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CHINA LAKE MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP

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TRAINING SCHEDULE

Mar 28-29 Sat-Sun Open

Mar 31, Apr 7,14,21,28 Tue First Aid Topic A First Aid Committee

Easter Week TBD Girl Scout Encampment Schmierer

Apr 11-12 Sat-Sun Lamarck Hueber

Apr 13 Mon Meeting Hueber/Rindt/Kong

Apr 17-19 Fri-Sun Tahquitz climbing Hueber

Apr 25 Sat Search seminar Breitenstein

May 2-3 Sat-Sun SCMA workshop Hinman

May 6 Wed Stretcher hut night A. Mitchell

May 10 Sun Stretcher practice A. Mitchell

May 11 Mon Meeting (Jeep radios) Green/Sakai/Castro

May 15-17 Fri-Sun CRMRA seminar Finco

May 19-20 Tue-Wed CPR A. Mitchell

May 23-25 Sat-Mon Bolton Brown and Peak 13,520 Sakai

May 28-Jun 2 Thu-Tue Shasta Rockwell

May 29-31 Fri-Sun Domelands climbing Lambert

Jun 3 Wed Introduction to helicopter operations Breitenstein

Jun 6-7 Sat-Sun Baxter and Acrodectes B. Niesen
Jun 9-10 Tue-Wed Summer class Class committee
Jun 12-14 Fri-Sun National MRA Finco
Jun 16-17 Tue-Wed Summer class Class committee
Jun 19-21 Fri-Sun National MRA (Mt. Hood) Finco
Jun 20-21 Sat-Sun Abbot and Dade Florian
Jun 23-24 Tue-Wed Summer class Class committee
Jun 26-28 Fri-Sun Summer class day trips Operation leaders
Jun 30-Jul 1 Tue-Wed Summer class Class committee

CLMRG is funded by United Way of Indian Wells Valley.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Wednesday, 18 February 1998, a search and rescue helicopter from the China Lake Weapons Test Squadron crashed in the Kern River canyon on a training flight and killed the five-member crew. A memorial service for the fliers was held at the All Faith Chapel on base at China Lake on Monday, 23 February 1998.

LT Daniel F. Mondon 1969-1998
LT Bruce A. Williams 1961-1998
AT3 Augustin Benitez-Rodriguez 1975-1998
AMH3 Michael S. Monaghan 1976-1998
ADAN Dalyn L. Wyatt 1977-1998

Taps

*Day is done, gone the sun
From the lake, from the hill, from the sky.
All is well, safely rest.
God is nigh.*

*Thanks and praise for our days
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky.
As we go, this we know.
God is nigh.*

OPERATION REPORTS

Tom Roseman

97-08 2 Aug 97 Incident Mt. Whitney Mike Myers

On 2 August, seven members of CLMRG and one guest were enjoying a beautiful day climbing the Mountaineer's Route on Mt. Whitney. We reached the summit in the early afternoon and rested only a short while before heading down the Whitney Trail. Just after leaving Trailside Meadow, we came upon Roger and Darla Carpenter, who were having a lot of difficulty. Following a quick assessment, we learned that Darla had injured her knee up near the summit, and had hobbled down to where we found her. We put a pressure bandage on her knee and gave her two ski poles to use for walking support. This helped considerably.

At this point, several factors had to be considered. Darla and Roger had no warm clothing at all, she could barely walk, we still had five miles to go, and we had three members of our own group who were feeling poorly. We divided into two groups. Barry and Gina Niesen and I stayed behind to help Darla down. Steve Florian, Debbie Breitenstein, Cindy Goettig, and Walter and John Runkle left their warm clothing with us and headed on down to the parking area.

Darla had to be assisted down every step of that last five miles. She was determined to make it without being carried out, but her good knee was showing signs that it was going to go out before we reached the parking lot. Barry and Gina did an outstanding job assisting her down every step. Unbelievable patience! Toward the end, Darla couldn't even pick her feet up she just slid them along in the dirt. Exhausted, we reached the parking lot about 0200 the following morning.

Although the knee injury would have been difficult to prevent, having an inadequate first aid kit, no warm clothing, and not enough water could have turned this incident into a much more serious problem. Like most people, they had not planned on having an accident or an injury. They came prepared only for a walk up and down the trail with little allowance for problems.

