

**CHINA LAKE MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP**  
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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

August 1	Summer Class Party	Class Com.
August 4-12	Wind Rivers-Wyoming	Green
August 4	Mt. Whitney Day Hike	Mitchell
August 11-12	Mt. Whitney East Face	Mitchell
August 13	Meeting	Finco
August 18-19	Moon Goddess Arête	Ostermann
August 21-23	CPR Class	Renta
August 25	Rock Skills	Hinman
August 27	Summer Party	Mitchell
Aug 31-Sep 3	Tuolumne	Hinman
September 5	Mini Stretcher Practice	Training Com.
September 8-9	Mt. Abbot/Dade/Gabb	Rock well
September 10	Meeting	J. Westbrook
September 12	Mini Stretcher Practice	Training Com.
September 15	CRMRA – San Dimas	Ostermann
September 15-16	No Name Pinnacle	S. Walker
September 19	Mini Stretcher Practice	Training Com.
September 22-23	Mt Barnard	Leiser
September 26	Mini Stretcher Practice	Training Com.
September 29-30	Mock Operation – ELT/Search	Stogsdill
October 5-8	Yosemite Valley	Mitchell
October 13-14	Zion	Renta
October 15	Meeting	Mitchell



Westbrook was the CLMRG coordinator. Other teams mobilized were Sierra Madre, Indian Wells Valley SAR, Nye County SAR, and the CHP Helicopter. The remaining MRA teams and dog teams were put on standby to support the operation if it continued into the second day.

**90-5            2/28/90            Alert**  
**Mt. San Jacinto            Huey**

CLMRG received a call at 2025 from Sierra Madre to respond to a search for a 55 year old hiker who had not returned from a hike on 2/27. He was hiking on the Skyline trail on Mt San Jacinto. The Riverside team had searched for him on 2/28 and now was requesting additional teams. We responded with six members who were willing to depart at 0300 in order to be at the search base by first light. The search was called off at 2100 on 2/28, after the subject walked out.

Searchers were: Huey, Roseman, Leiser, Wisecarver, S. Walker, and Silverman. Coordinator was B. Rockwell with Betty Meng assisting.

**90-6            3/19/90            Search**  
**Walker Pass            Hine**

The initial report of four people missing between Walker Pass and the Onyx store did not contain a lot of information. Based on this, the Kern County Sheriff Department requested support from Indian Wells Valley SAR (I WV), Kern River SAR, and CLMRG. Kern River SAR would start at the Onyx store (subjects' destination) and search possible routes leading back to Walker Pass. IWV and CLMRG would try to pick up tracks at the Walker Pass trail head and search toward the Kern Valley team.

Base camp was established at 1430 and additional information soon followed. Richard Kennedy (22), Richard Rizzardini (32), James Rizzardini (8), and Eric Rizzardini (6) had planned an overnight trip that was to follow a direct compass bearing between Walker Pass and the Onyx store. They had left a map with Mrs. Rizzardini, with the intended route marked, a description of their equipment, an expected return time, and instructions to call the sheriff if they were not back 18 hours after their expected return time.

Search teams were deployed to cut for track along the intended route. The Kern Co. Sheriff's helo arrived and was utilized to place six (four CLMRG and two IWV) searchers in the Pinion Peak area. A saddle near the peak was the highest elevation along the planned route. It was also the point where the route dropped into several steep canyons leading to the Onyx store.

The subjects' tracks were located at 1633. The direction of travel was confirmed to be along the intended route and heading toward Pinion Peak. An hour later we received word that all four had reached a residence near the Onyx store and had phoned home. The trip had just taken a little longer than planned (24 hours longer!).

The Sheriff's helo made three quick trips to get the Pinion Peak teams out before dark. The helo was a significant asset during this operation. The last tracking team arrived back at base camp at approximately 1830. After a quick debrief, the CLMRG team returned equipment to the hut and secured the operation at 1942.

IWV had nine members participating and Kern Valley SAR had 12. The Walker Pass base camp was run jointly by IWV and CLMRG. Kern Valley operated out of a second base camp at the Onyx store. Coordination between the two base camps was handled via radio.

