



CHINA LAKE MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP
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CALENDAR of events - always subject to changes, so call the organizer or the Pres-

February 9	Meeting; 525 S. Erin	T. Stogsdill	375-7776
Feb. 14, 15, 16	Ski/snowshoe trip to Tioga Pass	B. Westbrook	375-8371
Mar. 7-8	Joshua Tree Nat'l Mon.climbing	M. Renta	375-7536
Mar. 9	Meeting; .945 W. Upjohn	B. Joy.	375-8171
Mar. 21-22.	Telescope,Sentinel from Panamint City	Rockwell	375-2532
Mar. 29	Rockclimbing Owens Ridge	M. Mason	375-2244
Apr. 5	StretcherPractice	Training comm	
Apr. 7, 14, 21	First Aid class & field practice	Heller	446-6237
Apr. 11-12	Vernon's climb ?	G. Vernon	446-5724
Apr. 13	Meeting, 317 Lenore St.,	N. Loundagin	375-7697
Apr; 25-26	Woodworth's Climb ?	P. Woodworth	377-5198
May 2-3	Tahquitz and vicinity .	Huey	375-1714
May 9-10	Dome Rock, Kern Slabs, etc.	Peterson	446-2423
May 11	Meeting; TBA		
May 16-17	Birch Lake base- Thumb, Birch, Farquhar	C. Heller	446-6237
May 23, 4,25	Shepherd Pass peaks- Williamson, Versteeg, Tyndall, Keith, Trojan, etc.	G. Vernon	446-5724
May 30-31	CRMRA Snow Seminar-Dana Glacier	T. Stogsdill	375-7776
June 6-,	Domelands, Taylor Meadows, Church Dome, etc.		
June 13-14	Thor, 3rd Needle, etc.	M. Mason	375-2244
June 15'	Meeting; TBA		

CLMRG Officers for 1981

President - Carol Burge
 Vice-President - Mike Renta
 Treasurer - Ken Burton

Secretary - Dennis Burge
 MRA Representative - Tom Stogsdill

Committees for 1981

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 Bob Rockwell, Chairman
 Al Green
 Carl Heller

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 Bob Adams, Chairman, Quartermaster
 Bob Joy, Communications
 Vern Anderson
 Fred Camphausen
 Allen Jones
 Lee Lucas
 Mike Renta
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 Dianne Lucas
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 Janet Westbrook

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Training Committee Dianne

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Mike Mason
Mike Renta
Tom Stogsdill
Greg Vernon
Mike Walters
Bob Westbrook

Public Education Committee

Ron Atkins, Chairman
Janet Westbrook, Talus Pile Editor
Dave Brown
Nancy Loundagin
Sheila Rockwell
Greg Vernon

CLMRG Member Participation in 1980 Operations (out of 21 operations, 15 we went out)

Heller	9	5	Woolam	2	2
Green	8	8	Burton	2	2
Brown	8	6	Ostermann	2	2
Jones, A	8	5	Camphausen	2	1
Joy	8	5	Vernon	2	1
Stogsdill	7	6	Stronge	1	1
Woodworth	7	6	Atkins	1	1
Lucas, L	7	5	Anderson, E	1	1
Renta	7	5	Walters	1	1
Mason	6	5	Cote	1	1
Buffum	5	5	Swann	1	1
Moore	5	4	Hunt	1	0
Anderson, V	5	4	Lucas, D	0	0
Westbrook, B	5	2	Jones, R	0	0
Rockwell, B	4	3			
Harris	4	2	Coordinators		
Adams	3	3	Rockwell, S	12	
Fletcher	3	3	Westbrook, J	6	
Lloyd	3	3	Burge, C	4	
Burge, D	3	2	Slates	3	
Hinman	3	1	Robledo	3	
Sires	2	2			

works out to an average response per person of 3.7 operations

Interesting to compare

1980 21 operations; 6 alerts, 2 transits, searches, 6 rescues (12 Inyo Co, 2 Kern Co.)
1979 17 operations; 1 alert, 6 transits, 5 searches, 5 rescues (11 Inyo, 2 Kern)
1978 26 operations; 13 alerts, 1 transit, searches, 5 rescues (10 Inyo, 7 Kern)

So, 1980 appears to be sort of an average year, with most of our activity coming from Inyo County as usual. Compared to the early 70's our business is down considerably, due probably to the buildup of teams in Bishop, Mammoth, June Lake, and north. But we're here, ready and willing to go anywhere needed!! Actually, we like operations—it keeps our skills sharp, and we always learn something...