97-09 11 Aug 97 Alert Whitney Trail Tom Roseman

I took a page from Deputy Keith Hardcastle of Inyo County Sheriffs Office (ICSO) at

1254 on Monday, 11 August. They were searching for a missing hiker on the Whitney Trail and wanted us to standby in case they could not locate the hiker. I decided to go ahead and make the callout and have everybody standing by. Terry Mitchell took the job of coordinator and with the help of Sheila Rockwell made the callout. Eleven people responded. At 1340, I received another page that the subject had been found and was OK. A. Mitchell, Buffum, D. Burge, Florian, Dorey, Goettig, Rindt, Najera-Niesen, Niesen, Creusere, and Seibold were the eager volunteers.

97-10 19 Aug 97 Search Garlock Tom Sakai

At 0418 on Tuesday, 19 August, my phone rang and woke me from a sound sleep. It was Sgt. John Diederich of Kern County Sheriffs Office (KCSO) asking for assistance in searching for Patricia Davies,

a 12-year-old girl missing since the night before. At about 1830, the girl had been hiking in the area with her mother and a female friend of the mother. The girl was last seen between 1930 and 1950. Sgt. Diederich and 10 members of the IWVSAR team had been searching all night, to no avail, and needed some additional help.

The girl's description was given as 4 feet tall, 65 pounds, and blond hair in a pony tail. She was wearing a black T-shirt and blue shorts with a floral print. She was wearing Vans, a deck-type shoe, that was about 9 inches long. The weather in the area had been mild all night.

I asked Betty Meng to start a call-out and have members meet at the hut at 0500.

Sheila helped with the telephoning. We had 11 people respond to the callout:

Roseman, Mitchell, Finco, Hinman, D. Burge, Renta, Florian, Schafhauser, Goettig, Creusere, and I. The advance team of Roseman, Mitchell, Finco, and Schafhauser left the hut at 0520 headed for the search base on Garlock Road 1.5 miles west of Garlock. The rest of us followed at 0540.

The girl was found in good condition at 0545 walking down Garlock Road by one of the search teams. A call to our pager informed us of this fact and that our services were no longer needed. So

the later teams returned to the hut and put things away, and all but I went home or to work by 0630.

I stayed at the hut waiting for the advance team to return.

The advance team was just approaching search base when the girl was found, so they stayed for the debrief. Consequently, they did not return until 0715. Because he stayed for the debrief, Roseman was able to fill me in on some of the details, which was helpful.

97-11 15 Sep 97 Search Lytle Creek Linda Finco

The Kern County Sheriff's Communication Center called me at 0040 on Monday, 15 September. My name was given during the initial request from West Valley SAR.

West Valley had requested OES to contact China Lake and other MRA teams to assist in a search in the Lytle Creek area. West Valley was calling ahead to each county to give the teams more time to get ready. The comm center said we could go ahead and contact West Valley and get the details on where and when to meet for the search. The comm center would contact us with an OES number when it arrived. West Valley wanted us to meet at the Shell Station in Lytle Creek at 0500. Carol Burge coordinated the callout, and the plan was to meet at the hut at 0230. Sgt. Diederich called back around 0130 with the OES number.

Five members met at the hut, and we left at 0300. We arrived in base camp at 0500 and received information on the search. The search was for 38-year-old Penny Fletcher. Penny was last seen at a cabin at Prospect (located on the Cucamonga Quad) around 1600 on Saturday, 13 September. West Valley and other San Bernardino County teams had been searching since Saturday evening. At the cabin searchers were able to distinguish only the tracks of Penny's friend, who was with her at the cabin. The reporting party (RP) stated that Penny had gone to the outhouse around 1600 and did not return. When she did not return, the RP searched the area and then drove out and reported her missing. West Valley had thoroughly searched the place last seen (PLS) and were now going to expand the search area.

We were assigned Day Creek. Day Creek is a drainage that is about 2 miles west from the PLS. The logic is that if she somehow got that far down the road, she might see the city lights from the top of the creek. The descent starts fairly mildly, and then the terrain gets rougher and more dense with brush that could cause problems for a tired or inexperienced hiker. Our team was split into two. Hueber and Florian started from the bottom of the creek (around 2400 feet) and searched up the drainage. Runkle, Goettig, and I started from the top of the drainage (around 5800 feet) and worked down. We started searching around 0900. At 1320, the two groups met at the 4100-foot contour. The only sign either team found came from bears, although we did find wreckage from an ATV and a plane crash, and we found a cave with a pad, sleeping bag, and other gear neatly stowed away. The plan now was for all of us to hike back to the vehicle at the bottom of the creek. At 1630, we got a report that Penny had been found. We got that call on our final rest break about the time we realized we had stopped and dropped our packs on a yellow jacket. I got stung first on the side of the head, and then we noticed the bees swarming around Goettig's gear. As we grabbed our gear to get away, I got stung again on the hand and Runkle got stung on his back. Goettig received 10-15 stings on her hands trying to get her gear. Hueber in the meantime donned his parka and gloves and told Goettig just to get away. Hueber collected her gear and in doing so got stung on the hand and chin. We stopped down the creek to put Sting-eze on our wounds and repack our gear. We got back to the vehicle around 1700 and arrived back in base camp around 1730.