The CLMRG members involved in the operation were Bart Hine, Bob Huey, Mike Renta, Steve Walker, Phil Wilson, Ron Leiser, and Randy Walker. Coordinator for CLMRG was Carol Burge.

**90-7            4/7/90            Incident**  
**Joshua Tree Nat'l Monument            Hinman**

On a CLMRG trip to Joshua Tree, CLMRG member, Loren Castro, sustained serious injuries in a fall while rock climbing. He was leading a crack climb called Ranger J.B. (5.6) on Sports Challenge Rock in the Real Hidden Valley. Loren was in a flaring section near the top of the route when he fell, pulling a small Friend he had just placed. His next piece, which was about 10 feet below, stopped his fall. During his fall, however, he hit a large (truck size) boulder at the base of the climb. Between this boulder and the main rock, there was a 3 ft wide, 10 ft deep chasm. Loren hit the top edge of the boulder, and then fell into the chasm. The rope stopped him about 3 ft below the top of the boulder and about 2 ft above a ledge on the main rock.

Werner Hueber, who had been watching Loren climb, got to him immediately and guided him to the ledge as his belayer, Chris Ostermann, lowered him. Steve Walker and I were climbing nearby and joined them within a few minutes. Nancy Gray went to report the accident.

When I got to Loren, he was conscious, although Werner thought he had been unconscious immediately after the fall. Steve did a quick check over Loren and found possible broken ribs on his left side, an open wound on a possibly broken left elbow, a small gash above his left eyebrow and a possibly dislocated or broken right thumb. Besides stopping his bleeding, the most immediate problem was convincing Loren that he was not going to be able to get up and walk out. An EMT who was climbing nearby joined us and did another check over Loren.

Within 20 minutes, the first of several personnel from Joshua Tree Search and Rescue (JOSAR), arrived,

bringing medical equipment. While placing a cervical collar on Loren, we found a large, oozing gash on the top of his head, which was overlooked in the two previous checks. Meanwhile, Loren was given oxygen and completely immobilized on a full-length backboard, while still on the ledge.

Two reasonable alternatives were possible for extracting Loren from the ledge. The first was to raise Loren a few feet, pendulum him to the side about ten feet and then lower him to the ground. At this point he could be easily carried through open terrain to the trail. The second alternative was to raise him out of the chasm and place him on top of the large boulder. He could then be carried down through 30 ft of second class to the trail.

Right after JOSAR had arrived; Jason Lodas and I had climbed up the descent route of Sports Challenge Rock and set anchors and ropes for a stretcher lowering. JOSAR elected not to use the lowering/belay system which was in place by the time they were ready to extract Loren. Using the backboard, two people standing on the ledge lifted him up about 5 ft and handed him to others on top of the large boulder. There, he was placed in a litter and moved down to the trail. He was then carried to the parking lot a quarter mile away. At the hospital, Loren was found to have four broken ribs, a badly broken elbow (requiring surgery), and a broken right thumb. The gash on the top of his head received several stitches.

**90-8                    4/10/90                    Rescue  
Great Falls Basin                    Mitchell**

At 1030 the Inyo County Sheriffs Office (ICSO) called on the pager for a rescue of two Girl Scouts in Great Falls Basin, The Independence dispatch said both girls had been examined by a doctor and it had been determined they each had a broken right ankle. I asked Mary to start a callout to meet at the Hut at 1115.

The two injured hikers were in the Great Falls Basin area on an overnight hike from the Girl Scout Encampment at Indian Joe Canyon. They were camping at Twin Springs with 13 other girls.

An advance team of Linda Finco, Tom Stogsdill and Al Green departed for Great Falls Basin at 1130.

With only 15 field team members available and the possibility of a long evacuation with two injured hikers, I decided to call the Indians Wells Valley (IWV) Search and Rescue Team to see if they could assist us with team members who felt comfortable on rock. John Paull, of IWV, said they would provide us with any assistance we required.

