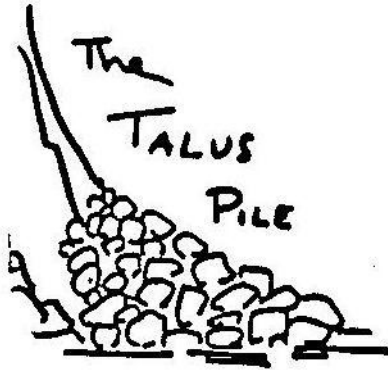


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TRAINING SCHEDULE

Jan 14-15	Fri-Sat	Telescope Peak	Huey
Jan 21-23	Fri-Sun	Open	
Jan 26	Wed	First Aid – Zee/Victim Packaging	Finco
Jan 29-30	Sat-Sun	Open	
Jan 30 – Feb 14		Kilimanjaro	Bishop
Feb 4-6	Fri-Sun	Olancha	Huey
Feb 12	Sat	Rock Skills – Ascending/Descending	Hinman
Feb 12	Sat	Search Training w/Tehachapi SAR	Myers
Feb 14	Mon	Meeting (7:30)	Myers, Loughran, A. Green
Feb 19	Sat	Recert Practice	Franklin
Feb 26	Sat	Recert Practice	Franklin
Mar 5	Sat	MRA Recert	Franklin
Mar 12-13	Sat-Sun	Open	
Mar 14	Mon	Meeting (7:30)	Finco, Franklin, Roseman
Mar 17-20	Thu-Sun	Whitney	Myers
Mar 26	Sat	SAR Appreciation dinner KCSO	



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OPERATION REPORTS

Operation 2010-08 (OES# 2010 LAW 0252) Rescue

21-22 August 2010

Chocolate Lake (Inyo County)

By David Miles, Operation Leader

Summary

Editor: The narrative of this operation is too short to justify a separate summary.

Narrative

I got the call from Tim Winkler at 1909 on 21-22 August 2010 requesting our help in rescuing 23-year-old Boris Litchin of Hermosa Beach, Calif. I was in Lancaster at the time and headed home immediately. I called Sheila Rockwell, who agreed to be the Coordinator. Other members of the team were Al Green, Tom Sakai, Paul DeRuiter, Bill Stratton, Jeff Green, and Nathan Simons.

We left the hut at 2130 and arrived at South Lake (9,850 feet) at midnight. We hiked in about four miles and met the Inyo team at the third Chocolate Lake (11,050 feet) at 0200. Boris was ascending the West side of Cloudripper (refer to Figure 1) when a rock rolled and caused compound fractures of both his tibia and fibula. The Inyo SAR team had packaged him and lowered him down about 1,000 vertical feet of talus to the third Chocolate Lake. We then carried him out to South Lake. Between Inyo and China Lake, we had enough personnel to keep rested rescuers rotating on the stretcher and maintain a good pace. We reached the trailhead at 0630. Boris was transported to the hospital in Mammoth. After breakfast and a debrief in Bishop, we left for home at 0830. We were back at the hut at 1030.

Operation 2010-09 (OES# 2010 LAW 0269) Mobilization

31 August 2010

Mt. Whitney Trail (Inyo County)

By Mike Myers, Operation Leader

Summary

Editor: The narrative of this operation is too short to justify a separate summary.

Narrative

I received a call at 1630 on 31 August 2010 from Sgt Baldwin, KCSO, that Inyo County was requesting assistance with the search for a 62-year-old male missing for two days in the Whitney region. We were requested to meet at the Lone Pine Sheriff's Substation at 0700 on 1 September. Other hikers had reported seeing the missing man in the vicinity of Lone Pine Lake. He was found at 1830 at the outlet of Lone Pine Lake by a single Inyo SAR member, so we were advised to cancel our response.

The subject had tried to descend from Lone Pine Lake following the creek and got turned around when he reached the cliffs below the lake. When found, he was exhausted and had to be wheeled out on a stretcher. The lone Inyo SAR member recruited some hikers to assist with the carry-out.

The following CLMRG members committed to the operation: Mike Myers (Leader), Carol Burge (Coordinator), Mary Schmierer (Telephoner), Dave Miles, Linda Finco, Tom Roseman, Bob Rockwell, Nathan Simons, Mike Derkey.

