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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Subject to change)

MAY 16-17	Birch Lake Base Camp climb Thumb, Birch, Farquhar	Carl Heller
18-19	Case-study Seminar	Carl Heller
23-24-25	Shepherd Pass and nearby peaks Memorial Day Williamson and assorted summits Tyndall, Keith, Junction, and so on	Greg Vernon
30-31	CRMRA Snow Rescue Workshop Dana Glacier	Lee Lucas
JUNE 3	Night Stretcher Practice	Lee Lucas
6-7	Domelands Wilderness	Ron Atkins
8	MEETING 330 Rancho	Bob Huey
9	Summer Class Instructors Meet	
13-14	Thor south race routes	Mike Mason
15-16	SUMMER CLASS	Carl Heller
20-21	Hawksbeak, Elko, Nevada	Dennis Burge
22-23	SUMMER	CLASS
27-28-29-30	Ruby Mountains, Elko, Nevada	Greg Vernon
JULY 3-4-5	THE PALISADES	Bob Adams
11-12	Mt. Humphries	Greg Vernon
11/12	Day Hikes, SUPER CLASS	Lucas, Burge, Heller, Rockwell
13	MEETING 624 Randall	Carol/Dennis Burge

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OPERATION REPORTS

No. 8102 6 February Mojave Search Carl Heller

We were looking for the female companion of a murdered man. The two had their car break down Thursday night near Tehachapi, and presumably had hitched a ride toward Mojave. The man's body had been found 5 miles from the car along the highway.

CLMRG had been assigned the task of looking for the female. She was likely to have been the second victim, perhaps thrown out of the killers' car somewhere along or just off of the highways near Mojave. We had 9 people and three vehicles, and were assigned a strip south of Highway 58, east of Mojave.

The callout reached us at 1028 Friday; we met at 1200 (one person late), and got our assignments at the Mojave substation at 1330. With our sandwich lunches in the vehicles, we searched dirt roads, ditches, and old buildings until 1630. We turned down an offer of a restaurant supper and were home about 1900.

Team members involved were: D. Burge, Al Jones, Mike Mason, Frank Buffum, Bob Adams, Don Harris, Bob Fletcher, Greg Vernon. Coordinators were Carol Burge, Nancy Loundagin, and Mary Wyatt.

NOTES: This was a different search--tracking automobiles instead of people. It was interesting the IWV sent 25 searchers out of about 40 from the Kern Posse. Kern Valley sent 11.

No. 8103 12/13 February Planned Search Carl Heller

A CALMRA Region Callout to assist on Palomar Mountain in San Diego County was relayed to us by Dick Sales of Sierra Madre on Thursday, 12 February. Out in-town coordinator, Carol Burge, got people for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, but no leader for Friday. Late on Friday the lost searcher, Eric Ennel (44) was found exhausted. Consequently no CLMRG teams went south.

NOTE I found it interesting that not one of twelve team leaders could be persuaded to take Friday off at Navy expense. This devotion to Government work must indicate singular loyalty by the local Federal Bureaucrats.

No. 8104 3 March Alert

Riverside MRU called for a team for Tuesday, 3 March, to help in a search for 3 skiers on San Jacinto. Carl called RMRU to confirm a team for the Wednesday. He was told the skiers had come out, 2 days late.

No. 8105 17 March Transit

A stretcher team reached the end of the B Mountain trail simultaneously with the ambulance and with the victim of a lunch-hour Jogging (?) mishap. The stretcher team members went back to work, after lunch.

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DUTY WEEKENDS

The annual team leader-coordinators meeting was held on 28 April. We understand that there was a spirited discussion during the sorting out of Duty Weekends. A Duty Weekend, you understand, is the summer weekend when YOU stay home to answer the phone while others go romping into the cool of the mountains. And it is a matter of chance whether you get a long two-days when the phone never rings or that galvanizing call that starts you trying to scratch up a team from the bits of the roster who stayed home to work on special projects! At any rate, we now have a list sorted out.