IWV responded with 10 members and agreed to bring their Stokes litter. Just before we left I called Naval Weapons Center Helo Ops and determined that the NWC helo would be available.

We arrived at Great Falls Basin at 1330 and set up base camp. A relay team of Paul DeRuiter and Ron Leiser left to find a high point where a relay could talk with the advance team and with base camp.

Equipment was dispersed among members of both teams. Teams were briefed and reminded to ensure they had enough food and WATER to last them the day. Five gallons of extra water also went into the field.

At 1400 the advance team reached the Girl Scouts.

Debi Anderson (17) had stepped on a rock towards the beginning of the hike the previous day, 9 April 1990. The rock rolled underneath her foot causing her to twist her ankle. After the first long rest break, it was hard for her to put any weight on her ankle; however, she continued at a slower pace. Debi's ankle was mildly swollen from the ankle to the toes.

Later in the afternoon, Lori Gulak (17) had suffered a broken right ankle when she jumped from a boulder about three feet off the ground. Some of the other Girl Scouts remembered Lori saying she heard her ankle snap, but later on Lori did not remember. Lori was able to walk with help to the camping area. Her ankle was swollen with discoloration on the foot and ankle.

The next morning, after examining the ankles, the counselors decided neither girl would be able to hike back to the camp at Indian Joe Canyon. Two counselors then hiked out to get help.

The advance team found a landing zone (LZ), for the helo. They determined that an air splint and 2 more persons were needed to move the girls to the nearest LZ. Chris and Steve took the air splint and helped move the girls.

At 1438 I called Control to have the helo come and pick up the Girl Scouts at the LZ. At 1539, the helo came in and hovered above the LZ where the girls were. The pilot did not like the first LZ and picked one about 25 yards away. In a few minutes, both girls were put on the helo and were on their way to Ridgecrest Community Hospital.

All team members were back at base camp by 1719, where a debrief was held.

We were back in Ridgecrest by 1815. When the hut was secured I went to the hospital to talk with the girls. They had already been discharged by the time I arrived. The emergency nurse said they had indeed suffered fractured right ankles. Lori had broken her tibia and fibula where they connect to the foot and Debi had fractured her foot. Due to the swelling both girls had temporary casts put on.

IWV team members who responded were: John Paull, Gordon McClellan, Mark Swett, Jim Noh, Pat Sprague, Rick Winniford, Larry Steimer, Vince Hoium, Gary Hobson and Ron Porter, Other CLMRG team members were: Bart Hine, Bob Huey, Paul DeRuiter, Ron Leiser, Chris Ostermann, Steve Walker, Nancy Gray, Kit Antonsen, Ken Amster, Dianne Lucas and Gary Cunningham.

**Comments:**

1. Indian Wells Valley (IWV) has two pagers, one for the Captain the other for the Co-Captain. Their phone numbers can be found on the IWV Roster.

2. CLMRG members should not leave the Hut until all the Group equipment has been properly stowed.
3. If no helo support had been available, we could have avoided the multiple lowerings we were prepared for by going further south.
4. Check the availability of NAVWPNCEN helos before departure.
5. According to the initial report received from the ICSO, both girls had been examined by a doctor. Who had determined they had broken ankles and that the ankles had been splinted. It was later determined that they were not seen by a doctor, but that a doctor had made the evaluation from the report he had received from the reporting party.

**90-9            4/12/90            Alert**  
**Bird Springs            Green**

The call came from the Mojave substation at 0225 on 4/12/90. Three men were missing after starting a hike from the Bird Springs area. At 0245, as Sheila Rockwell and Betty Meng were just starting to call the roster, we were turned off. The men had returned home safely.

