

# R M R U NEWSLETTER

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October 5 - California Region Meeting  
October 9 - Board meeting  
October 23 - Regular meeting  
October 26 & 27 - Training session  
November 6 - Board meeting



The Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit, Inc. invites you to a thrilling evening of mountain climbing and sightseeing in South America.

The Riverside Andean Expedition will show the movies of their climb of Peru's highest, Mt. Huascarán, 22,205'. All members of the expedition are also members of the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit; they are Bill Briggs, Mike Daugherty, Jim Foote, Woody Stark and Dick Webster. All proceeds will go toward improving Riverside Mountain Rescues communications network. We are in need of more FM handi-talkies to bring our communications system up to par. At a cost of \$750 per radio, we are still a long way from attaining our goal of ten radios, but with the recent delivery of two new radios we now have a good start.

The movies were taken by Dick Webster, and show the extremely difficult ice falls, glaciers, crevasses and high angle ice which the expedition had to negotiate in order to reach the summit.

This interesting and informative film will be shown at the Magnolia School Auditorium, 5801 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside on the evening of November 14, 1968, at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be a donation of \$1.00 for adults and 25¢ for children twelve and under.



Hello to all you new readers of the RMRU NEWSLETTER. The NEWSLETTER is published once a month to advise our members of meetings and training sessions. It also informs our sustaining members of what's happening. In January, 1968, the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit, Inc. received permission from the Internal Revenue Service to solicit donations on a tax deductible basis. At that time we launched our Sustaining Membership Drive. To date we have raised enough money to purchase two FM handi-talkies.

If you are interested in the life saving work we perform, we would be most happy to welcome you to our growing list of Sustaining Members. We have the following classes of membership: \$10 Supporting; \$25 Contributing; \$50 Associate; \$100 Life; \$250 Endowment; \$500 Patron; and \$1000 Benefactor. Upon receiving your donation we will send you a donation receipt for your state and federal income tax use. We will also put you on our mailing list and you will start receiving the RMRU NEWSLETTER.

In 1967 we had 13 missions and put in 2,469 volunteer hours. So far this year we have had 18 missions (plus 2 that were called off after we had arrived) and have put in 2,487 hours. Without a doubt we will receive more calls with three months left to go in 1968. Besides the radios that are so badly needed, we also need many feet of new climbing rope and there is work that needs to be done on the rescue truck. The list is actually almost endless but these are the things on the top of the list.

In 1968 RMRU has participated in more missions that have saved lives than any year in its past. The most dramatic of course was the five day search for the missing 10-year-old boy that was found just clinging to life in rugged Tahquitz Canyon. If you could have been there you would have immediately known why RMRU exists and why we need funds to continue. Pres.-Walt

#### COMING EVENTS

California Region meeting 5 October, 1300 at Sierra Madre.

Board meeting 9 October, 1930 at Highland Outfitters. Committee Chairmen will report to the board of directors.

Regular meeting 23 October, 1930 at Highland Outfitters.

Training session 26 & 27 October, 0800 at Jumbo Rocks, Joshua Tree.

Board meeting 6 November, 1930 at Highland Outfitters.

#### LOST & FOUND

The missing team first aid belt has shown up. It was put into a victim's pack who was flown out by helicopter on the rescue of the two Scouts from the North Face of Mt. San Jacinto. The boy returned the first aid belt to RMRU.

#### WHERE & WHEN - answer for September

This place was Big Rock on 27 April of this year. RMRU was having a technical training session. Prospective member Steve Bryant is in the litter. From l to r, Jim Dodson, Fred Camphausen and Larry Percy not looking at the camera, and Bob MacPherson. King Dalton took this fine action shot. We hope to have the 'WHERE & WHEN' whenever space permits. So far there has been much comment about trying to figure out the shots.



#### SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

We have three new names to add to our sustaining membership this month. These people along with those who have contributed in the past are a very important part of the RMRU's organization. We would like to again thank the Rotary Club of Hemet, The Magnolia Center Lions Club, and J. Kendall McBane, M. D. Thank you. - A1

## TRAINING NOTES

Ritter-Banner Trip, September 27-29. Camphausen and Speck started this mission by hiking in to Nydiver Lakes Friday. On Saturday they climbed Banner Peak (12,957' el.) and returned via the Ritter-Banner Pass route, while Briggs, Daugherty, Fairchild, Stark and Webster made the leisurely hike to camp. Stark and Webster got a bit off route and found a long lost gold mine, but the nuggets were too big to haul out. Skies were clear and the temperature balmy. On Sunday we made our usual un-early start. Stark and Webster headed back before long, as the rest of us climbed to the pass. Crampons were used in the col before the pass and on the snowfield above. The ledges and chutes leading to the top of Ritter (13,159' el) were much easier than anticipated. The summit view was great despite almost complete cloud cover and snow flurries. We descended the southeast route to better view the picturesque and spectacular snowfield on the north slope of the pinnacles south of Ritter. The intermittent fall of flake and corn snow during the hike out, the colorful deciduous leaves, and the aromatic fall air were most pleasant. While driving out over Minaret Summit came the final thrill of a pure white landscape. The skiers in the group were excited when they looked up through the fading light of dusk at Mammoth Mountain and its mantle of white stuff.

Opportunities. Besides our scheduled, official training missions, many of us conduct outings that constitute fine training for SAR. Ponder this list: rock climbing; sport backpacking; skiing; High Sierra and Desert Peak climbing; expeditions to Mexico and South America; informal technical rescue sessions on Mt. Rubidoux; first aid classes; long distance running, cycling, and swimming; ski mountaineering courses. Just call a member of the Training Committee -- every day RMRU people are doing one or more of the above.

Next Training Mission. 25-27 October, Jumbo Rocks C.G., Joshua Tree National Monument. Try to drive out there Friday evening -- go to far end of C.G. Saturday we concentrate on multi-pitch raising and lowering of victim on the cliffs. Sunday is family day to explore, hike, rock climb, etc. More details at 22 October regular meeting.

## SEARCH AND EVACUATION - Soboba Hills - 1 September

We received a call from the Hemet Sheriff's Sub-Station informing us that help was needed in evacuating an injured boy from the hills behind Soboba Hot Springs. When we arrived at the roadhead, it was discovered that the boy who had been with the victim at the time he fell, could not remember which canyon they had gone up or which one he had come down for help. At this point a search of the low slopes and canyons was started to find some clue on which to start "Sugar" tracking. We soon found that our presence was very unwanted by the local rattlesnakes, which made tracking even more difficult. At this point Veterinarian Dr. Jay Wallis, D.V.M. was called and asked to stand by in the event that Sugar should be used. It so happened that the injured boy was located about one-half mile east of us by two of his friends which were searching on their own. RMRU and the Mt. San Jacinto Search and Rescue Team regrouped to perform the evacuation. We progressed up a deep canyon to a dry 30' waterfall, at which point the battle of loose falling rock intermixed with the occasional rattlesnake began. Once the victim was reached, about 300' above the waterfall on the side of the canyon, he was evacuated by litter to the Hemet Hospital where X-rays indicated his right pelvis bone was cracked. - Al



### The Road Runner sez-

The seasonal aspect of backpacking and mountaineering, wherein the wilderness is crowded in the summer and mostly deserted in the winter, is another mystery. The fall, winter, and spring seasons offer as much attraction, if not more. SAR people, do

you have your winter gear ready? Snowshoes, skis, down garments, crampons, ice axe, double boots -- all these may be needed sooner and more suddenly than we expect. Here are the Roadrunner's four reasons for attending RMRU training sessions: 1) to acquire and improve R skills; 2) to learn more about areas of future missions; 3) to develop familiarity and teamwork with fellow members; 4) it's downright enjoyable and satisfying, even when there are hardships, even when disagreeable or onerous circumstances apply--accidentally or on purpose.

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