Wonderful people who have given generous donations since last fall

(We just ordered one radio to replace our aging ones, \$1700!!)

Dana S. Lyons	Stan & Lolita Dalbec
Cliff Chandler	Robert Trousdale
Chuck Ringrose	Beth Henry
Wally & Ruth Gerhart	Tom Chapman
John Ripley	Sierra Peaks Section, L.A. Sierra Club
Janet Hammond	Rock Climbing Section, L.A. Sierra Club

Thanks also to all those who designated CLMRG in the United Way campaign.

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1980
OPERATIONS

OP #	DATE	OPERATION	LOCATION	# OF MEMBERS	TOTAL MAN HRS	NWC EXCUSED MAN HRS
1	28 Jan	Alert, lost person, turned over to S. Bern. Co.	Cuddeback Lake San Bern. Co.	3	2	0
2	25 Feb	Rescue, 3 hookey players	Great Falls Basin Inyo Co.	19	97	0
3	I Mar	Rescue, hypothermic skier	Mammoth Summit Mono Co.	1	2	0
4	2 Mar	Rescue, skier, broken leg	Big Pine Creek Inyo Co.	11	62	0
5	3-4 Mar	Search, missing skier, walked out	Badger Pass Mariposa Co.	11	225	80
6	10 Mar	Rescue, injured rock climber, ankle	Fossil Falls Inyo Co.	9	10	0
7	6-7 June	Search, missing hiker, found OK	San Jacinto Park Riverside Co.	6	96	0
8	7-8 June	Search, person missing since Dec., not found	San Jacinto Park Riverside Co.	5	156	0
9	15 June	Search, 4 Ridgecrest hunters found OK	Sheep Springs Kern Co.	1	3	0
10	22 June	Alert, man missing after party, walked out	Sand Canyon Kern Co.	2	2	0
11	23 July	Alert, 2 missing backpackers	Iceberg Meadow Tuolumne Co.	3	3	0
12	2 Aug	Transit, lost girl, found by Packer	Blue Lake Inyo Co.			

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				14	66	0
13	7 Sept	Search, 86 yrs, wandered away, found OK	Big Pine Inyo Co.			
14	13 Sept	Alert, climbers, unknown problem	Darwin Canyon Inyo Co.	2	1	0
15	20-21 Sept	Rescue, climber, multiple injuries	Mountaineers Route Inyo Co.	16	115	51
16	4 Nov	Alert, missing gunshot victim, found "OK"	Ballarat Inyo Co.	2		0
17	10 Nov	Transit, overdue climbers (Woodworth, Carter)	Lamarck Col Inyo	4	18	16
18	11-12 Nov	Search, pinyon nut gatherer, found OK	Chimney Peak Tulare Co.	17	201	96
19	11 Nov	Alert, overdue hiker, walked out	Big Pine Creek Inyo Co.	2	2	0
				5		
20	26-27 Dec	Search, overdue hiker, found OK	Big Pine Creek Inyo Co.		42	0
21	29 Dec	Rescue, injured hiker	Trail Camp, Inyo		21	12

Summary:

6 Alerts	12 - Inyo Co.	1185 Total Man Hours
2 Transits	2 - Kern Co.	255 NWC Excused Man Hours
7 Searches for 10 people, 1 not found	2 - Riverside Co.	
6 Rescues for 8 people	1 - San Bernardino Co.	
	1 - Mono Co.	
	1 - Mariposa Co. 1 -	
	Tuolumne Co. 1 -	
	Tulare Co.	

Operations Reports

8018 November 11-12, 1980 Lost person at Kennedy Meadows - Al Green

This successful search has certainly justified the hard work of our trackers. Don Harris demonstrated his ability and saved a life.