Operation 2010-10 (OES# 2010 LAW 0304) Rescue

2-3 October 2010

Lamark Lake (Inyo County)

By Dave Miles, Operation Leader

Summary

Editor: The narrative of this operation is too short to justify a separate summary.

Narrative

Mike Myers called at 1926 on 2 October to ask me to lead a team to assist in a carryout from Lamarck Lake (refer to Figure 2). Mark (57) was 6 feet, 5 inches tall and weighed 240 pounds (actually 260 pounds) had slipped on a wet log and torn his patella tendon. We knew that many hands would be needed for an all-night carryout. Five other field members (Mike Myers, Linda Finco, Dan Bishop, Tom Sakai, and Nathan Simons) committed, and Sheila Rockwell served as coordinator. We also learned that a missing hiker (Chris) had been reported on the same trail and that we might be needed for both operations.

We met at the hut at 2030 and were on the road by 2100. We reached the North Lake campground (9,300 feet) and met Inyo County Deputy Sheriff Tim Winkler at 2330. The Inyo and Mono teams were just reaching Mark, so Winkler held us at the trailhead in case more gear needed to be hauled up. Chris had found his way to the injured hiker's camp, so the operation became a two for one!

Just after midnight, they decided they needed us to bring only a half 9-mm rope. We hiked the three miles up to Lamarck Lake (10,900 feet), reached the other teams (at 0120) at the outlet of the lake, and assisted in the carryout. Finco hiked out with Chris because there was no reason for him to stay with the carryout team. It was an arduous carryout on rough trail with some occasional rain. We had plenty of work for all 15 rescuers. We reached the trailhead at 0520, and we transferred Mark to a waiting ambulance. After breakfast and a debrief in Bishop, we left for home at 0730. We reached the Hut at 0930.

Operation 2010-11 (OES# 2010 LAW 0309) Search)

31 August 2010

Dan Point (Inyo County)

By Dan Bishop, Operation Leader

Summary

The search was for Pat Odell (53), a miner in the Dan Point area of the White Mountains near Bishop.

Narrative

Inyo County requested our assistance in searching for an individual reported missing in the White Mountains east of Bishop. Deputy Sheriff Tim Winkler called me on Thursday (8 October) evening to ask whether we could field a team the next day. Able to commit only for the weekend, I passed the information on to Dave Miles to lead the operation on Friday along with Shelia Rockwell and Carol Burge to act as Coordinator and Telephoner. Unfortunately, no one other than Dave Miles could commit to Friday. Inyo still wanted help for the weekend so Miles, Mike Myers, Bob Huey, Bud Gates, Jeff Green, and I met at the Hut after work on Friday in order to spend the night at the Inyo Posse Hut at the Bishop airport for a Saturday morning assignment.

The subject, Pat Odell, a 53-year-old miner in the Dan Point area of the White Mountains near Bishop, was reported missing after the recent storm by a couple whom the subject occasionally worked for doing repair and handyman work. Odell primarily lived and worked on his mining claim in the mountains east of Bishop at the 8400-foot elevation. He would park his vehicle at the end of the nearest access road and hike the remaining 2.5 miles and 2600 feet of elevation gain to his cabin, constructed of stacked rock. Initial reports had him missing since Monday, but further investigation by the Inyo County Sheriff's Office found recent receipts in his truck, still parked at the end of the road, on Tuesday along with fresh tracks found near his cabin on Thursday.

Saturday morning, Inyo SAR member Don Bowie arrived at 0630. In the previous days he had been searching in the vicinity of the cabin and had discovered fresh tracks. He was concerned that Odell was actively evading searchers. Arriving early in the morning and with one of us acting as a spotter from the parked vehicle, he was hoping to hike up to the cabin and talk to Odell or observe him leaving the vicinity. Gates went along and used binoculars to look for Odell as Bowie approached the cabin.

Meanwhile at the Inyo Posse Hut, the rest of us were briefed further by Inyo Sheriff Corporal Waterbury and Deputy Winkler that Odell has had this claim since 1993 and was working several mines near the cabin. A possible recent cave-in at one of the vertical shafts was of special interest. To that end, the Indian Wells Valley Search and Rescue (IWVSAR) mine team was asked to help in searching these mines. Four members of the IWVSAR team arrived, and all of us began our assignments at the road's end at 0930. Two of the IWV team members were to investigate the mines near the road's end while Byron and Bill (the other two) were to hike in with the six CLMRG members (we had met up with Gates after his unsuccessful attempt to spot Odell) along with

Bob from Inyo. Our priority was to get the IWV team up to the mines so that they could be searched. Mine SAR has different requirements that require more and heavier gear. We estimate that all of us distributed more than 200 pounds of mine gear in addition to our own packs. However, this was a good lesson for the future on compromises on what equipment is desired and what is necessary.