STRETCHER PRACTICE

Fossil Falls

5 April

The stretcher practice was termed a real success, apparently by all who attended. And a breakdown of that attendance shows what a well-balanced working group it was:

- 7 Team Leaders
- 4 rescue members
- 5 support members
- 1 trainee
- 8 applicant members
- 25 total

Al Green organized the exercise and set up 3 problems to be worked on simultaneously. All groups worked on lowering a stretcher and raising it. Each group seems to have confirmed the finding: raising is more difficult!

A factor in the success may have been the "hut night" a week earlier, when some 20 members learned or reviewed Stretcher tie-ins and related skills.

Separations

Vacancies are appearing in the rock-climbing section.

Mike Walters has packed himself off to Colorado, where he will be going to school. And rock-climbing, no doubt.

Bill Stronge will be leaving in July, For Cambridge, England. Bill will be teaching in the University at Cambridge. And climbing, we'll bet, on his holidays.

Rock-climbing vacancies, continued....

Carl Heller is scheduled to be away from rock-climbing for a time. On 17 March, Carl came a cropper during his daily constitutional, and did damage to his right arm. We were told that the injury was not a simple break, and that the arm **will be** in a cast for some time. That sort of **thing** puts a crimp in the summer climbing, for sure.

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THANKS TO DONORS

Frank Bode
Girl Scout Encampment

Cur thanks, and assurance that the amounts received will go into the funds to purchase new equipment and to repair present equipment.

NEW EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Bob Adams, Chairman, says the Equipment Committee has ordered one 200-foot non-stretch caving rope, for use with the stretchers. Recently two ropes of different types were purchased for the stretchers. The ropes were used as a pair, for comparison testing.

1. the braid-on-braid showed after two times in the field, a low resistance to abrasion, i.e., the use of Jumars scuffed the outer surface. This rope has been retired from use.

2. the kernmantle held up under use much better. It is a second rope of this type which is being purchased.

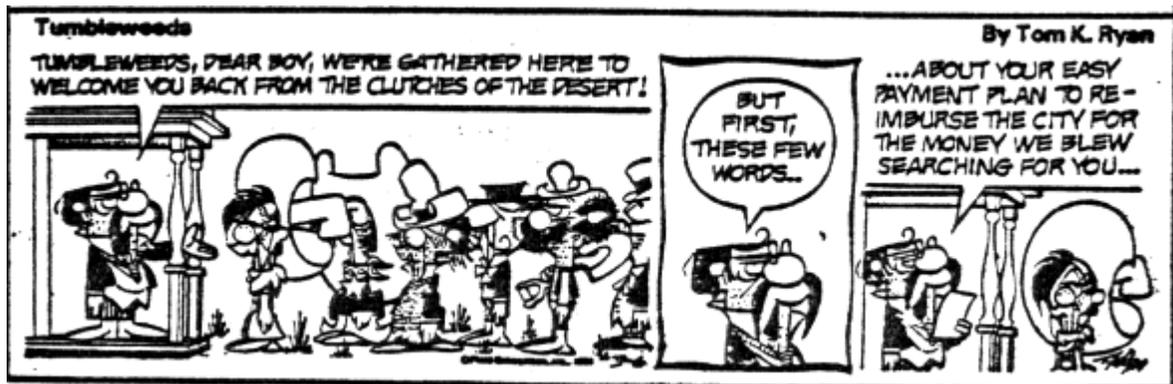
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Bob Fletcher tells us that he has had 6 of the field radios recertified by Communications Enterprises of Ridgecrest, and has 6 more lined up to go.

At the last CLMRG meeting the radio subject was much discussed. Most of the present radios are old (the PR-36's have had about 10 years of active use); repair parts for some of the models are unavailable. During the meeting a task group (sub committee) was appointed: Bob Joy, Bob Fletcher, Lee Lucas, Don Harris, and Vern Anderson.