**90-10            6/17/90            Search**  
**Inyokern            Stogsdill**

At approximately 2230 Sunday evening (my duty weekend) Al Green called to inform me that he had just received a call from the Sheriff's Office asking for the assistance of the CLMRG in a search for a lost twelve year old boy, Alan Warkentin, in the vicinity of Inyokern, CA. I called Sheila Rockwell for coordination and also called Jerry Young of Indian Wells Valley Search and Rescue (IWVSAR) to assist in the effort. Instructions to the coordinator were for CLMRG personnel to meet at the but ready to go at 2315 and to be prepared for an overnight search. The IWVSAR teams were to meet us at the Inyokern Highway Patrol headquarters for a mission brief by Deputy Sheriff Daures Stephans.

Thirteen members arrived at the hut and an advance information gathering team (Hine/Hueber) was on the way by 2310. The rest of the teams were away by 2330. Two members living in the Inyokern area, Cunningham and Wilson were joining us at the briefing site.

Arriving in Inyokern, Deputy Stephans gave us a short status brief and then escorted both IWVSAR and CLMRG approximately three miles southwest of Inyokern to the residence of Alan's family. Base camp was established in the side yard with the help of the IWVSAR generator and light. Alan's father provided base with pictures of Alan and a description of the clothing he was wearing and the location where he had last seen him playing. Other than tennis shoes he had no idea of the shoe print pattern. Alan's mental age was estimated to be around that of a one to one and one-half year old and he would most probably run away from searchers and not respond to calls. Alan's father said that when Alan had been lost on other occasions, he would always head toward loud noises or bright lights, Inyokern airport lights were to the north three miles away and Highway 14 about 5 miles west, with both vehicle noise and lights. Since Alan could have been north or west of our base and perhaps several miles away by this time, our priority was to contain Alan in as small an area as possible.

The first CLMRG team, headed by Roseman, was deployed at midnight southwest along a road west of the house to cut for tracks in a high likelihood area. Alan had gone in that direction before when he disappeared for short periods. Other search teams, including IWVSAR; were deployed in patterns for containment and isolation along Highway 178 (north), Bowman Road (south), Redrock/Inyokern Road (east), Highway 14 (west), and down Dixie Wash. Teams converged from outside perimeters and worked inward toward the center, looking for tracks and narrowing the area of containment. Roseman's team cut child size tracks that matched the description of tracks thought to be Alan's, and started tracking them to the west. Other teams in the area near Roseman soon cut the same tracks and were sending base directions of travel that could best be described as the random meandering of a child. The tracks went in circles, crisscrossed one another, and looped all over the area. Tracking difficulty was described as mostly class 1 and 2, although the tracking seemed to move slowly. The trackers had no way of knowing which was the lead set of tracks; jump tracking was for the most part out of the question. Base did not want to put more people into the hot area in order to keep track noise minimized, but continued to send teams in patterns to narrow the size of the search area. Around 0555 Huey's team finally closed tracks with marked tracks from either Roseman's team or Mitchell's team. As daylight was approaching and the search area was down to line search size, base decided to have a line sweep of the area. Earlier in the morning, base had requested assistance of a helicopter for air search at first light. The Sheriff's helicopter was enroute to Inyokern at 0600 and arrived in base at 0630, just as the line search got underway. At 0639 members of the line search spotted a boy matching the description of Alan running away from them to the south. Supposition was that the low flying helicopter awakened and frightened Alan and he decided to run the opposite direction after seeing thirty orange and red suited searchers coming down on him. After several fleeting moments Alan was finally run down and captured by Bob Huey and one member of the IWVSAR team. Alan was inspected for injuries, given water, a piggyback ride, candy, and finally a helicopter ride back to base to reunite with a happy family, at 0650. The search mission was secured after all SAR members had returned to base and a short critique had been held. The CLMRG members returned to Ridgecrest happy for Alan and his family, but exhausted after being up for more than 24 hours. Equipment was secured in the hut and most members headed home for R&R by 0930.

CLMRG members participating in the search for Alan Warkentin were: Tom Stogsdill (OL), Bart Hine, Linda Finco, Bob Huey, Andrew Mitchell, Tom Roseman, Dennis Burge, Chris Ostermann, Nancy Gray, Lee Lucas, Phil Wilson, Werner Hueber, Ellen Schafhauser, Gary Cunningham, and Dianne Lucas. Coordinator was Sheila Rockwell with assistance from Carol Burge and Carol VanVerst.

