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Jan. 8 -Board Meeting
Jan. 18 -CRMRA Snow & Ice Test
Jan. 19 -CRMRA Meeting (Riverside)
Jan. 22 -Regular Meeting
Jan. 25-26 -Training
Feb. 5 -Board Meeting
Feb. 19 -Regular Meeting
Feb. 21-23 -Training

COMING EVENTS

Board meeting on 8 January at 1900 at Highland Outfitters. If you are not doing anything that evening come on down and help with the newsletter.

CRMRA Snow & Ice Test of the San Diego Mountain Rescue Team. We will meet near the end of the Mt. Baldy road on 18 January at 0800.

CRMRA meeting on 19 January will be hosted by RMRU. Time and Place will be decided at the test.

Regular meeting on 22 January at 1930 at Highland Outfitters. There will be a training session, special feature speaker and business.

Snow training session on Mt. San Jacinto on 25 and 26 January. Meet at 0630 on Saturday at the lower terminal of the tram. Think Snow and bring your winter gear. If you cannot attend the regular meeting and plan on going on this session contact your call captain.

Helitac - Details at the regular meeting.

First Aid Refresher Course. This will be a two-part effort designed to give unit members up-to-date, second-aid type training slanted toward our known and potential needs. On March 29, our regular training date, we'll spend the morning in a practical review of "hurry cases," dressings, bandages, splints, resuscitation. After lunch we hope to have several specialists lecture us on: heat and cold problems (exposure); massive trauma to soft and bone tissue; and first aid for children. On April 9 we'll conduct an evening of practical and theoretical review. This can bring everyone up to standard on first aid, and give a uniform future expiration date of certificates.

Rubidoux on the Rocks. Let's try to meet at Ninth and Loring by 1900, January 15th. Bring climbing gear. Individual instruction and practice of technical rock skills you want and need. We'll have a go at it on January 29 also. Opportunity knocks again, don't miss out!

LOST AND FOUND. Lost this time: Dick Webster's blue first aid belt, with full contents. Contact Dick if you know the whereabouts.

AVAILABILITY. If you will be unavailable, or available at different from listed phones, let your Call Captain Know. This will save us valuable time, not to mention our wives' time spent on fruitless follow-up calls.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

This month we would like to thank Mrs. Florence Batchelor and Mr. & Mrs. Wilford F. Keith for their generous donations. We are completing the first year

of our Sustaining Membership with the conclusion of this month and for this reason we thought it appropriate to let our membership know what has been done with their monies. First of all our rescue truck required a fuel pump, two new tires and tubes, along with gas, oil, and insurance for a total of \$231. There were some small items such as maps, batteries, webbing and rope replacement which amounted to \$40. Last but not least was the purchase of our first two Motorola 5-watt FM radios at a price of \$1510. At this time our bank account is just short of a third radio. Had it not been for our sustaining members, it would have been difficult to even keep our truck running this year. We sincerely hope each of our sustaining members will be able to support us again in 1969 as they so generously did this year. We hope our continuing efforts to enlarge the membership in future years will equal or surpass 1968--we now have 63 sustaining members. We of RMRU would again like to thank each and every one of you for making 1968 our most prosperous year.....THANK YOU! -Al

THE ROADRUNNER SEZ,

First, "It's only 18 miles over the hump to Pahrump." That saying originated during a search for a small boy in the Charleston Mountains of Nevada. Four of us descended a canyon and came to a road, thinking we might follow it out to a highway. Further down we talked to some ranchers building a cabin. We asked them how far to the main road. They said, "It's only 18 miles to Pahrump." Hence, this saying comes up when we're faced with a longer than desired hike or climb. You know how it is, destinations in unknown country always are farther away than anticipated. And sometimes even in "known" country. Second, two heavy snowfalls in a row here in Southern California finally supported a prediction of a cold, snowy winter. Now to see if the prediction of a deep, late snowpack is accurate, or just wishful thinking. Third, conversation with a high country USFS Ranger reveals a plan to eliminate all evidence of man from areas in National Forests. Only trails and signs denoting direction to points will remain. From an aesthetic point of view this is great, but from a practical one we of RMRU are dismayed. The Roadrunner foresees more SAR activity and greater "human erosion" in the wilderness. Fourth, a most successful training session in technical rock skills on 14 December really boosted the Training Committee morale. To invoke an old cliché, "We get out of Training what we put into it." In a higher sense, our subjects of SAR benefit from our training. Fifth, let's review our individual performances in '68, then make some meaningful resolutions for '69. -Jim

1969 RIVERSIDE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT, INC. - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JANUARY

8-Board meeting, Newsletter mailing
22-Regular meeting
25&26-Snow training, Mt. San Jac-
into and general area.
29-Newsletter deadline

FEBRUARY

5-Board meeting, Newsletter mailing
19-Regular meeting
21,22&23-Annual winter to the San
Gorgonio area.
26-Newsletter deadline

MARCH

5-Board meeting, Newsletter mailing
26-Regular meeting
29-First Aid seminar in the field

APRIL

2-Newsletter deadline
9-Board meeting, Newsletter mailing
)-Annual meeting & election
25-26&27-Climb No. Face of Mt. San
Jacinto, descend to Marion Mt. Cpg
30-Newsletter deadline

MAY

7-Board meeting, Newsletter mailing
21-Regular meeting
24&25-San Jacinto Mts. familiarization
hike with call out equipment
28-Newsletter deadline

JUNE

4-Board meeting, Newsletter mailing
25-Regular meeting
28-Family hike to Tahquitz Peak

JULY

2-Newsletter deadline
9-Board meeting, Newsletter mailing
23-Regular meeting
26-Technical practice, Tahquitz Rock
30-Newsletter deadline

AUGUST

6-Board meeting, Newsletter mailing
20-Regular meeting
23&24-High Sierra backpack & climb
27-Newsletter deadline

SEPTEMBER

3-Board meeting, Newsletter mailing
24-Regular meeting
27-Desert Trek and training

OCTOBER

1-Newsletter deadline
8-Board meeting, Newsletter mailing
22-Regular meeting
25&26-Technical practice and family
weekend. Joshua Tree Nat. Mont.
29-Newsletter deadline

NOVEMBER

5-Board meeting, Newsletter mailing
19-Regular meeting
21-22& 23-Desert Pks. Backpack & Climb
26-Newsletter deadline

DECEMBER

3-Board meeting, Newsletter mailing
10-Regular meeting
12-13&14-Desert Divide familiarization
hike with call out equipment
31-Newsletter deadline

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