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ANNUAL IZZAC WALTON BREAKFAST TO AID RMRU, HUGE SUCCESS!

19 AUG., SUN. — PANCAKE BREAKFAST

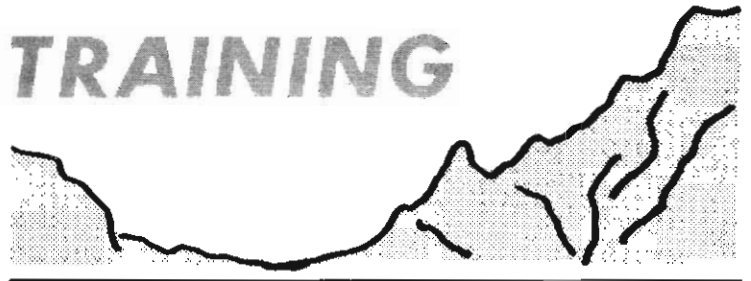
by Hank Schmel

Dolores and I left the house in the RMRU van at about 5:30 a.m. on a bright and sunny August 19th. We arrived at Idyllwild town hall and found many RMRU members and members of the Izzack Walton League already hard at work in preparation for the annual pancake breakfast. Morris, Hadley and myself were cooks, along with members of the Izzack Walton League. Our courageous food consumers began to arrive about 7:30 and they didn't stop coming thru till 11:00 when we closed the kitchen. We fed 470 people and I must say a fine job was done by all. A special thanks to Gary Anderson and Rich Morris who sold over 100 tickets. A very special thank you to Ernie Maxwell and his fellow members of the Izzack Walton League for another job well done.

Coming Events ---

- 11 October, Board Meeting.
- 24 October, Regular Meeting.
- 26-28 October, Training, Family Camp at Joshua Tree.
- 8 November, Board Meeting.
- 14 November, Regular Meeting.
- 16-18 November, Training.
- 29 November, the December Board Meeting.
- 5 December, Regular Meeting.
- 8 December, Training.

TRAINING



25 — 26 AUG. — 'ROUND THE MOUNTAIN'

San Jacinto Mountains

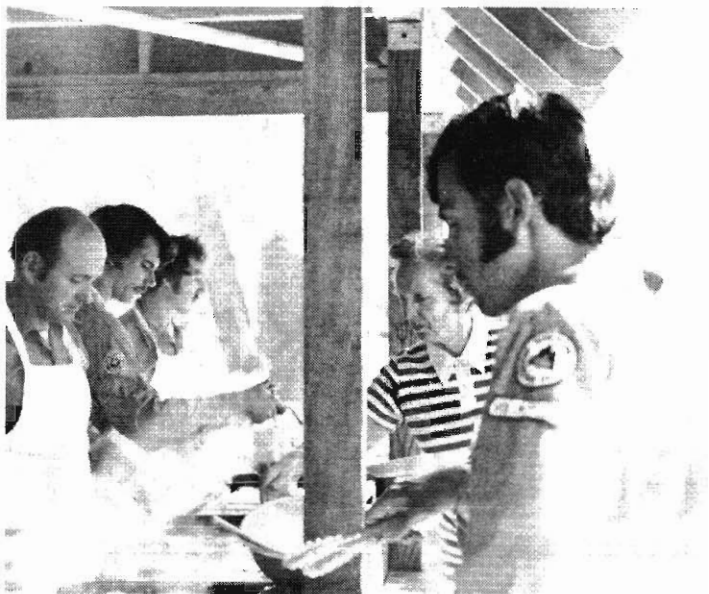
By Pete Carlson

This month's training was also to gather water samples for the Riverside County Health Department.

By 0700 Sat. morning we were heading up to Chinquapin Flats from Humber Park, 6400' el. to 8600' el. By 0930 we had gone over the top and down to upper Little Tahquitz Valley, 8000' el. We went cross-country to Law's Camp, 7800' el. via Reed's Meadow. From Law's we ascended to Willow Creek Crossing, stopping along the way for lunch.

The afternoon found us wandering up picturesque Willow Creek to Wellman's Hut, then steeply up to the trail crossing at Wellman's Cienega, 9000' el. At the cienega Rich Morris left with eight water samples to take down to Dr. Norm Mellor's cabin for refrigeration. Cross-country again, we continued up to Marion Peak, then down to Little Round Valley, 9300' el. for camp that night.

On Sunday Jack Schnurr and Art Bridge went out via Deer Springs and Suicide Rock to Norm's with more water samples. The rest of us climbed Folly Peak, 10500' el., San Jacinto Pk., 10804' el., before descending the Wellman's Divide Trail. At the Strawberry Cienega Trail junction we took that trail over to the cienega for a last water sample. From here it was cross-country to Norm's backyard and the end of a great weekend of training and friendship.



A few of the many Izzac Walton League and RMRU members are pictured preparing breakfast for the hungry supporters of the team.