Janet Westbrook got the first call at 7p.m. Tuesday evening. A family outing gathering Pinon nuts had ended with Florence Morgan missing. She and her dog had headed back to the family truck earlier than her husband, daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren. When the others came back they could not find Mrs. Morgan or the dog. Janet and Sheila Rockwell called the roster. Our advance team of Al Jones and Don Harris left at 8p.m. Ten more of our team followed by 8:15- Al Green, Dennis Burge, Bob Joy, Mike Renta, Mike Mason, Tom Stogsdill, Frank Buffum (who bought all the size D batteries in Ridgecrest), Bob Adams, Ken Burton, and Vern Anderson. It was a very dark night and as we crested the 9 Mile canyon road it began to rain slightly. Fortunately the rain did not last long. The Morgans had parked their truck about 2.5 miles beyond the BLM Fire Station at Chimney Peak. By the time we arrived there a lot of searching by eight local Kennedy Meadows residents had taken place. Jones and Harris had interviewed the members of the outing and two teams were sent out to the approximate last known location of Mrs. Morgan. One team (Burge & Joy) made a perimeter cut to the south and back to the road, the other team (Harris & Adams) went North and back to the road. A vehicle was sent out to cover the Rock House Basin road and the rest of the searchers began sweeps in the immediate vicinity where tracking was nearly impossible because of the recent Pinon hunting activity.

At 10:50p.m. Harris made the significant find of an Argus Market shopping bag with some Pinon nuts in it. Harris & Adams had been following tracks but the shopping bag made the tracks very interesting. They continued tracking and were able to detect the prints of the dog. This convinced me that Harris & Adams were on Mrs. Morgan's tracks. Our plan was modified to send a support team in to cut another boundary perimeter and eventually join Harris. After several attempts on jeep roads and night navigation a team of Burge, Buffum, and Mason accomplished this task. Harris & Adams stayed on the tracks and found Mrs. Morgan at 4:30a.m. Burge's team had closed one gap in the perimeter and joined Harris shortly before 4:30a.m.

The rescuers built a fire, put down clothing on Mrs. Morgan and gave her some candy. She was very cold and undoubtedly in the early stages of hypothermia. They all waited for daylight and walked her out to some very happy relatives. Mrs. Morgan credited the tracking teams with saving her life. (The dog wasn't much help.)

Deputy Reid Hopkins and the local folks of Kennedy Meadows were most helpful and cooperative. Our radio net back to China Lake was a vital communication line. We were able to get the needed batteries delivered and were making further preparations for expanding the search if necessary. Bob Fletcher, Larry Sires and Al Woolam set up the China Lake base radio at the hut and Woolam and Janet Westbrook manned the radio and phone the entire night at the rescue hut.

8020 December 26-27 Big Pine Creek search - Al Green

I was called at 2300 by Sheila Rockwell. Dan Lucas had requested a CLMRG team for standby and our helo. A dayhiker, Kenneth C. Faust, 34 yrs. old from El Segundo, had not returned to Glacier Lodge. Sheila and Carol Burge called the roster. Only Frank Buffum and Bob Joy responded. At 0530 Sheila called back and said we were to go. I contacted the OOD who said the helo crew was being called and they expected takeoff by 0700. Frank, Bob, and I met at the hut, gathered gear, and went to the airfield. The pilots were Lt. Denny Wilcox and Lt. Cdr. Chip Lancaster with crew chief Rick Jones and corpsman Mike Hozey. We left NAF at 0715.

Dan Lucas and Pat Elliot of the Inyo team met us at the landing site at Sage Flat below Glacier Lodge. Pat wanted us to go in to Second Lake and relieve their team of Bob McCoy and Bob Karras who had been tracking Faust all night. The China Lake helo put us with our gear within 1/4 mile of the last tracks. We picked up the tracks and followed them to Contact Pass. Faust had not attempted to climb Temple Craig. His tracks went right down the other side. We contacted Base and suggested they send a team up the South Fork while we descended following his tracks. This plan was followed. We found where he had been unable to continue down the drainage, bivouaced and circled back upward. At about 1500 Faust was sighted by the helo. The June Lake team coming up the South Fork was just below him. They intercepted him and the search was over. We were about a mile behind Faust and probably gaining on him. He had been tracked *by* the Inyo team and us for nearly his entire route. We were saved from another two hours of snow covered boulder hopping *by* a helo pickup. We had a hasty wrap up, a stop at Bishop for fuel, and *we* were home before 1800.