During the debriefing, we were told that Penny had walked down to a road and was found by some reporters. Penny said she separated from her friend on Saturday

afternoon after a short hike. When she got back to the cabin she could not find her friend so she decided to hike out. Instead of hiking down the road she headed due north from the cabin and ended up in the Middle Fork drainage. She got only about 1/4 mile down the canyon the first night before she had to stop because of the terrain. The next morning, she worked around the obstacle and continued down. Somewhere near the bottom of the canyon, she reported she was attacked by two men who stole her shoes and threw her down a cliff. She eventually wandered down to the road and was found by the reporters. She had hiked approximately 6 miles to get to where she was found.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff had supplied us with breakfast and lunch during the search and also offered us dinner, but we decided to load up our gear and eat at Marie Callender's in Victorville. We left the base camp at 1805, and after stopping to eat, we arrived back in Ridgecrest at 2100.

Participants: Linda Finco (Leader), Werner Hueber, Steve Florian, Walter Runkle, Cindy Goettig, Carol Burge (Coordinator), and Janet Westbrook (Telephoner)

97-12 15 Sep 97 Rescue Mt. Tyndall Tom Sakai OES#97-OES-01072

The call came at 0310 from Sgt. John Diederich relaying a request from Sequoia-Kings National Park through OES and KCSO for our assistance in locating and evacuating 43-year-old Tim Patterson, an injured climber from the San Francisco Bay Area, somewhere near the summit of Mt. Tyndall. The NPS had talked to Dep. Keith Hardcastle, the new SAR coordinator for ICSO, who recommended CLMRG for the probable high-angle rock requirements of this operation. This was the second call of the early morning for our help (see Lytle Creek search), so I wasn't sure how many we could get together. Because Carol Burge was coordinator for the earlier search, I asked her to do this one as well.

Tim had been climbing Mt. Tyndall alone at about 14,000 feet when he fell at 0900 Sunday morning. An unrelated party, also climbing alone, heard his shouts for help at 1430 that same afternoon. She had only voice contact because he was in an area she felt was too difficult for her to reach. She hiked out and reported the incident to NPS at 2345.

Mike Myers, Al Green, Curtis Davis, and Mark Lambert responded to the callout. Steve Klump, OIC for the NPS, asked that we be at Lone Pine Airport at 0830 ready to be flown to the Shepherd Pass LZ. We were ready at the appointed hour, and the helicopter arrived on time ready to take us in. The pilot reported severe winds with some shears in Tim's vicinity. Consequently, they had not been able to overfly the area. The winds were a little vigorous and increasing at the airport.

Because of the dangerous flying conditions, the pilot agreed to take only one person in at a time. Green was to go in first to assess the field situation. However, before he even got onboard the helicopter, the pilot decided the winds had gotten too bad. The

flight crew decided to return to their home base at Ash Mountain on the west side of the Park via a southern route (probably less windy). Within 10 minutes of lift-off, the helicopter was back at Lone Pine because the conditions were too dangerous even on this southern route. They shut down at 0945 and tied down the helicopter blades until the winds diminished. The weather report called for increasing winds through midnight, so it appeared the helicopter would be down for most of the day.

When our transport vanished, I offered our group to hike in over Shepherd Pass and stated we could be in position by dark. Steve didn't want us to do that, preferring that we wait for a shuttle. It was then decided that we would return to Ridgecrest and remain on standby. Tim still had not been located by the three-person NPS ground team at this time.

Steve called me at home about 1230 to report that Tim had been located and was doing okay. Tim had fallen approximately 50 feet down the north side of the NW ridge near the summit. He had a possible fractured femur or hip. Steve was trying to get a CH-47 to do a long-line pick-up, but he was also arranging for a large number of personnel, mostly NPS, to do a carry out in the event the large helicopter was not available. Because the high winds were creating dangerous flying conditions, it would be Tuesday morning before enough people could be in place to carry out Tim, reported to be 6'11" and 250 pounds. He requested we be ready for pick-up at Lone Pine Airport Tuesday morning at 0730.