With heavy packs and splitting the team to cover both the south and north approach to the cabin, we all arrived at 1315 and met up with Inyo member Bowie. The IWV team went to work and cleared all of the five mine shafts on the claim, the deepest being about 20 feet, and determined that the reported cave-in was not recent. During this time, Odell's cabin was searched with no definitive clues discovered.

A CHP helicopter was in use to assist in the search and to look for additional mines in the vicinity. An Inyo dog search team was inserted by this helicopter near the summit of Dan Point, about a half-mile from the cabin. After discussions with Base and the helicopter crew, we were able to coordinate and extract much of the IWV gear along with IWV member Bill by helicopter. Prior to the helicopter extraction of the Inyo dog team, they reported having positive hits on tracks heading south from the summit.

Splitting into multiple teams, we swept south and west investigating the tracks that Bowie and the dog team discovered. Not finding anything, we headed back to the vehicles and again split up into teams to cover as much terrain as possible. Everyone was out of the field before 1900.

Treated to a dinner at Whiskey Creek, Green and Myers then drove back to Ridgecrest while Miles, Gates, Huey, and I spent another night at the Posse Hut.

On Sunday, our assignment was to hike in and continue to search for tracks leading south from the summit of Dan Point. The four of us were joined by Inyo member Justin. At 1100, we split up with Miles, Gates, and Justin heading to the last possible tracks while Huey and I went back to check out the cabin.

By 1300, we were working our way south where we found positive tracks in the canyon south of the summit heading south. All afternoon we tracked over difficult, scree filled terrain to the top of a point about a mile south of the cabin. At 1600, we radioed the position and heading of the tracks and returned to Base, hiking south for two hours to Poleta Canyon for pickup.

After our debrief, we drove to Ridgecrest and got back to the Hut by 2200. Shelia had arranged with Hueber to refuel the vehicle the next day, which saved us from having to stop in Inyokern.

Speaking with Cpl Waterbury on Monday, I learned that Odell had called in to the reporting party unaware of the search. He had been working another of his claims, six miles south in Black Canyon.

Lessons Learned:

We encountered snakes, one each day.

We minimized "required gear."

Operation 2010-12 Search

11 December 2010

Kern River (Kern County)

By David Miles, Operation Leader

Summary

Editor: The narrative of this operation is too short to justify a separate summary.

Narrative

Mike Derkey and I met at the hut at 0600 on Saturday December 11th and arrived at the CP on the lower Kern river at 0730 for the annual search for past drowning victims. This year we were looking for the remains of 7 past drownings. We were briefed at 0800 and were divided into 3 teams of about 20 searchers each. Mike and I got a raft ride across the river and started our assignment. We searched from 0900 to 1200 and then returned to the CP. We had a debrief and BBQ and then left for home around 1330. We arrived at Inyokern to refill the Explorer just before 1500. Right after filling the Explorer I received a call from Tim Winkler for a search in Homewood Canyon (2010-13). We proceeded back to the hut.

Operation 2010-13 (OES#2010 LAW 0380)

11 December 2010

Homewood Canyon, Trona (Inyo/San Bernardino County)

By David Miles, Operation Leader

Summary

Editor: The narrative of this operation is too short to justify a separate summary.

Narrative

At 1500, Mike and I had just finished filling the Explorer with gas in Inyokern on our way back from the Kern river search (2010-12). I received a call from Tim Winkler to search for a missing 47 year old hunter in Homewood Canyon north of Trona. He had become separated from his hunting party at 0630. There was a San Bernardino deputy on scene. I started a callout using CallingPost and a few minutes later got a call from Janet Westbrook to be Coordinator. Mary Schmierer assisted with the telephones. I set a 1630 departure from the hut. We proceeded to the hut to unload the Explorer. I put our radios from the day in the charger. We went home and picked up the rest of our gear. While at home I received a call from Janet that Mike Derkey and Tom Roseman had committed to go on this mission. I called Tim Winkler to let him know we had 3 rescuers and would leave at 1630. Tim said there was an Inyo deputy that would be on scene when we arrived. I also called Sgt. Mark Baldwin and he told me that Sgt. Dan Edgerle was taking this mission and he would pass the information to him. We returned to the hut at 1630. Just as we started to open the gate, I got another call from Tim that our subject had been found. I then got a call from both Janet and let her know the news. Immediately afterwards I got a call from Sgt. Dan Edgerle and he had heard from Tim as well.