This was really just a helo evacuation with our team along in case something proved difficult on the mountain. Steven Goodbye, 30 yrs., slipped and slid about 1000 ft. below Trail Crest on the snow. He had an ice axe but was unfamiliar with it. He also got onto more icy snow than his companions. He sustained facial fractures, was unconscious for several minutes and hurt around his pelvis. His friends carried him to Trail Camp and another group came out to report the accident that night to Deputy Wayne Reid in Lone Pine. Sheila was called around 0500 and got together a team of Heller, Al Green, Mike Mason and Terry Moore. I phoned the OOD and the duty pilot Dennis Wilcox. At 0610 the helo left NWC with Wilcox, Chip Lancaster, Rick Jones, and Mike Hozey, Heller, Green, and Mason. At Lone Pine Wayne Reid briefed us and the helo took Mason and the corpsman into Trail Camp. The victim was aboard at 0740 and was taken directly to the Bishop hospital. We were all home *by* about 1100.

The snow slope on Whitney strikes again!!

1981 - So far we've had only 2 alerts - 8101 for a Missing hiker in Yosemite, and 8102 for the search near Mt. Palomar. Both persons were found before we were needed.

Other goings and comings-

Over New Years week or so, Bob Rockwell, Mike Renta, Al Jones and Lee Lucas, joined by Bob's friend Mont Hubbard, ventured to Mexico to attack successfully the three high volcanoes, Popocatepetl, 17,888, Ixtacihuatl at 17,343' and Orizaba Citlaltepelt) the 3rd highest peak in North America at 18,851'. As usual, travel in Mexico proved very interesting.... See Bob's write up, with pictures in Feb. 16 issue of the Daily Independent. Pester the group for a slide show!

Bob and Janet Westbrook returned from 3 weeks in Ecuador over the Christmas holidays, visiting the Galapagos and Amazon before attacking the 15,479' Pichincha volcano on which the beautiful city of Quito sits. Pester Bob about returning to do the beautiful snowcapped volcanoes, 11 of which are in sight of Quito on a clear day!

A reminder for foreign travelers - the use of the antibiotic Doxycycline seems to help prevent traveler's diarrhea caused by E. coli. See your doctor-

*** NWC is putting in new phones as of Feb. 28 - the touch tone kind- and everyone who works on center will have a new phone number.... which means a new roster (again!). Be sure you give your new number as soon as possible to Dennis Burge or one of the Coordinators so we can compile the new list as soon as possible. Maybe this will make it easier for the coordinators to catch up with you at work??? Call someone if you need a new roster.

Handy phone numbers if the weather doesn't look so good up north-

CalTrans - Bishop 873-6366 road into from 395 Mojave to state line and all side roads

Mammoth Visitor Center 24 hour into 934-6611

Mammoth Ski Into 934-6166

Ski Conditions at resorts 900 976-3790

(updated 8:30a.m., 11a.m., 3,5, and 10p.m.)

from "Advanced Murphyisms"

Nature always sides with the hidden flaw.

Opportunity always knocks at the least opportune moment.

If you don't care where you are, you aren't lost.

Nothing is ever so bad that it can't get worse.

The one who snores will fall asleep first.



Simple Explanation
Why don't I climb mountains? Because I'm not there.

-Michael Fedor

192. POLE CARRY (fig. 75). The pole-carry method should only be considered as a last resort, since it is



Figure 75. Pole carry.

very difficult for the litter bearers to handle. Its use is advisable only when narrow ledges must be traversed. The casualty is wrapped in two blankets and suspended from a 14-foot pole by a rope, pistol belts, or web belts. In suspending the casualty, all excess slack should be avoided, since it increases the side-sway during carry. A two-man team, one on each end of the pole, carries the casualty. If the pole is long enough, a four-man team may be used.

More from "War Dept. Field Manual, Sept. 1947
Mountain Operations" D Eisenhower.



"You can always spot the Chinese expedition."

