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## TRAINING



### Tracking & Familiarization

8-10 Sept., Fri.-Sun.  
San Jacinto Mountains

By Ron Barry

This month's exercise was to consist of tracking, and familiarization of the San Jacinto Mountains for the newer members. On Saturday, we split into two teams of five. One team would start out on predetermined compass bearings, and after giving them a head start, the second team would track them down. Their tracks led us across Tahquitz Meadow, through Little Tahquitz, and then ascending up towards Red Tahquitz Peak.

Lunch was at Law's Camp, then we did more tracking exercises on the way to Round Valley. Saturday night was spent here. More tracking Sunday led us up into the high country around Marion Peak, and then we made our way down towards Humbler Park to end our last summer training of the year. • RMRU

## from Old'en Days

by Walt Walker

### SEPTEMBER

Ten years ago—

The front page was 'In Memoriam' to Donald Hardenberg, a helicopter pilot who we had flown with. He was killed, flying, only two weeks after he had worked with us in Tahquitz Canyon.

Search and Rescue — First, a search in Tahquitz Canyon for a man overdue. We



found him and he was airlifted out. Rescue on the North Face was next. Two Boy Scouts were stranded on a ledge. We were flown in, climbed to them, lowered them down and everyone was flown out. Tahquitz Canyon again, this time a injured man. With darkness approaching, a small group of RMRU members performed quickly, and the man was rescued and flown out. Just as the above mission was being completed, we received word that a 65 year old hunter was overdue near Murrietta. The Sierra Madre and San Diego teams were called for help and the man was found safe the next day. The next call was for a rescue of four boys in Whitewater Canyon. Ron Harris and Jake Johnson, climbing in the dark, found a route to where we could set up ropes. The four were safely evacuated. We were called again for a hunter who was sick and needed to be evacuated. Just as we arrived, friends brought him out. While on the way for the previous mission we were advised that four girls were missing from near Lake Allendale. While we were on the way we were notified that they had been safely found. • RMRU

## Search and Rescue

### SEARCH

Mission No. 7841A

4 Sept., Mon.  
San Jacinto Mountains

We received a call from the Banning station of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department that a 17 year old boy was missing. It was decided that we would meet at the Palm Springs Aerial Tram. While we were on the way the pagers 'beeped' that the mission was cancelled. The boy had been located. • RMRU

### SEARCH

Mission No. 7842C

5 Sept., Tues.  
Big Pine Creek

The team received a request from the California Region to search for a lost Boy Scout in the Big Pine Creek area. The team was unable to commit a field team so we did not respond.

• RMRU

### RESCUE

Mission No. 7843C

6 Sept., Wed.  
Mt. Whitney

The team received a request from the California Region to provide a field team to carry two hypothermia victims out from trail camp on the Mt. Whitney trail. We were unable to respond due to a lack of manpower.

•RMRU