Comments:

1. Alan's clothing was as described by the parents.
2. As usual, parents know very little about the footwear of their children.
3. If at all possible send someone to draw the footprint and have it for base to show searchers before going into the field.
4. CLMRG and IWVSAR worked well together.
5. 5. All is well that ends well. This one was a classic.

**90-11                    6/22-23/90                    Alert**  
**Yosemite National Park                    Roseman**

Two 10-year old youths missing in the vicinity of the Cloud's Rest High Camp in Yosemite National Park, were the subjects of an MRA region call-out. We received word at 2300 Friday to standby for a late Saturday morning decision. At 1345 Saturday, word came from Sierra Madre that the children had been found. Responding members were Tom Roseman, Tom Sakai, and Lee Lucas. Sheila Rockwell was the coordinator with phone support from Carol Van Verst.

**90-12                    7/3/90                    Rescue**  
**Mt. Carillon                    Renta/Green**

On July 3rd, Ridgecrest resident, Charlie Rogers, accompanied by his nephews, Bruce Rogers, Floyd Rogers, Bruce's wife Jan, and two others, were descending a couloir above a small pothole lake northeast of Mt. Carillon. Charlie was with Jan when an avalanche, started by Bruce, came down the couloir. Jan was hit in the left knee. After the dust had settled, attempts to move Jan indicated that help would be needed to get her to the road head and a hospital. Bruce elected to go for help, leaving Charlie and the rest to tend to Jan. Two and 1/2 hours later, at 1800, Bruce reached the phone at the Whitney Portal store, and called the Inyo County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Boyer contacted Al Green of CLMRG and requested our help. Since it was my duty day, Al gave me (Renta) the operation.

After talking to Bruce and making arrangements for a helo with Dept. Boyer, I initiated a callout. S. Rockwell assisted by B: Meng called down the roster and got commitments from Green, Hine, Mitchell, Antonsen, Silverman, Schafhauser, Cunningham, D. Lucas, and R. Walker.

We assembled at the hut by 2045 and started driving to Lone Pine by 2100. Base camp was set up at Lone Pine Airport. We were met by Dep. Boyer and Bruce Rogers. After interviewing Bruce, eight CLMRG members drove to the Portal and started up the trail at midnight. Cunningham and I stayed at the airport.

The field team reached Jan at 0430 and applied an air splint to her leg and then settled in for the remainder of the night. At 0600, the forest service contract helo arrived at Lone Pine airport. Cunningham and I briefed the helo crew on the situation and loaded a stretcher into the helo. The helo left the airport at about 0620. The helo was able to find a landing zone a little above Jan's location, so the field team was able to carry Jan to the helo without the use of the stretcher. She was loaded in and the helo took off at 0702 and flew her directly to Southern Inyo Hospital in Lone Pine. Examination at the hospital showed no broken bones in her knee, but she did have bruised tendons, so her leg was placed in a plastic removable splint and she was released.

After a slight rest, the field team started a leisurely walk out. We had lunch in Lone Pine, courtesy of the Inyo County Sheriff and arrived back at Ridgecrest at 1400.

Comments: We set up the directional antenna and base radio just east of the public phone at the airport. From this location, we had trouble maintaining contact with the field team and the Sheriff's dispatcher over the Inyo repeater. We may have been having problems with radio, antenna, or location.

**90-13                    7/14/90                    Transit**  
**Temple Crag                    Sakai**

My weekend duty started at 1000 Saturday with a pager call from the Inyo County Sheriff requesting assistance with a search for two overdue climbers. Kevin Miligan and Michael (last name not disclosed) of Riverside Ca. had gone to climb a technical route on Temple Crag and were to be back on Thursday 7/12. Our team of 9 departed the hut at 1120, headed for the rescue base camp established by the Inyo SAR Posse at the backpacker's parking lot on Big Pine Creek.