By Monday night, NPS had eight backcountry rangers, including a medic (John Young), with Tim. They brought warm clothing and a litter. Tim had spent Sunday night by himself in only light clothing (polypro top and bottom, jeans, shirt, gloves, and light coat) and was suffering from early stages of hypothermia with a body temperature of 95 degrees. His condition was good considering he had been out all night. John started an IV to assist in keeping Tim hydrated, and they put him in a down bag. Because of Tim's size, the sleeping bag came up only to his armpits. One of the rangers hiked down to Tim's base camp at ~11,800 and brought back a large down jacket to put over the top part of his body. The rangers gave Tim hot Gatorade to drink to help in the rewarming process. They started the carry out Tuesday morning at approximately 0930, but with only eight people and the extreme weight of the package, progress was very slow.

A contingent of eight from CLMRG, the five from Monday plus Mike Dorey, Dennis Burge, and Barry Niesen, arrived at 0715 and waited for helicopter pick-up. After some administrative delays, our first team of four (Myers, Lambert, Davis, and Dorey) were loaded on a Forest Service helicopter at 0930. They were dropped at the Shepherd Pass LZ (11,900) at 1005 and ascended the north side of Mt. Tyndall meeting the lowering team at 1115 at about 13,900 feet. The second CLMRG team met the stretcher at 1215 at 13,200 feet. Our arrival increased the total count to 25 rescuers (8 CLMRG and

17 NPS backcountry rangers and trail crew). The field OL was Park Ranger Scott Waneck.

Because of Tim's weight, which was estimated to be closer to 280 pounds, moving the Stokes stretcher down the rock proved to be very difficult. We nested the Stokes stretcher into a Junkin stretcher, which is plastic reinforced with stainless steel, and tied the two units together. Four sleeping bags were required to pad Tim's back and neck to allow his head to stick out beyond the stretcher handrail. The combined weight of Tim, two stretchers, gear bag, and all the necessary padding was close to 400 pounds.

We continued lowering Tim to 12,600 feet, when at 1425, Scott was told there was a Air National Guard Blackhawk rescue helicopter from Mather AFB near Sacramento in the Park to help with the evacuation. Base camp projected an ETA of 30 minutes to our location, so we found a reasonably level spot to put Tim and awaited the helicopter. It arrived on scene at 1530.

The winds were strong and gusting over the NW ridge, and the temperature was moderate. The helicopter came in, lowered a medic, then hovered in the distance. The medic inspected Tim, the stretcher setup, victim tie-in, etc. He made a few minor adjustments, and we hooked up his cable spider for the hoist. The helicopter came back and lifted Tim aboard at 1610, followed by the medic. They were to fly Tim to a hospital in Fresno.

The ground rescuers quickly hiked back to the Shepherd Pass LZ for pick-up. There was some urgency, since there was only about 3 hours of daylight and close to 30 people to transport. The first of our two teams of four lifted off at 1710, and the second team was at Lone Pine by 1800. We were back in Ridgecrest at 2040, tired but happy.

Note 1: Steve Klump called the next day to thank us and informed me that Tim Patterson did have a fracture "high" on his right femur. He would be put in traction for two days before they would operate on his leg.

Note 2: Because of Tim's size, he did not fit in the stretcher very well. His back and neck were padded with four sleeping bags to allow his head to stick out beyond the handrail. His broken leg was not in a traction splint, but was immobilized in a bent position because it was most comfortable for him. Consequently, his very sensitive bent leg hung out over the edge of the stretcher. Much care in handling was needed by those on that side.

Note 3: Park rangers for this operation were brought in from Bearpaw, Ash Mountain, Charlotte Lake, Little Five Lakes, Bench Lake, Sequoia Trails, Rock Creek, Mt. Tyndall, McClure, Rae Lakes, Sierra Crest SDR, Lodgepole, and Crabtree backcountry ranger stations, along with a couple members of the Sequoia Trail Crew.

Note 4: The Blackhawk aircrew would NOT have hoisted Tim if he had been in the Stokes stretcher alone, and we would have had to transfer him into their stretcher.

However, because the Stokes was nested in the Junkin (reinforced stainless steel unit)

the aircrew accepted the strength as being acceptable.