Lessons Learned

Equipment Needed, Replaced, or Repaired

GROUP BUSINESS

— YEAR END COMMITTEE REPORTS 2010 —

2010 Operations Summary

We had 13 operations in 2010. This included the MRA Search and Tracking Recertification. We had three Alerts/Mobilizations where we were not fielded. We were involved in one recovery mission. The remaining operations and incidents were combinations of searches and/or rescues that resulted in 7 subjects being saved.

MRA training	Alerts/Mobilizations	Searches	Rescues	Incidents	Recovery	Subjects Rescued
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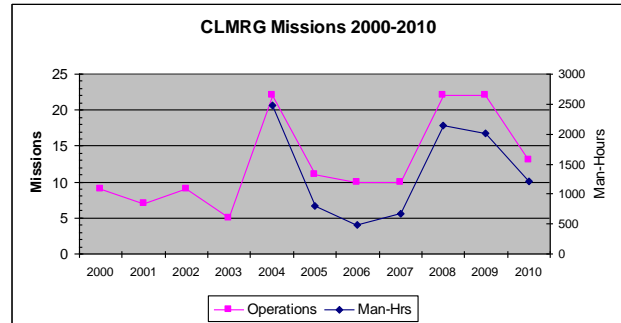
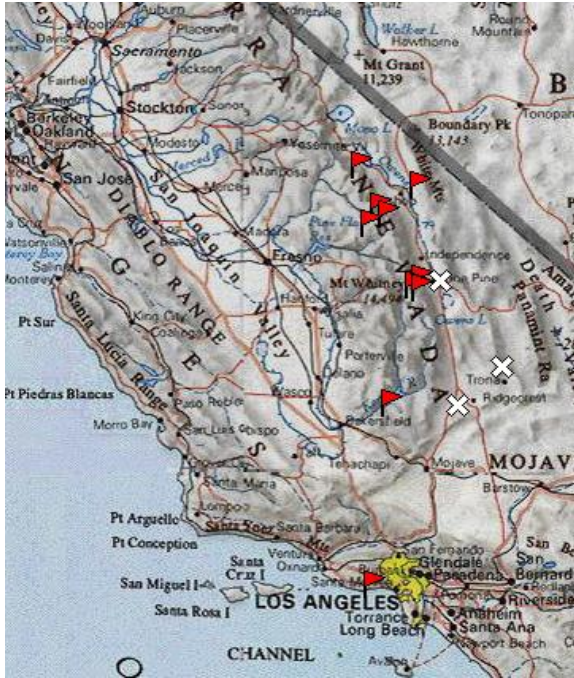
Eleven of our Operations were outside of Kern County. Inyo county requested us the most, 9 times, and the MRA training event was in LA county.

Kern	Inyo	Mono	Los Angeles
2	9	1	1

Breaking down the Operations by month shows that July was our busiest.

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	0	1	0	0	0	4	3	0	2	0	2

We expended 1213 man-hours during these Operations and logged 4692 vehicle miles. We averaged 6 members committing per call-out, with the MRA Search and Tracking Recert turn-out of 15 members being the largest of the year. Below is a summary of all the Operations this year as well as a map with locations (X's denote non-fielded alerts, mobilizations, or transits). Also below is a graph with the trend over the past decade.



