told, by the Sheriffs' Dept., children were safe and on their way out by truck. He drove down Banning-Idyllwild road to intercept other members. Ricker and Johnson in the rescue truck (via Mountain Center) pulled into Camp Lawler after Walt left and were told, by bystanders, five men were still in the canyon searching (non-rescue type). Ricker and Johnson descended and assisted them out after dark. One of them really needed the help. It's a good idea to ask a lot of questions about who is where so stragglers aren't left in the back country. Impromptu search parties usually create problems.

21 December. A 12 year old boy was stranded above a dry waterfall in a tributary to Coldwater Canyon behind Glen Ivy Hot Springs. We reached his father 1½ miles up the trail, where we had voice contact with the boy. Then the fun began - hours of exhausting struggle through impenetrable brush on messy 45-90 degree slopes. After an 80 foot rappel on 75 feet of rope and scrambling up grapevines to where Walker and Andrews had gotten to the boy - we set up a hand-line and belayed the boy to safety. Even the boys dog needed assistance. The evacuation caused three cases of poison oak and 2 sprained fingers.

SURPRISE! Early in '68 all RMRU members will be tested for call-out response and material readiness. You will be contacted (by phone or knock on the door). Then the stop-watch will start and you get your gear into vehicle ready to go, then you'll be checked on how soon you can hit the trail with proper gear. Be ready any time and all the time after you read this.

PLEASE, if you cannot attend a meeting or training mission, let a board member know so we won't expect or wait for you.

Do you ALWAYS notify your call captain when you are unavailable or away from listed phones.

NOTICE! The Winter Training Mission on San Gorgonio is 22-24 March.

VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 1967 - Search & Rescue 2469 - Meetings 498 - Training 3263 - Programs, etc. 198 - Total 6428 - At only \$2.75 per hour that amounts to \$17,677.00.

If you had participated in everything that RMRU had done in '67 you would have 749 hours. The following men REALLY participated: Fairchild 594; Walker 566; Briggs 539; Camphausen 502; Andrews 424; Ricker 421.

When you see Al ask him about the New Year's Eve party he was at. It must have been something as his right hand is in a cast.



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