97-13 17 Sep 97 Alert Mt. San Jacinto Linda Finco

Andrew Mitchell called on the pager around 1000 on Wednesday, 17 September, looking for a leader to take a team from China Lake to assist on a search on Mt. San Jacinto. I called Mitch back and told him I could take the operation if we were not required till the next morning. (I had a couple of reports I needed to finish at work.) Mitch told me to contact Russ Anderson (Sierra Madre), who was acting as an in-town coordinator for the search, to let him know whether we could send a team and to find out when we would be required to be at base camp.

Before calling Russ, I called Mary Schmierer, who coordinated the callout. The plan was to see who could meet either that evening or early the next morning to go to Mt. San Jacinto. Mary called back within the hour and said that only Tom Sakai had committed, but she left lots of messages on people's answering machines.

At 1100, I called Russ to find out if base wanted two people from China Lake to assist in the search. Russ explained that the search was for a 47-year-old man who had left the Long Valley Ranger Station around 1400 on Sunday. His plan was to hike to the summit and return. The rangers remembered him wearing only a T-shirt and shorts. The weather blew in that afternoon with low clouds and rain. The search began late Sunday, and so far, nothing had been found. Most of the searching had been along the trails and meadows, but base was now looking for searchers with technical skills who could descend some of the rugged canyons in the area including Tahquitz canyon and the north face of Mt. San Jacinto. So Russ felt that even just the two China Lake members would be an asset for the search. Russ said that the in-town coordination was being transferred to Jon Innskeep (Sierra Madre) and that he would contact Jon and pass on the information that China Lake had two, maybe three, people available for the search. If we were requested, OES would then be contacted to make the official request.

I contacted Sakai to fill him in on the details. If China Lake was requested, the plan was to meet at the hut around 0300 or 0400 and be available at base the first thing in the morning. During this time, Debbie Breitenstein called and said she could go on the search.

When I had not heard back from Jon, I called around 1430 and left a message on his answering machine. Jon called back at 1500 with news that the man had been found. A helicopter spotted the man at the 4000-foot contour on the north face of Mt. San Jacinto. The man was transported from the canyon and was in good condition. All this happened sometime between 1230 and 1330. Jon thanked us for responding and said we would probably get more details at the upcoming MRA meeting in Yosemite. Participants: Linda Finco (Leader), Tom Sakai, Debbie Breitenstein, Mary Schmierer (Coordinator), and Terry Mitchell (Telephoner).

97-14 27 Nov 97 Transit Pacific Crest Trail Tom Roseman

Watching football and resting up for a hearty Thanksgiving dinner, I glared at the pager as Sgt. Diederich requested assistance for an overdue 56-year-old male hiker on the PCT south of Walker Pass. Although reportedly experienced, he was not dressed for the snow storm that had gone through that area the day before. Duty overcame hunger, and I responded to the pager. Betty Meng accepted as coordinator and, with assistance from Terry Mitchell, made the callout. Eight dedicated folks left the hut at around 1400 *en route* to Walker Pass to meet Sgt. Diederich. Shortly after 1500, we arrived, made radio contact, and waited a few minutes for Sgt. Diederich. We were able to monitor the sheriff's radio traffic on the radio in the jeep. Shortly after Sgt. Diederich arrived at the pass, a helicopter spotted the overdue hiker near Highway 58, landed, and verified that he was our subject. We headed home around 1530 with time to enjoy the rest of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Responding were A. Mitchell, Hueber, B. Rockwell, Florian, Goettig, Roseman, Niesen, and Najera-Niesen.

97-15 14-15 Dec 97 Transit Idyllwild (Humber Park) Tom Sakai OES # 97-OES-1221

At 1120 on Sunday, December 14, my phone rang just as I was going to bed after having climbed Owens Peak that afternoon. It was Sgt. John Diederich of KCSO relaying a request for assistance from Riverside in searching for Iskander Toubia, a 46-year-old male, who had not returned from a run that morning.

My point of contact was to be Sgt. Scott Beackle of the Riverside County SO. When I called, Sgt. Beackle was not present, so I talked with Deputy Sanchez. He gave me the current temperature and weather conditions at the search site. I told him we could have a team ready to search at his site by 0600. That was agreeable with him.

Toubia had gone out at 1030 from Fern Valley for what was to be a 1-hour run. He was reported to be wearing shorts and a T-shirt. There was snow on the ground (about 1 foot) at the plateau, and the air temperature was in the low 30s at the Humber Park base camp.

