



Assist in Yosemite

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After having completed a most memorable training, that being the team ascent of the Lost Arrow Spire in Yosemite National Park, Several members remained in the park with their families to just be tourists for a few days to enjoy all that Yosemite has to offer. Rescue members will be rescue members and sure enough we ended up at what is called the Rescue Cache. That is the headquarters of Yosemite Search and Rescue or YOSAR as known by rescue personnel. In charge is ranger John Dill, now famous his innovative thinking towards Search and Rescue. Ranger Tom Patterson had also stayed behind with us and was in the middle of giving us a tour of the cache when we heard a call come over the radio stating that two men were stranded next to Bridalveil Falls. Well, here was our chance to respond directly with YOSAR personnel.

To keep the story short, fellow members Joe Erickson, Bob Wintz, Walt Walker, Henry Negrete, Ron Pierson, Jim Fairchild and myself responded and were on hand to assist. John Dill's personnel handled the technical, and once down we helped the two hikers back to the parking lot and waiting ranger with his citation book, or was that just a log sheet. At any rate we did help, and for that a mission number was given.

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