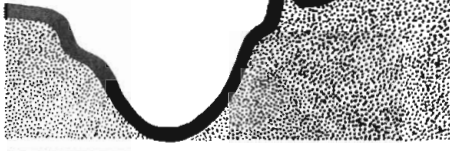


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## TRAINING



### Technical and Family Campout

9-11 Nov., Fri. -Sun.  
Joshua Tree National Monument

By Kevin Walker

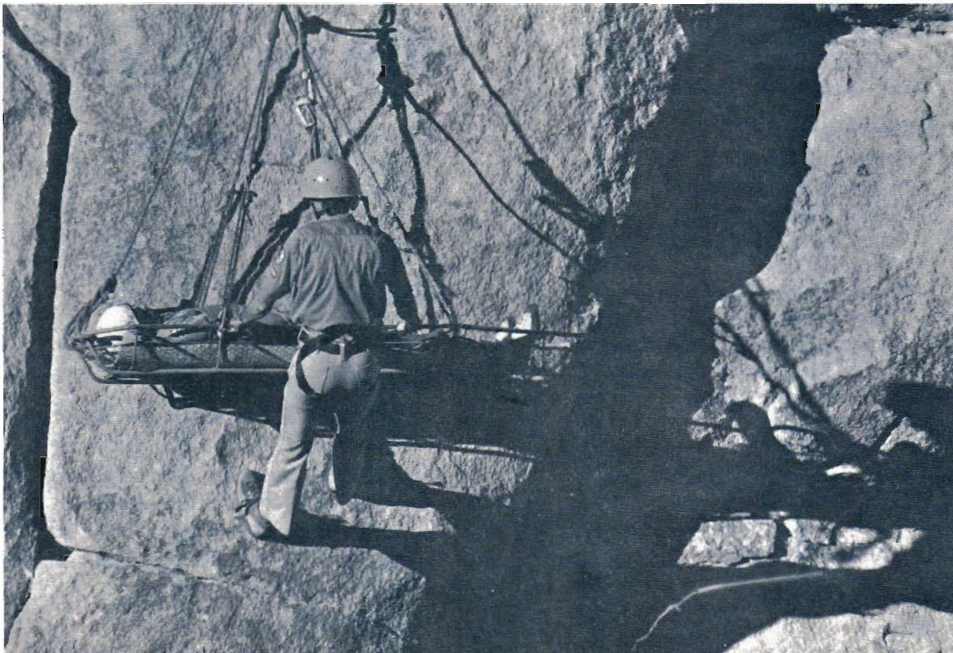
Normally by November it is quite cold on the upper desert, but this time the gamble paid off. It was an unusually warm Saturday morning as the troopies awakened and started to stir about.

After breakfast, everyone gathered about the rescue van for an inspection of the team technical gear, and then breaking up into six groups of four we headed off to the various stations to learn new skills and even refresh ourselves on the old ones. Joining RMRU for this training



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**LEARNING THE ROPES** — Young team members Kevin Walker and Craig Beasley trace the path of the ropes set up for a mechanical advantage to make sure they are not crossed. If crossed, friction would result and possibly even failure of the rope.



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**TECHNICAL RAISE** — With a team member in the litter as a victim, and one as the attendant, the process of raising them to the top starts

was three members of the Hemet team. Spending 45 minutes at a station we went through the following functions: knot tying, litter rigging, S.E.A. (self equalizing anchors) and chock placement, jumaring and rapelling, belaying, and lastly M.A. (mechanical advantage) raise. The morning was well spent, I tip my hat to Training Chairman Larry Roland for a well planned morning. We finished up just at noon, so no time was wasted in getting to the food.

At 1:00 we split into two groups to put to use what had been taught in the morning. Each group was to do a raise and a lower. Well my group only got around to doing a lower, but the time was well spent. The other group however was a bunch of tigers, they went right to it and set up a M.A. and proceeded to do a 150 foot raise. Oh, I must not forget, a friend of fellow team member Ron Barry, brought out some filming equipment and filmed the days events. Hopefully in the future we will be able to use a copy of the film for programs. Back to training. The tigers had no sooner finished the raise, when they quickly, but carefully set up and did a lower back to the bottom of the rock. By now it was a little after 4:00 and

everyone was coming off the rock to put gear back in the van and start the evening meal, when to our surprise for the third time in 1979 we were summoned for a rescue mission (see mission no. 7935M). Oh well, so much for the rest of a beautiful weekend. • RMRU

## Search and Rescue

### RESCUE

Mission No. 7935M

10 Nov., Sat.  
Tahquitz Rock,  
San Jacinto Mountains

By Kevin Walker

We were just finishing an afternoon of technical training in Joshua Tree, when one of the park rangers drove up with news of a rescue mission on Tahquitz Rock. With that we started loading gear into the van, and also broke camp. Everyone followed the orange van for the two hour drive to Idyllwild. While enroute we learned that a climber had fallen and had possibly fractured his ankle.

