

# RMRU NEWSLETTER

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4 Nov - SCR-MRA Meeting  
6 Nov - First Aid Class  
15 Nov - Board meeting  
18 Nov - Training  
22 Nov - Advisory committee meeting  
24 & 25 - MRA Convention and meeting  
29 Nov - *Regular Meeting*

**REGION MEETING:** The Southern California Region of the Mountain Rescue Association will meet at 1300 on 4 November at the Altadena Sheriff's Sub-Station. Walt Walker and Al Andrews will represent RMRU at the meeting.

**FIRST AID CLASS:** For new members and oldtimers who need their cards renewed, Jim Fairchild, FAI, will start a standard first aid class on 6 November. The class will meet from 1900 to 2200 and will be held at the Red Cross Chapter House on Magnolia Avenue just north of the center of Arlington. At the completion of the standard there will be an advanced course and probably an instructors course if there is enough interest.

**BOARD MEETING:** 1900 on 15 November at the home of Larry Percy. The board meeting has been moved up a week so the board members can get to work on the slide program. We all know the need for the new slide program and what we want to do with it.

**TRAINING:** In place of the regularly scheduled training everyone should meet at the UCR football field on 18 November at 0900 with all their gear and in uniform. Bring ALL of your gear for a publicity picture and one for the new slide program. By, ALL, we mean all of your packs, down clothes, tents, etc.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING:** The RMRU Board of Directors will meet with the members of the Advisory Committee at the home of Al Andrews on 22 November at 2000 to work on the plans for raising money for RMRU.

**MRA:** Convention, 24 November and Meeting, 25 November at Portland, Oregon. At time of printing it was not known if we will have a delegate or not.

**SEARCH:** The Mono County Sheriff requested help in finding a missing 16 year old deer hunter in the June Lake area of the Sierras. Sierra Madre S & R and RMRU sent men to participate in the search. Just as the search started the boy walked out after being missing for two days. He was in very poor condition due to no water. This was most unusual due to the fact that there is water in the area. The search started on 1 October and the boy walked out on the 2nd.

**SEARCH:** On 5 October the Chief Ranger at Sequoia National Park requested assistance in finding a 35 year old man. China Lake MRC, Montrose S & R, Riverside MRU and Sierra Madre S & R joined forces to produce a 34 man search group. The missing man left Onion Valley on 4 September to hike, solo, over Keersarge Pass and down the John Muir Trail. On the way he planned to climb a number of the peaks. He was due out at Whitney Portal on 29 September. He had left a detailed itinerary and marked map of what he had planned to do with his brother. The teams were distributed over the entire area. They checked all possible campsites along the planned route. They also climbed peaks and checked registers. A Bell helicopter was also used to check registers on peaks. An Army Huey helicopter was used to move men from one area to another. The teams searched Friday, Saturday and Sunday and had no success whatsoever. A few days later some hikers found the missing man's pack. A Bell helicopter flew into the area and spotted the man's body on the slopes of East Vidette Peak, which was not on his itinerary.

**LAST MONTH:** The RMRU Board of Directors met on 18 October. The two most important items discussed were team participation and the money raising campaign. Al Andrews, Jim Fairchild and Walt Walker (Also Sugar and Cary, two of the teams Bloodhounds) represented the team at the B.S.A. Rubidoux District camporee in the San Jacinto Mountains. They talked and presented some demonstrations to the adult leaders. There were approximately 70 leaders from 33 troops. The boys enjoyed seeing and petting the dogs. Enclosed is a sheet that was passed out to the leaders. The regular meeting of the membership was held on 25 October at Highland Outfitters. It was well attended. The majority of the team turned out for the slide shooting session at Little Tahquitz Valley on 27-29 October. The first four rolls of film have been returned and they are great. We are waiting for Bill Specks and we know they will be great too. It would appear that the new slide program will be excellent. The Red Cross in Riverside requested us to send them some first aiders. Due to the fact that there were six major fires burning in Southern California there was a shortage of regular Red Cross first aiders. Jim Fairchild and Larry Percy each worked a day in the first aid station at Vista Grande. Jake Johnson was standing by to serve a day when the fire camp was closed.



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**First Class**

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