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## Search and Rescue



### CALL

**Mission No. 8423M**

**2 Sept., Sun.  
Yosemite National Park**

Early Sunday evening we received a call through the MRA that a search was in progress in Yosemite National Park, and that all region MRA teams were being contacted. No members were sent. • RMRU

### SEARCH

**Mission No. 8424M**

**27 Sept., Thurs.  
Ortega Mountains,  
above Lake Elsinore**

*By John Dew*



It was mid to late afternoon when we were called by the Sheriff and asked to search for a man whose car had been parked alongside a dirt road about 3 miles off the Ortega Highway for nearly a week.

The team met at El Cariso Fire Station and we were there informed that this young man, Michael Booze, had a rifle with him. This caused some concern, as no one or nothing is predictable in a case like that.

It was determined that the team would start an all out search at first light the next morning. Four team members, however, would go now, about 5 p.m., to the car and just make a sweep of the area for about a quarter mile radius from the car, just to get the lay of the land. We didn't really cherish the thought of being out there after dark searching for a guy with a gun.

Upon reaching the car and starting a search pattern, it was only a matter of minutes until he was found. The rifle was close by his side. He had apparently taken his own life several days earlier.

RMRU is glad to be of service in any case but this type mission is sure discouraging.

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## TRAINING



### Training Familiarization

**8-9 Sept., Sat.-Sun  
Upper Tahquitz Drainage  
San Jacinto Mountains**

*By Ray Hussey*



RMRU members met at 0830 hours at Humber Park for a familiarization tour of the Willow Creek — Tahquitz Creek drainage sections of the San Jacinto Wilderness. Thirteen RMRU members participated. The start

of the hike was particularly enjoyable with a gentle cool breeze providing much

needed relief from the recent 110°+ "down the hill" temperatures.

After a brief rest at Saddle Junction we progressed northeast through Skunk Cabbage to Willow Creek crossing then east down the Willow Creek drainage to Laws Camp. After lunch at Laws cabin we followed the Tahquitz drainage north to Caramba — our overnight campsite.

Sunday we hiked southeast out of Caramba to the helispot above Caramba which overlooks Andreas canyon. We then proceeded southwest along the east ridge to near Red Tahquitz, had lunch, then contoured west across Little Tahquitz valley to Saddle Junction, Devil's Slide Trail and Humber Park.

Hospitality was again graciously given by Bill and Melody Blaschko. • RMRU