Carol Burge, our coordinator, and Janet Westbrook managed to get three others, W. Hueber, C. Goettig, and E. Schafhauser, to commit. We met at the hut at 0100 on Monday, December 15, gathered our gear, and were on the road at 0140. We stopped at Kramer Junction on US395 about 0230 to check in with the search base. We were told that Toubia had been found dead, and our services were no longer needed. We returned home, arriving in Ridgecrest at 0345, and stowed our gear. I was home in bed at 0410.

I later found out from an article in the Idyllwild newspaper that a rescuer, Tom Rutledge (age 50), of the San Geronio SAR team was seriously injured during the body recovery the next morning. He apparently slipped on ice and tumbled down a chute suffering "serious injuries to his back, neck, and head." He was put in intensive

care at Desert Hospital in Palm Springs. His current condition is unknown.

Note: Carol was phoned by KCSO that Toubia was found before we checked in at Kramer Junction. She tried to call us on the cell phone, which was on at the time, but for some reason did not reach us. Later, however, I was able to reach her from the same cell phone. We do not know what the problem might have been.

[Editor's note: Hueber reports that a news article dated 29 Jan from Idyllwild states that Tom Rutledge is in stable condition and is undergoing treatment at Casa Colina Rehabilitation Center in Pomona.]

1997 OPERATIONS SUMMARY

Tom Roseman

Summary of operations Operations by month

Rescues: 1 Jan: 1, Feb: 1, Mar: 1, Apr: 1, May: 1, Jun: 2,

Searches: 3 Jul: 0, Aug: 3, Sep: 3, Oct: 0, Nov: 1, Dec: 1

Alerts: 3

Recoveries: 0 **Subjects**

Transits: 3 OK: 9

Incidents: 5 Injured: 7

Mobilizations: 0 Not found: 1

Total operations: 15 Dead: 1

Total: 18

Requesting agencies

Inyo: 3 **CLMRG data**

Kern: 3 Total person hours: 972

San Bernardino: 1 Navy excused hours: 46

Riverside: 2 Total vehicle miles: 3580

Kings Canyon NP: 1 Average number of members per operation: 8.13

(Incidents: 5)

1997 EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Bob Huey

1997 Equipment Committee Members

Chairman: Bob Huey

Quartermaster: Barry Niesen

Members: Chuck Creusere, Steve Florian, Cindy Goettig, Werner Hueber, Barry Niesen, Paul DeRuiter, and Mike Renta

Accomplishments

We accomplished the following in 1997:

Purchased four new Marmot 12XL GPS Units

Replaced the locking carabiners on the stretcher

Completed the smog check on the jeep

Purchased new edge rollers

Purchased additional hot shot antennas

Purchased three new ropes and retired three old ropes

Checked all radios and electronic equipment

Purchased radio harnesses

Purchased a cable for the directional antenna

Cleaned the outside of the hut

Replaced pagers for operations leaders

Performed maintenance on all items in the hut

1998 COMMITTEES

Tom Sakai

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Instructor)

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ASTMA.

Mitchell

Hueber (Chair)

D. Burge (Chair)

Green

Renta

Runkle

Breitenstein

**FIRST Hueber
AID**

EQUIPMENT

Huey (Chair)

Creusere

Finco

Hueber

B. Niesen (Quartermaster) **QUALIFICATIONS** *THE TALUS PILE*

Renta

Runkle

Schafhauser (Chair) Breitenstein

Antonsen

McCormick

Ferguson

Rindt

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Gina Najera-Niesen

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dow Chevy Chase MD "To remember Robby Dow"
James K. Wilson Inyokern CA
Lois & Ross Adamsen North Salem NY "In memory of Carl Heller"
Clifton J. Chandler Ridgecrest CA
Bryson Van Gundy Jr Sterling CO
John J. Olley Dunsmuir CA
Janet E. Hammond San Marino CA "In memory of son Steve Lister"

Q. How do you distinguish a brown bear from a grizzly?

A. Climb a tree. If the bear climbs it and eats you, it's a brown bear. If it knocks the tree down and eats you, it's a grizzly.

SCREE

Check our web page at <http://www.clmrg.org>.

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

A committee headed by Al Green is planning CLMRG's 40th Anniversary Celebration for Saturday and Sunday, October 24 and 25, 1998 at the Carriage Inn in Ridgecrest, California. More details later.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is responsible for setting new standards for equipment and procedures for mountain search and rescue. Check their web page at <http://www.nfpa.org>

OUT-OF-DOORS, n. That part of one's environment upon which no government has been able to collect taxes. Chiefly useful to inspire poets.

Ambrose Bierce, *The Devil's Dictionary*

It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves.
Sir Edmund Hillary

4/1/98 JGW