Number	Date	Type	Op Leader	Coordinator	Commitments	Location, Agency Request
2010-01	9-Jan	MOBILIZATION	T.ROSEMAN	J.WESTBROOK E.RIENDEAU	T.ROSEMAN, L.FINCO, D.MILES, B.GATES, M.FRANKLIN, D.BREITENSTEIN, P.DERUITER, E.LOUGHAN, D.DOERR, M.BODINE, M.DERKEY	BROWN ROAD, KERN CO.
2010-02	05-06 Mar	MRA RECERT	M.MYERS	D.BISHOP	M.MYERS, D.BISHOP, B.ROCKWELL, J.DUNN, L.FINCO, D.MILES, N.SIMONS, M.DERKEY, T.SAKAI, P.DERUITER, A.GREEN, B.STRATTON, D.DOERR, B.GATES, J.GREEN	MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK, LA COUNTY
2010-03	3-Jul	INCIDENT	B.ROCKWELL		B.ROCKWELL, T.SAKAI	WHITNEY TRAIL, LONE PINE LAKE, INYO CO.
2010-04	16-Jul	SEARCH	D.BISHOP	C.BURGE	D.BISHOP, N.SIMONS, D.MILES, T.SAKAI, B.ROCKWELL, J.GREEN, D.HINMAN, B.STRATTON	LAMARCK COL, INYO CO.
2010-05	25-Jul	INCIDENT	L.FINCO		L.FINCO, B.STRATTON	MT. MORRISON, MONO CO.
2010-06	30-Jul	RECOVERY	L.FINCO	E.RIENDEAU T.MITCHELL	L.FINCO, D.MILES, N.SIMONS, D.BISHOP, B.ROCKWELL, T.SAKAI, J.GREEN	MT. WHITNEY TRAIL, TRAIL CAMP, INYO CO.
2010-07	6-7 Aug	RESCUE	D.BISHOP	G.NIESEN	D.BISHOP, N.SIMONS, D.DOERR	MT. WHITNEY TRAIL, OUTPOST CAMP, INYO CO.
2010-08	21-22 Aug	RESCUE	D.MILES	S.ROCKWELL	D.MILES, A.GREEN, T.SAKAI, P.DERUITER, B.STRATTON, J.GREEN, N.SIMONS	CHOCOLAKE LAKE, INYO COUNTY
2010-09	31-Aug	ALERT	M.MYERS	C.BURGE M.SCHMIERER	M.MYERS, L.FINCO, T.ROSEMAN, D.MILES, N.SIMONS, B.ROCKWELL, M.DERKEY	LONE PINE LAKE, INYO COUNTY
2010-10	2-3 Oct	RESCUE	D.MILES	S.ROCKWELL	D.MILES, D.BISHOP, M.MYERS, L.FINCO, N.SIMONS, T.SAKAI	NORTH LAKE, INYO CO.
2010-11	8-10 Oct	SEARCH	D.BISHOP	S.ROCKWELL C.BURGE	D.BISHOP, D.MILES, B.HUEY, B.GATES, M.MYERS, J.GREEN	DAN PT. BISHOP, INYO CO.
2010-12	11-Dec	SEARCH	D.MILES		D.MILES, M.DERKEY	LOWER KERN RIVER, KERN CO.
2010-13	11-Dec	MOBILIZATION	D.MILES	J.WESTBROOK M.SCHMIERER	D.MILES, M.DERKEY, T.ROSEMAN	HOMEWOOD CANYON, INYO CO.

Equipment Committee (Werner Hueber):

Communication: After using pagers for many years, we decided to replace them with a "Number Service". In case of a call out, this service automatically calls the phone numbers (home, office, cell) of our leaders.

Hut License: We received our revised building license (formerly a lease) for the "Hut" from NAVFAC San Diego with a new expiration date of 31 January 2015. The process started on May 14, 2008 with a request to begin the process to renew our former lease that was to expire on November 30, 2008. It took two years and has taken many turns since that first request. Many thanks go to Sgt. Mark Baldwin, Lt. Dave Barker, and the Kern County Sheriff's Dept for getting the County to modify their self insurance policy to meet the demands of the Navy. Bottom line is we have our Rescue Hut for five more years.

Radios: We received our license for operating on the narrow band of 155.16 and 155.22. The license just added the narrow band and keeps the wide band that we are currently operating on. The Group received VHF (Kenwood) radios from the Sheriff. The VHF channels are identical to the channels in the Explorer, so we have our 155.16 on these radios. Right now all the radios are set to "CLMRG. For now we can use these radios on Kern County calls along with our primary radios (so we have other KC team's radio frequencies). We also received 10 UHF (Motorola) radios from the Sheriff.