Upon reaching Humber Park we learned from the deputy that the climber had not been to seriously injured because they were hiking down from the rock that very minute. It was decided that it would be best for RMRU to hike in and see that all was in order. Well we were told that they were about a half hour out. Well that estimate was not quite right. We had just started to hike when we met the group.

After getting back to the road we learned that the climber had indeed fallen but that his ankle was only sprained.

With that we went back to Fern Valley for dinner. After dinner some went home while some of the other more hearty members stayed on the mountain so that they could train more on Sunday. • RMRU

## \$USTAINING MEMBERS

BY MIKE DAUGHERTY

Thank You.

Things have taken a definite turn for the better in the past two months. There has been an increase in both the number of donations and in the average amount

donated. If we could hold our income at this level for the entire year, every year, we would be in very good shape. Of course, we all know that this influx had its origins in our frantic cries for help which began with the July newsletter. Our task now is try to **sustain** some of the progress we've made recently. There are clearly just three ways to do this:

- 1) enlist new sustaining members.
- 2) increase the average frequency with which the sustaining members make contributions.
- 3) increase the amount of the average donation.

You can help us with number one by talking with your friends and business associates about RMRU, by seeing to it that the newsletter gets maximum exposure and by giving newsletter subscriptions (\$25/year) to those who you think might be enticed into our fold. You can help on task number two by checking to make sure that you've renewed your membership within the last year (we'll try to remind you promptly) and you can help with number three by making good investments (thank you Paine Webber) or by introducing the RMRU treasurer to one of the Rockefeller brothers.

A sincere thanks to all of you, listed below, who have ridden to our rescue.

#### October

##### New—

Dr. Ethel A. Chapman  
M/M James A. Gray  
\*Howard Rose Co.  
M/M Donald Lovelee  
Bill & Judy Park  
Jude Powers  
Helen Roberts  
Lawrence Roland  
M/M W. A. Schweiss  
Sheriff's Explorer Post #911  
Dr. & Mrs. A. Weissbein

##### Renewing—

\*Arthur Bridge  
\*Circle City Auxiliary  
\*Circle City Hospital  
Ramona B. Flinchpaugh  
Alma Hicks  
\*Izaak Walton League,  
San Jacinto Mountains Chapter  
Francis & Patricia Johnston  
\*Dr. & Mrs. Norman Mellor  
John & Betty Moore  
Frank Olson  
M/M Cliff Rose  
\*San Jacinto Lions Club  
Bonnie M. Stack  
\*M/M A. Bud White  
Cynthia W. Whitt

#### November

##### New—

Nenita Belen  
Willie & Sandy Broyhill  
Robert & Aileen Chambers  
Oscar B. Holtberg

Jurupa Junior Women's Club  
Jack Kiser  
Phil & Kathryn Lehman  
James & Vera McDonald  
Jane Wiefels  
M/M H. Parker Markle  
Don R. King  
Paul W. Sutherland, M.D.

##### Renewing—

\*Avis Anderson  
M/M Rodney Anderson  
Jack & Mary Bowman  
Steve Bryant  
\*M/M Robert A. Dewess  
Edward A. Dillingham  
Steve Greer  
M/M Richard Fleming  
\*David Hadley  
Hemacinto Lions Club  
\*Albert N. Kishaba  
\*Richard Morris  
Kathleen D. Murphy  
\*George & Norma Ruptier  
Jay & Jeanne Wallis  
David Westheimer  
William Stewart  
Lester & Shirley Albertson  
El Camino Real Student Body  
\*Circle City Auxiliary  
\*Bonnie L. Brownell  
Lois E. Rusk  
James L. Larson  
\*Circle City Hospital

\***Century Club**, donation of \$100 or more.

## from Old'en Days

by Walt Walker

### NOVEMBER

#### Ten years ago—

The Search & Rescue column began with the grim report of RMRU recovering five bodies from the wreckage of an airplane in the wilderness above the Whitewater River. The next mission was for a woman lost in the San Jacinto high country. She was found in good condition, just hungry and lost.

#### Five years ago—

The short newsletter contained one mission in the Search & Rescue column. A sick young woman was located in Tahquitz Canyon and flown out by Don Landells. • RMRU

