

RMRU NEWSLETTER

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7 May Board Meeting
10 May Helitac
17 May CR-MRA Meeting
16-18 May Training
21 May Regular Meeting
23&24 May Outdoor Show
4 June Board Meeting

R.M.R.U. RESCUETTES SMASHING SUCCESS



The wives of RMRU members and friends worked for many days and nights preparing for the April Rummage Sale. These gals spent alot of time washing and ironing clothes, sorting items and many nights just putting price tags on the items to be sold. The Thursday night prior to the sale members and wives got together and hauled all the sale items to Shamel House and set up tables and clothes racks. Everyone worked late into the night setting the items for sale out on the tables and racks.

It is history now, but we the members of RMRU, won't forget the "R.M.R.U. Rescuettes." These hard working gals raised almost enough money to purchase another 5 watt FM radio for our growing radio network. Thank you gals for a job more than well done. We plan to show you our appreciation in June.

Besides the gals we would like to thank everyone who donated items and especially the Isaac Walton League in Idyllwild. Special thanks also to Ron Harris for constructing the clothes racks and to Bill and Mary Speck for the storage space at Speck Engineering. - Pres. Walt

ELECTION RESULTS

The annual meeting was held on 23 April and the following members were elected: Walt Walker, President; Don Ricker, Vice-President and Quartermaster; Al Andrews, Secretary; Bill Speck, Treasurer; Art Bridge, Director; Mike Daugherty, Director; Jim Fairchild, Director.

The new board of directors appointed the following committees:

MEMBERSHIP: Mike Daugherty, Chr., Bill Briggs, Bob MacPherson and Bill Speck.

RESCUE: Walt Walker, Chr., Mike Daugherty and Jim Fairchild.

EDUCATION: Ron Harris, Chr., Jim Dodson, Jim Fairchild and Dick Webster.

TRAINING: Jim Fairchild, Chr., Art Bridge, Bill Briggs, Mike Daugherty and Walt Walker.

EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT: Bob MacPherson, Chr., Ed Hill, Jake Johnson, Don Ricker, George Ruptier and Dick Webster.

WAYS & MEANS: Al Andrews, Chr., King Dalton, Mike Daugherty, Ron Harris, Bill Speck and Walt Walker.

COMMUNICATIONS: George Ruptier, Chr., Al Andrews, Art Bridge and Bill Speck.

COMING EVENTS --

- 7 May, 1900, Board Meeting at Don Rickers. We have a seven-man board now, and its enthusiasm and interest run high. We anticipate RMRU's best year. The new Board of Directors invites all of those interested in RMRU.
- 10 May, Helitax, 0830, Miro Field in Rialto. Nothing new we can say about this most crucial and challenging training. The men at Western Helicopters are just as anxious as we are, and are just as disappointed that unavoidable problems have caused the postponements.
- 17 May, California Region, Mountain Rescue Association meeting at Sylmar. Walt Walker and Al Andrews, the region's Vice President, will represent RMRU.
- 16-18 May, climbing the North Face of San Jacinto Peak. Here's a training session we can really put our legs into -- 9000' elevation gain. From the warm desert to the cold summit we'll enjoy spectacular climbing.
- 21 May, 1930, Regular Meeting at Highland Outfitters. Board meeting, 1800, at Sir George's prefaces the regular meeting. Dr. Norm Mellor will talk to us about traumatic shock and show how to do external heart massage and resuscitation. Toughen up your ribs for this.....
- 23 & 24 May, Outdoor Show on Riverside's Mall. Displays and demonstrations give us a chance to show the public something about the unit. Those "hairy" operations off buildings make the real thing on the rock seem much easier. Every RMRU member's help is needed. Details at meeting.

RESCUE ACTIVITY...

Since we did not get into the field for a real SAR mission in April, we might use this space to say that we come mighty close to rolling many times every month. People get into situations in wilderness or remote areas often. The Sheriff's Department and other agencies are notified and are about to call us when further word arrives that the exigency is over. Sometimes we are contacted, but the mission is aborted before we roll. We should remember that for every mission where we get into the field there are probably three times as many "near misses." Be Prepared.