Stretcher Procedures: The Litter bag has been split into two bags: (1)Litter - Everything for the litter (stretcher) and (2)Victim - Everything for the victim (harness, helmet, restraints). The Litter bag stays with the stretcher and the Victim bag goes with the first medic to secure the victim. A 9 ft x 9 ft Tyvek tarp has been added to the stretcher, tucked under the pad in the stretcher. It is thin and lightweight and can stay there until needed. The brake bars have been removed from the MAIN system gear bags. They have been replaced with the SCARAB. This is our lowering device.

Explorer: We continue to perform the required maintenance. The Sheriff Department provides the funding and pays for the gas when we use the vehicle for operations and formal training. This is a very valuable asset for the Group.

Ropes: Tom Sakai volunteered to take over Mike Renta's job of "managing the Group's ropes".

Stoves: The Group received thirteen Dragon Fly stoves from the Sheriff. We decided to loan the stoves to field members who wanted one. Eight members received one on loan from the Group.

First Aid Committee (Linda Finco):

The group introduced a new series of trainings in addition to our annual CPR and First Aid training. The trainings focused on specialized equipment and wilderness first aid issues. Topics covered in 2010 included cold weather victim packaging, spine injuries, volume shock and treatment, altitude sickness, and specialty splints. All members completed the American Red Cross CPR and Community First Aid training or an equivalent. The group and individual group members purchased Pulse Oximeters to supplement first aid kits. We are still looking at updating our oxygen equipment and will have a recommendation in 2011.

Public Education Committee (Linda Finco):

Twenty different members of CLMRG made public education presentations to over 3000 people in 2010. We participated in more community events in 2010 including the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Ridgecrest Police Department's "block party" on April 10th, the Ridgecrest Police Department's Open House on May 12th, and the Family Fun Fair sponsored by the United Way on September 25th. At the fair we passed out Hug-A-Tree kits (trash bags and whistles) and information about the program. This year we presented the National Park Service's, Lost but Found, Safe and Sound program to our local elementary schools. We also provided first aid, navigation and rope skills (rappelling) to local Boy Scout troops as part of their programs. For the Girl Scouts we participated in the Mojave Primitive Encampment (MPE). The MPE is an annual event, taking place over 5 days during spring break, for Girl Scouts from the South Bay area of Southern California. It is designed to teach camping skills and outdoor adventure, such as hiking, rock climbing, rappelling, and outdoor crafts. CLMRG has been participating as a community service each year for the last 25+ years to assist in the rock activities. For about the last 16 years, we have set up a highline, more commonly referred to as a zipline, for the girls' enjoyment and as a refresher in case we need to use one in the course of our rescue work. About 45 Girl

Scouts were able to participate in taking this 150 ft ride over the desert terrain. The girls and advisors seemed to have a good time as evidenced by the big smiles and screams of joy as they went across the chasm. We assisted another agency, Mojave National Preserve, NPS, in a Map and Compass and GPS course. We traveled to the Mojave National Preserve for a full day of training. We had 1 MNP ranger, 5 MNP Interpretive volunteers and 2 NPS/BLM firefighter trainees attend the class. And finally CLMRG again presented our 7-week Basic Mountaineering and Mountaineering Class this summer (details provided in a separate summary report). We received \$6388 in donations from individuals, the CFC and United Way.

Emergency Services Committee (Janet Westbrook):

We attended most of the monthly meetings in 2010. We occasionally reported on our more interesting rescues. The city knows our capabilities should there be a problem in Ridgecrest.

Sheriff Committee (Mike Myers):

2010 was a very productive year with the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Volunteer Services Section (VSS), which has the responsibility for all the Search and Rescue Teams in Kern County. Sgt Mark Baldwin (Rescue 1), our Search and Rescue Coordinator, has been extremely supportive of all SAR Teams in the county and sponsored two Team Captain's Meetings during the year to foster open communication between the teams.

Lt. Bart Camps replaced Lt. Dave Barker in early January 2010 as our VSS Commander, and remained in that position until late December, when CMDR Joe Pilkington replaced him. VSS added Sgt Dan Edgerle (Rescue 2) early in the year to assist with search and rescue activities.

The most expensive equipment we have on our Team is our radios. Last fall, Sgt Baldwin attended one of our meetings and brought us 10 VHF Kenwood radios and 10 UHF Motorola radios that are equipped with the channels that are used in Kern County (identical to what is programmed in our Explorer for the KCSO).

Last March, during our California Region MRA "Search" Re-accreditation Test in the Malibu Mountains, Sgt's Baldwin and Edgerle joined us as observers in an effort to learn more about the MRA Accreditation Process. We also had a couple of members of the Tehachapi SAR Team attend as observers as well.

