

THE TALUS PILE

CHINA LAKE MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP
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CALENDAR

February 9 Meeting at Fred Bien's, Chinese New Year!

February 15 Black Mountain (9,075) This will be a nice, direct climb on a winter day .. Starting from the Westgard Pass road (turn east at Big Pine, and drive about halfway to the Pass), we climb about 3,000 feet up the south-facing slope. Lunch on top should provide one of the best viewpoints of the panorama of Owens Valley and the Sierra Nevada. Call. Carol Burge for times.

Washington's Birthday.....a do-it-yourself 3-day weekend.

March 7 & 8....Pray for snow, or we'll be walking in to the Pear Lake cabin with our skis and snowshoes riding on OUR backs. A long drive (5 hours) to Wolverton ski area in Giant Forest, and a day's backpack In to the cabin. Janet Westbrook is the organizer.

March 9.....Meeting at the Explorer Hut, with Jim Nichols as host.

March 14 (or 15)..meet at Carl's Tree, for dynamic belay practice.

March 28Owens Peak and the Southeast Ridge. Rock-climbing on Owens Ridge, with the rock-climbing section of the L.A. chapter of the Sierra Club. Meet at the Homestead, at 0730. Carl is making the arrangements for transportation for this trip.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 1970 . .

President	Frank Buffum	Secretary	Carol Burge
Vice President . .	Jim Nichols	Member-at-Large .	Dennis Burge
Treasurer	Roman Motyka		

COMMITTEES FOR 1970 (and chairmen*)

Qualifications	First Aid	Communications
Heller*	Nichols*	Ohl *
Nichols	Heller	W i c k
Green	Ohl	Peterson
	B.Westbrook	Joy (Quartermaster)

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(COMMITTEES FOR 1970)..

Training

Burge *

Wick

McIntire

Camphausen

Public Education

Anderson *

Green

J. Westbrook

Boggs

FINANCES

January has been net-gain, for the treasury: the result of two generous checks received for the equipment fund. We print our thanks to:

Don Talmage, of Bishop, who sent us his personal check, and to Bob Gould, of China Lake, who has given once again to CLMRG. Don is the Coroner of Inyo County. Our teams worked with him at the site of the DC-3 crash. Don also sent us black-and-white photos of the operation.

\$5 assessment of each CLMRG member (students, \$2.50) for the Operation fund voted at the December meeting is due. Pay the new treasurer, soon.

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Several members have donated time..and once again the White Elephant is in running-condition (lumbering-condition?). Made the trip up Indian Wells Canyon on February 1, and provided radio communication with the stretcher-practice teams on Owens Ridge, and with the Navy T-24 that flew over to check out the radio and visual spotting.

CALIFORNIA REGION MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION

China Lake is sponsoring the newest group of mountain rescue volunteers, from Bishop. These fellows and girls are practicing, gaining competence in rescue techniques, under the tutorial eye of CLMRG. Before too long, they'll be ready to join MRA. On the February stretcher-practice, several of their members participated.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Reminder, that the CLMRG does 3 things, all of which are important to our future as a rescue group:

1. CLMRG conducts search and rescue operations
2. CLMRG trains potential rock-climbers and mountaineers
3. CLMRG provides a continuing safety education program

The Public Education committee is working out the best possible methods of mountain safety education and of presenting a clear picture of our aims and activities. If you are asked by local clubs to talk about rescue activities, please let the committee (Liz, Janet, Al) know about the request and give them a chance to help you prepare. These contacts provide a chance to inform the community about mountain rescue, a chance for mountain-safety messages..and sometimes a plug for badly needed donations. The committee is all for this, and is here to help and encourage all such contacts.

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FOR THE SUMMING-UP OF 1969 OPERATIONS...please open 004 op summary.doc

CHINA LAKE MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP --- 1969 OPERATIONS

DATE	OPERATION	CALLED BY	NO. OF MEMBERS	TOTAL MAN HRS	NWC EXCUSED MAN HOURS
2/25/69	Search in Saline Valley for overdue Explorer Scouts	Sierra Madre S & R Team	6	102	40
2/26/69	AIE crash on Big Kaweah - Helicopter pickup of victims	NAF - China Lake	4	22	12
3/4/69	Plane crash on Cummings Mt. - Search for survivors	Kern Co. Sheriff	12	96	88
3/12/69	Helicopter search for possible survivors of A-4 crash in Mineral King area	NAF - China Lake	3	30	21
5/22/69	Search for missing climber in Baja California	San Diego Sheriff's Office	5	60	25
6/1/69	Evacuation of pulmonary edema victim from approach to Mt. Whitney	Inyo Co. Sheriff	10	138	0
6/9-15/69	Search for lost child in Balch Park	Tulare Co. Sheriff	16	528	238
6/18/69	Search for lost child in Barton Flats	San Bernardino Co. Sheriff	3	75	24
6/29/69	Evacuation of injured woman from Mirror Lake	U.S. Forest Service (Lone Pine)	7	45	0
7/4/69	Search for lost child in Sequoia Natl. Pk.	District Park Ranger	4	128	0
7/28-30/69	Search for lost boy in Sequoia Natl. Pk.	District Park Ranger	7	168	63
8/1/69	Search for lost child in Yosemite Natl.Pk.	Park Ranger	16	210	0
8/9-12/69	DC-3 - Assist recovery operation (Gambler's Special)	inyo Co. Sheriff	10	397	120
8/15-16/69	Evacuation of fatally injured climber from University Peak	Inyo Co. Sheriff	9	171	0
9/19-21/69	Search for missing hiker northwest of Bishop	Inyo Co. Sheriff	16	563	24
9/23-23/69	Search for missing deer hunter in the Piutes	Kern Co. Sheriff	11 + 6 Explr Scts	523	96