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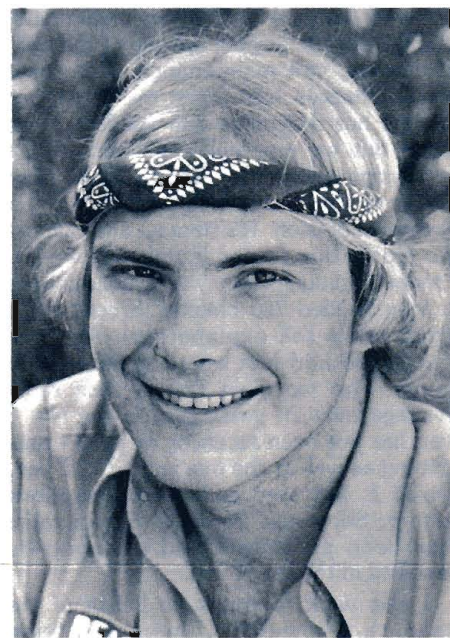


From the Editor's desk—

This month RMRU had to say good bye to one of the teams strongest members. A person who since joining has been one of the most active in search and rescue. I am speaking of Craig Beasley, who this year was accepted to graduate school at the University of Utah at Salt Lake City.

It is always hard to say so long to a member who has given a lot to RMRU. It is also hard though to see a friend leave. Within a three month period Craig, Joe Erickson and myself were accepted onto the team. During the past five years the three of us have come up through the ranks to the point of being trusted search and rescue members. We have hiked together, and even been at the end of a rope together (remember when Craig?). If I sound a little proud, it's because I am. And I think that Craig would feel the same way.

Craig, on behalf of the team, good luck at Salt Lake with your major in geophysics. I no the snow is great up in that neck of the woods, so enjoy yourself. And remember, you are always welcome, back home with RMRU. Take Care!



Search and Rescue

CALL

Mission No. 8232C

25 Sept., Sat.
Alpine County
Northern California

September's only call was for a search in Alpine County. But because there would be no flights by the military to the Northern California county, no members were sent. • RMRU



Training

Team & Personal Skills

11 Sept., Sat.
Pathfinder Ranch,
San Jacinto Mountains

By Joe Erickson

For this month's training we wanted a location that did not require hiking time, so that we could start directly into team technical skills, and personal tracking instruction. After quite a few suggestions, the Pathfinder Ranch located in Garner Valley was picked.

The team met at 8:00 a.m. behind the ranch. Under the supervision of Walt Walker, everyone gathered up technical gear and headed back into the hills to find a rock face suitable for technical

practice. As this went on Jim Fairchild set up a moderate to difficult tracking course. As the day progressed Jim worked the majority of members present through the course one at a time. Being one of the members through the course, I was very impressed with everything that a tracker is supposed to look for.

After lunch we went back to work. And work it was. Kevin, J.R. and Craig came up with a nifty little problem. While rappelling Kevin was hit by a falling rock (only practice), and was left unconscious. The problem was he was under an overhang when it happened. With that the group went to work setting up anchors, rigging the litter and everything else associated with a technical operation. During the operation, Jim radioed up for Kevin to come down for tracking, so Ed Hill changed places with Kevin. It took some doing, but Ed was maneuvered into the suspended litter, and then hauled back up the face.

In all it was a good training, with newer members getting into the thick of things learning and practicing for the time that they will be in charge of the real thing. Also many thanks to our friends at Pathfinder Ranch for allowing us to use their property. • RMRU

\$USTAINING MEMBERS

BY KEVIN WALKER

Since I do not have a Ph.D. in Physics, it seems to be easier to just report on what the team has been doing with your donations briefly rather than trying to come up with words I don't even understand. Along with the normal upkeep of the unit, insurance, van maintenance, etc. some major changes have been made. As our faithful but difficult to use goldline ropes wear out we are replacing them with a new rope called PMI Rescue Rope. For those of you that are into rope, it has a greater abrasion resistance, and almost no elongation factor (sorry, big word). Under communication, we have purchased a long needed 720 channel aircraft radio (that one's self explanatory). Also, an old friend had just about given up the ghost. The mountain rescue base radio (vintage over 20 years ago) in the No. 1 van has not been receiving or even transmitting as well as the one in the No. 2 van, which is not used as a communications center. So, a new Motorola Syntor radio has been purchased and will soon be installed in the No. 1 van.

I also want to thank on behalf of the team, a fellow RMRU member. Brian Hixson, who is a full time student, gave up a full weekend of studying for classes to sand, prepare and paint the roof and wheels of the No. 1 van. Brian everyone really appreciates a job well done.

And to finish, once again, if it were not for you, the RMRU family—all of this would not be possible.

Richard W. Elliott
David Westheimer
M/M H. C. Baumeister
Timothy & Stephanie Carvalho
Richard & Karin Greenwood
M/M Hicks
M/M Hefferlin
R. A. Dewees
M/M Corbin Devalon

September

New—

Pauline Rosen
Allan & Joan Muth
The Great Outdoor American
Adventure

Renewing—

Richard & Karin Greenwood
Katherine Merzals
*Circle City Hospital
Sylvia Broadbent

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

July

New—

Delta Kappa Gamma Society

Renewing—

Gene & Barbara Garlinger
Richard & Karin Greenwood
M/M Allen
Dr. & Mrs. Guy Hunt
Mission Bell P.T.A.
Harry & Olga Hein
Canyon Lake Lioness Club
Jack Mihaylo
Mary Doris Plivers
Kiwanis Club - Uptown
Pedley Student Body
M/M John Gilbert

August

New—

John E. Walvatne

Renewing—

*Circle City Hospital
*Art Bridge
Mrs. L. A. Echols