As we were passing through Independence at 1315, we heard a report on the Inyo Co. repeater of an unconscious woman at Outpost Camp on the Mt. Whitney trail. A call to Inyo Control led to our reassignment to assist this woman (see following report). The San Diego MRT was in the Big Pine Creek area on a training weekend and was participating in that search, and the Mt. Whitney situation was clearly urgent. Upon completion of the Outpost Camp assignment we were to continue on to the Temple Crag search. Before we could resume our transit to Big Pine Creek, however, the two overdue climbers had been located and we were released to return home.

Other CLMRG members in transit were R. Rockwell, Finco, Mitchell, Leiser, Wisecarver, S. Walker, Silverman, and Schafhauser. S. Rockwell was Coordinator with telephone help from B. Meng.

**90-14            7/14/90                            Rescue**  
**Mt Whitney Trail                            Sakai**

At 1315, while enroute to Big Pine for the above search on Temple Crag, we were reassigned to assist a young woman, Mary McCarthy 20, who was reported unconscious at Outpost Camp on the Mt. Whitney trail by an unknown person who had hiked out to Whitney Portal. Inyo Control indicated that a helo could be available to meet us at Lone Pine Airport. After talking to Dep. W. Read of ICSO to confirm the report and get details of the situation, the helo was requested. An advance ground team of Finco and Wisecarver started hiking up the trail from Whitney Portal in case the helo was delayed.

At 1450, the helo arrived, but could only take one rescue person. While the helo was inbound to Outpost Camp at 1503, a message was received that the subject was OK and was walking out in the company of a Forest Service Ranger. The helo returned without having landed at Outpost Camp. The advance ground team continued up the trail to meet the woman and escort her down. They arrived at the trailhead by 1555.

By this time the subjects of the Temple Crag search had been located, so we were released to return home directly from Lone Pine. We were back at the rescue but by 1730 and the two-for one operation was closed. Members participating were R. Rockwell, Finco, Mitchell, Leiser, Wisecarver, S. Walker, Silverman, Schafhauser, and me. S. Rockwell was the Coordinator.

**90-15            7/14-15/90                            Rescue**  
**Mt Whitney Trail                            Sakai**

On Saturday evening, I had dinner at home and was starting to relax from the earlier operations, when at 1945 the pager sang its tune again. The subsequent phone call to the Inyo Co. Sheriff dispatcher revealed a horror story of a lightning strike on the hut at the summit of Mt. Whitney with 13 people inside. Two people who had been in the hut, but were uninjured, Morgan Milligan and Calif Tervo, were able to run down the trail to report the incident. As they passed through Trail Camp at the 12,000 ft level they told of the incident to several people there. One was a Girl Scout, with an emergency radio which transmitted on a frequency monitored by airliners (Her father is an airline pilot). Their message was received by a passing airliner and relayed to Los Angeles International Airport air traffic control. The LAX ATC in turn reported it to the Inyo Co. Sheriff's Office.

A National Forest Service charter Long Ranger helicopter had evacuated Matt Nordbrock from the summit at approximately 2000 Saturday to Southern Inyo Hospital in Lone Pine where he was pronounced dead. Jim Swift and Jim Macleod were also evacuated by helo on Saturday evening before nightfall caused a cessation of flight operations.

At least two others, Terry Nabours and Mike Wasson, who had been on the trail approximately 1/2 mi. from the summit were also struck by lightning while waiting under a rock for the rain to stop. In spite of a reported serious back injury to Terry, they had managed to walk the 3.5 miles to Trail Camp where they were given warm food and shelter in a camper's tent.

Twelve CLMRG members departed Ridgecrest at 2100 and arrived at the rescue base camp at Southern Inyo Hospital. We were quickly briefed and 10 of us departed for Whitney Portal to begin our field assignment, while Stogsdill and Mitchell remained in base to provide communications support. Because Terry and Mike were only equipped for a day hike, there was concern that they might be hypothermic. Therefore, an advance team of R. Rockwell and D. Burge departed at 2325 with a back immobilization splint and other first aid equipment to go directly to Trail Camp and help them. Subsequent field teams were to search along the trail to find and assist any others needing help.