Search and Rescue



21 AUG., TUE. - SEARCH - No. 7342M
Camp Lackey, San Jacinto Mountains
By Jim Fairchild

Picture the scene: a YMCA Camp high in the San Jacinto Mtns. with tall pines and firs, huge boulders around, steep hillsides above and below camp. Two 8 yr. old boys walking from Cabin 11 to the swimming pool. One of them becomes a bit confused and tells his buddy they are going the wrong way. The buddy continues toward the pool, the other heads off into the wilderness for a six-hour tour - lost.

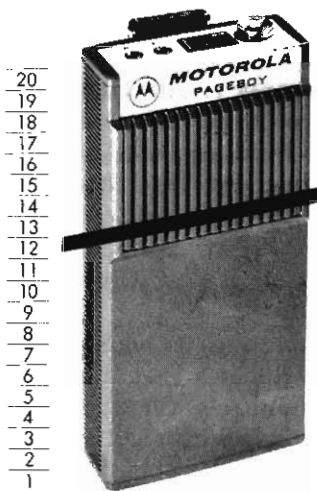
A few minutes after 1 p.m., while finishing my work in Chino, the pager went off. After five miles driving I found a phone. Al Andrews said the Sheriff Office at Banning was informed of a boy missing from Camp Lackey since about 11 a.m. I drove back to the office to check in, then on through Banning and up to the Black Mountain turnoff. The orange van was soon overtaken, we continued the dusty 11 miles to camp.

We immediately requested a helicopter, and Don Landells quickly flew in from Keenwild. Pete Carlson, with a sprained ankle, went up to search with Don. Art Bridge and Dan MacIntosh went with Ed Gill, Camp Lackey's Ranger, to look at tracks north of camp. Dave Hadley, Gary Gillespie, and Steve Stephens went over to the scene of disappearance. Having broken a small toe this morning, I stayed at base. Ed Hill soon arrived to keep me company. In ten minutes Dan radioed they had good tracks, we asked the bird to fly over to search in the direction indicated. In about one minute Don spotted young Steve Mitchell on a logging road gazing up at them. Don landed, picked him up, and in another five minutes Vicki, the camp nurse, was attempting to scrub soot from the recent forest fire off Steve's limbs and face. He had covered several miles getting only a half mile from camp. The whole operation took less time than the drive from camp back to the Banning-Idyllwild Highway. Dave Duncan of the Sheriff's Office radioed the good news to the office and home. We headed home happy because a small eight-year-old is happy.

Sustaining Members

by Mike Daugherty

Pager Fund



This month we welcome three new sustaining members:

Mr. W. A. Neuhoff

Mr. Warren L. Pancake

*Dr. Robert A. Swanson

and thank two renewing members for their continuing support:

Dr. Dale O. Huseboe

Mrs. E. Marie Fowler

*Century Club Member - Donation of \$100 or more.

22 AUG., WED. - SEARCH - No. 7343A

Vail Ranch East of Temecula

By Jim Fairchild

Two fifteen year old girls were reported missing, from a family camp, to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. RMRU was called in to search for the missing girls. Shortly after we arrived, they were reported found.

The girls had ran away from the camp, a boyfriend of one of the girls notified someone who in turn notified the parents and Sheriff's Department.

22 AUG., WED. - SEARCH - No. 7344A

Pinyon Flats Campground, Santa Rosa Mtns.

By Jim Fairchild

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department received a call that a three year old child was missing from the Pinyon Flats campground. RMRU was called at 1325 to search for the youngster. The child was located on a road by local searchers and we were notified at 1405. Once again the "beepers" saved us a long drive.

would be held in great esteem and their services valued by State and County Governments. While this is the case here in Riverside County, it isn't necessarily so every place. Some states now have SAR Coordinators with great power and tiny understanding. Some counties have Sheriffs who believe their paid deputies and officers must direct and perform all SAR, unless, of course, they get into a real "bind." The way of life that has made America great depended primarily upon volunteer groups and achievements. There are still a lot of people who want to exercise their individual responsibilities, some of us through SAR. We honestly believe we do a better job than paid units can do. Perhaps, if we're still free next month, we'll expand on this last statement.

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR,

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WALT WALKER



The Road Runner

sez - by Pres. Jim Fairchild

Department of Lost & Found: one nearly new pair of Green Mountain Bearpaw snowshoes. It's hard to imagine anyone not noticing gear that would take about \$70.00 to replace. Contact me if they're yours.

Department of Preparedness: it seems we just reminded everyone to prepare for summer and its heat conditions, now we must mention the onset of cold, rainy, snowy weather. We check the condition of crampons, ice ax, snowshoes, wool garments as well as the down, keep all this stuff ready for use in the field. Following last winter's missions in severe wind and snow storms we note the acquisition of thick wool sweaters and four-man tents, as well as other gear, to insulate us from weather. This only increases the problem of carrying so much gear in order to be prepared. The ability to remain comfortable and fit for SAR during severe weather conditions is a necessity, not a luxury. It's difficult to help distressed victims when we are miserable.

Department of "Have You Noticed?" The balck clouds of governmental control, resulting in diminishing of freedoms, continue to roll in. You've probably noticed. You might logically believe that volunteer SAR teams