This group will study new radios available on the market and is authorized to purchase up to 3 radios. The cost of radios - like the cost of everything else - has gone up. These new radios may cost upwards of \$1,000 each.

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Standing, from left: Margi Rusmore, Alison Chadwick-Onyszkiewicz, Christy Tews, Piro Kramar, Irene Miller, Joan Firey, Annie Whitehouse, Marie Ashton. Kneeling, from left: Dyanna Taylor, Vera Watson, Vera Komarkova, Liz Klobusicky, Arlene Blum.

Money to Match Your Mountains

Women mountaineers looking for a natural high may want to apply to the Vera Watson-Alison Chadwick-Onyszkiewicz Memorial Fund, established by American Women's Himalayan Expeditions and sponsored by the American Alpine Club. The fund gave a boost to several expeditions last year:

- The Scotex '80 expedition made a number of technical rock and ice ascents on both climbed and previously unclimbed peaks near Kulusak, Greenland. The female team members were Andrea Mountain and Rebecca Upham.
- Elizabeth Ann Doyle and Lindi McIlwaine carried out assaults in Peru.
- The American Women's Expedition to Dhaulagiri established its fourth camp at 7,100 meters but it was destroyed by an avalanche.
- A joint American-Indian women's team succeeded in making the first ascent of 22,300-foot Bhagirathi near Gangotri, Uttar Pradesh, India.

Deadline for this year is October 1. For more information write the American Alpine Club, 113 E. 90th St., New York, NY 10028, (212) 722-1628.

Tax-deductible contributions and bequests for future grants are welcomed. A contribution of \$25 or more will get you a copy of *Annapurna: A Woman's Place* by Arlene Blum.

EDITOR'S CUBBYHOLE

The article in the lefthand column tells of all-woman expeditions in international climbing. Thus far CLMRG hasn't collected enough women to field a complete expedition. But it is possible, I think, some time in the not too distant future. All-woman, only women, may not be the goal..but it is an interesting thought!

Have you checked the number of woman members on our roster? Out of 37 members listed, 3 are women..close to 20%.

Our 1981 president is Carol Burge; the head of Training committee is Dianne Lucas.

The First Aid committee has Cheryl Robledo, and Janet Westbrook, and Dianne again as members.

Nancy Loundagin and Sheila Rockwell are on the Public Education committee.

And several of these ladies have been on expeditions in faraway mountain ranges... One of these days..

Enough for this time. I'll rappel off my soapbox mad sign off

Your revitalized, resurrected
Editor of the Talus Pile,

Liz Anderson

CHECK LISTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR ANY OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

- EQUIPMENT

- Comfortable footwear
- Suitable clothing for the season and weather expected
- Hat and Gloves
- Sunglasses
- Rucksack, pack or bag to carry your life support and comfort supplies
- Area map and compass
- Plastic tube tent *or leaf bag*
- Canteen of water
- First aid kit
- Survival kit and light nylon rope
- Knife, matches and fire starter
- Flashlight
- Emergency food
- IN AUTO: A complete change of dry clothing; food and water

- MUST CONSIDER

- Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return
- Never** go alone (minimum — 3)
- Permits and regulations?
- Body protection (season!?)
- Energy refueling?
- Water re-supply?
- Physical stress involved?
- Companions limitations
- Weather in the area?
- Terrain steepness or dangers
- Proper maps of area
- Weather body protection?
- Distance from help?
- Other personal medications?
- Spare prescription eye glasses

TIPS: Stay together - stay comfortable • be alert or weather changes, be aware M dangers, plan escape routes. Watch your companions for attitude changes.

DANGERS: Injury in a remote area. avalanches, rock fall. swift water. crossings,* unreasonable objective. getting lost, unexpected weather, wet clothing, fatigue. hypothermia. hypohydration, hyperthermia. heat or cold extremes, darkness, frustrating companions.



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