At 0220 on Sun. 7/15, the advance team reached Terry and Mike. Mike seemed OK but Terry had a very sore back, a possible dislocated shoulder, and was resting as comfortably as could be expected. Both individuals had near normal body temperature, but elevated pulses. The other four field teams, having completed their sweep of the trail up to that point, reached Trail Camp by 0250. At 0300, a team of S. Walker and C. Antonsen left to sweep the remainder of the trail to the summit, to establish communication with the people there, and to provide any needed assistance to them. They reached the summit at 0530 and found all 8 subjects ambulatory. These subjects had various

minor injuries including burns, numbness, and tingling in the limbs.

A National Park Service contract Alouette helicopter was used to evacuate Terry Nabours and CLMRG first aider Rockwell from Trail Camp at 0800. A Chinook helicopter from the Army National Guard unit in Stockton, Ca. was then flown in to evacuate all personnel from the summit. The CH-47 lifted off from the summit at 0840 and landed at rescue base a few minutes later. At 0935 it returned to Trail Camp to airlift the remaining rescue personnel back to base.

While we were organizing our gear in anticipation of going home, the Inyo Co. S.O. asked, because Saturday's weather pattern seemed to be repeating Sunday's, that CLMRG be on standby through Mon. 7/16 (see following report). After a debrief and lunch courtesy of the Inyo Sheriff all CLMRG personnel returned home arriving at the rescue hut at 1400.

Other participating CLMRG members not already mentioned were Hine, Finco, Roseman, Leiser, D. Burge, Wisecarver, S. Rockwell (Coordinator), and B. Meng.

**90-16                      7/15-16/90                      Alert  
Eastern Sierra                      Sakai**

Because the weather pattern in the Sierra was forecast to be the same for the next two days, Inyo Co. Sheriff Lt. Goodrich asked that the MRA be on alert through Monday 16 July. At 1000 on Sun. 7/15 CLMRG went on alert with 6 field members. A call to the Sierra Madre recorded message at 0800 on Monday, 7/16 informed me, however, that the alert had been called off that morning.

Committing to standby were Sakai (OL), Hinman, R. Rockwell, Stogsdill, Huey, Atkins, Castro, S. Rockwell (Coordinator), C. Burge, and B. Meng.

**COMMENTS:**

1. All mag mount antennae should have adaptors to fit ICOM radios. Currently only two have such adaptors.
2. The Bell Long Ranger helicopter for the Outpost Camp rescue was from Cleveland Nat'l Forest. The regulations, or at this crew, apparently required all riders to wear helmet, gloves, long sleeves, and ear protectors.

**Donors**

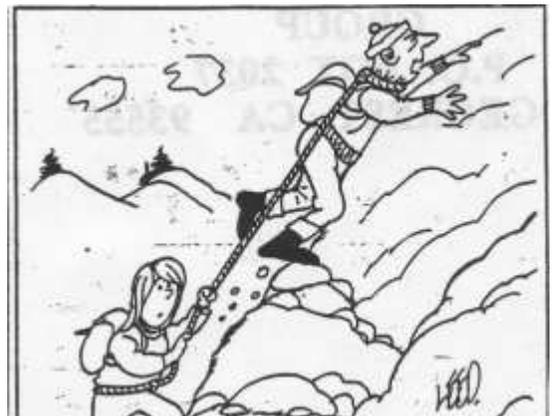
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**Scree**

Al Green recently compiled some interesting statistics on CLMRG's Mt Whitney operations. Between September 1964 and October 1989, CLMRG participated in 67 operations on or near Mt. Whitney. Of these:

- 39 were on or near the trail
- 14 were on the East Face
- 9 were on the Mountaineer's Route
- 5 were in other nearby locations
- 42 of the victims were hikers



25 we "Honey, I think the rope should be  
There around my waist!"

- 4 were takers on the trail
- 5 were climbers
- 3 on the Mountaineers Route

2 on the East Face

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