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Even a relatively small organization like RMRU has an incredible number of details and facets in its operation. Those of us who have been responsible for taking care of the administrative and operation phases of unit life like to think that every member will have an active vital role to play in helping the unit to become better. To iterate a plea made some time ago in this space, let us all be sincerely concerned with unit affairs and do our part. Our primary mission -- to quickly, efficiently, and effectively carry out SAR operations-- will even further improve if we are all concerned, participating members. It looks like everyone is enthusiastic, there's a great year ahead. - Jim



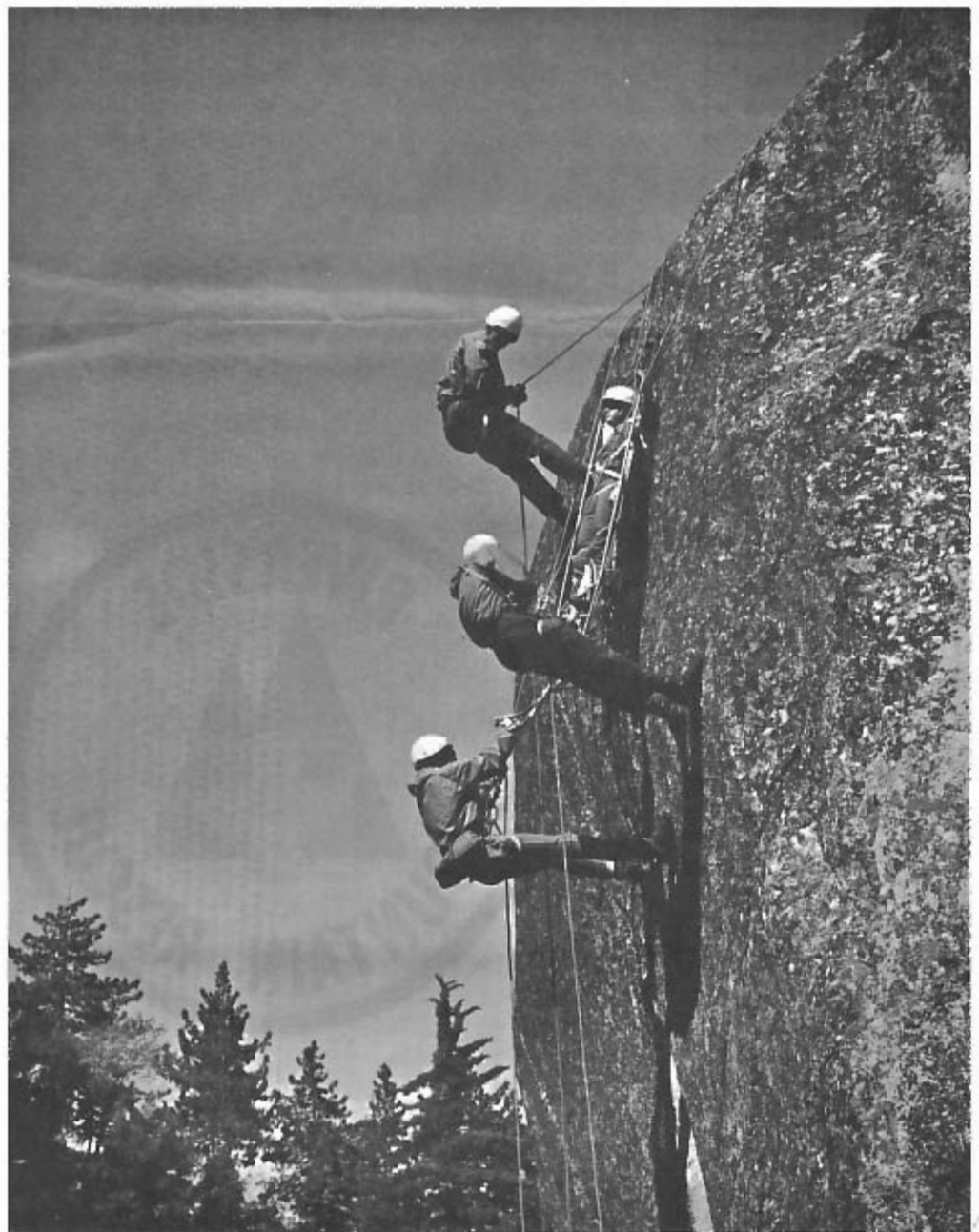
SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

RMRU would like to express their thanks to the Rubidoux Grange, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Modica, Mr. & Mrs. J. Leroy Dooly, and Mr. & Mrs. John B. Morgan for their generous contributions. We are please to add their names to the list of sustaining members. As a result of the overwhelming support of previous and new sustaining members, we were able to put in an order for a third Motorola 5 watt handi-talkie. Again, thank you all for this support. - Al

LATE NEWS--

Just as the typing was being completed RMRU received a call from the San Diego Mountain Rescue Team requesting assistance. They are working with the Imperial County Sheriff's Department on a search for a lost seven year old boy. An unknown number of RMRU members left to help on the search. Complete details in the June Newsletter.

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