The Kern County Sheriff's Dept also sponsored the annual SAR Appreciation Dinner. During the dinner, Sheriff Donnie Youngblood and former Sheriffs Carl Sparks and Mack Wimbish recognized a member our Team, Mr. Bob Rockwell, for his 40 years as a member of CLMRG. Bob joined CLMRG in January 1970. His first sheriff was Charlie Dodge, then Al Loustalot, Ron Smith, Carl Sparks, Mack Wimbish, and Donny Youngblood. As Bob stated, "In the beginning, we were "Special Deputies for Search and Rescue". With Smith we were "Search and Rescue Deputies," which I guess is almost the same and when Carl Sparks came on the scene, we became "Search and Rescue Volunteers," apparently a demotion. Under Wimbish, we were called simply "Civilian Volunteers", which looks like another demotion to me and we continue as such under Youngblood."

Bob recalled one of the more interesting Operations he'd been on during his 40 years when he and Dave Brown had been left behind. As he recalled the adventure, "Dave Brown and I got left behind, after the successful retrieval of a gold prospector and his nephew in the mountains near Frazier Park. We started hiking north toward Bakersfield, found a ranch house with a phone, and called for assistance. A deputy drove down to pick us up and brought us to Bakersfield. There we leapfrogged with multiple CHP and Sheriff's vehicles back home. The OL, Nick Bottka, was very chagrined when everyone got back to the Rescue Hut and discovered at that time that Dave and I had been left to the wolves."

Ms. Debbie Breitenstein was also recognized at the dinner as the Top Contributor to the China Lake Mountain Rescue Team for 2010 for her work in helping to solve the mystery of the missing four Germans in an extremely remote section of Death Valley National Park, a thirteen year effort. Debbie organized several "Training Exercises" during those years and maintained meticulous maps of search areas. When a clue was eventually discovered, the Inyo County Sheriff dispatched a deputy to Debbie's home to retrieve her data so they could formulate a search plan, which eventually turned up enough evidence to help solve a thirteen year old mystery. Many thanks were given to Debbie for never giving up.

Our new CLMRG Sheriff's Dept Team Captain for 2011 is Dave Miles. Dave assumed these duties on January 10.

Training Committee (Eileen Loughran):

During the course of 2010, the group trained a total of 7,691 hrs and traveled 26,262 miles in their own vehicles which was a bit down from 2009 totals. The group conducted a total of 14 first aid classes, 23 skill training sessions (tracking, technical rock, navigation, ELT); and 91 outings into the field (mountaineering, rock climbing, winter). A detailed description of training events is available in a separate spreadsheet. Contact the training chair for a copy.

The table below shows the hours and mileage by month and category.

	First Aid	Skill	Skill Mileage	Field	Field Mileage
Jan	16	9	0	278	2010
Feb	22	106	120	405.5	1990
Mar	26	18	300	644	1260
Apr	29	70	120	458	1897
May	16	100	210	619	2420
Jun	0	111.5	440	659	2120
Jul	0	170	80	1029	2023
Aug	0	57	420	432	1920
Sept	8	0	0	1354	5393
Oct	11	0	0	529	1409
Nov	16	129	650	167	380
Dec	18.5	12	0	161	1100
	162.5	782.5	2340	6735.5	23922

September (1354 hrs) had the highest overall training totals followed by June (1029 hrs) while the biggest months for skill training were July (170 hrs) followed respectively by November (129 hrs), June (111.5 hrs), and February (106 hrs).

2011 Officers

2011 Officers were elected at the December 2010 meeting. Our 2011 Officers are:

- President: Dave Miles
- Vice President: Eileen Loughran
- Secretary: Jeff Green
- Treasurer: Werner Hueber
- MRA Rep: Dan Bishop

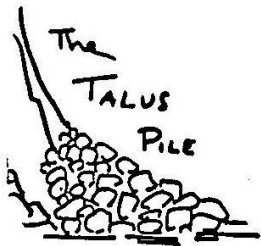
CONGRATULATIONS!

Check our web page at clmrg.org.

Check the California Region's web page at crmra.org.

Newsletters from other MRA groups, gear catalogs, etc. are available in the Hut.

All telephone numbers in *The Talus Pile* are area code 760 unless noted otherwise.



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