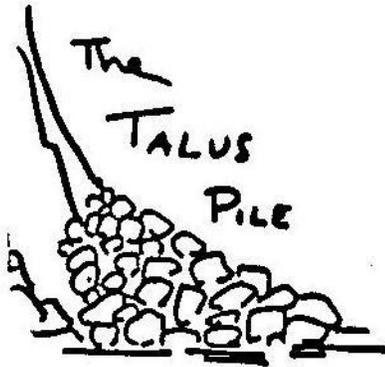


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TRAINING SCHEDULE

Jan	14	Meeting, Pre-meeting: Sager Splints	Rockwell w/ Breitenstein
Jan	15	Noon time tracking	Finco
Jan	19	Hike and Search for Tilley and Grant	B. Rockwell
Jan	23	Mini First Aid: Cold Weather Injuries	J. Green
Feb	11	Meeting	Hueber w/Derkey
Feb	12	Noon time tracking	Finco
Feb	TBD	Avalanche Beacon training	Loughran
Feb	15-18	Technical Snow & Ice Recert Practice	Derkey
Feb	23-24	Technical Snow & Ice Recert Practice	Derkey
Feb	TBD	Mini First Aid: Victim Packaging	Derkey
Mar	1-3	MRA Technical Snow & Ice Recert	Derkey
Mar	11	Meeting	Huey w/ Finco
Mar	12	Noon time tracking	Finco
Mar	TBD	CPR	Finco
Mar	TBD	First Aid Scenario	Finco
Mar	TBD	Volunteer SAR Appreciation Dinner	Loughran

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OPERATION REPORTS

Operation 2012-13 (Alert) OES # 2012-LAW-0205

7 August 2012

Whitney Trail (Inyo County)

By Dave Miles

Summary:

Alert to assist in a search for a missing 59 year old man on the Whitney Trail.

Narrative:

I, David Miles, got a call from Sgt. Royce Haislip, Kern County Sheriff Office, to assist Inyo SAR on a search for a missing hiker on the Mt. Whitney Trail. A 59 year old male was last seen on the Mt. Whitney trail near Trail Camp two nights before on August 5th. Other hikers at Trail Camp gave him dinner before he left heading back towards the trailhead. Gina Najera-Niesen was the coordinator, and Dave Doerr, Eileen Loughran, Mike Myers, and Debbie Breitenstein committed to the operation.

We were to be in Lone Pine the next morning, but when I called Inyo Sheriff Terry Waterbury to let him know that we would have a team of 5, he informed me that they had just found the subject. Our team continued to be on standby until Inyo SAR could confirm that they could get him out to the trailhead. The subject had suffered head trauma and was on the trail above Mirror Lake when I received word at 1627 that he had been extracted by helicopter. I informed the team that we could stand-down.

Operation 2012-14 (Rescue) OES #2012-LAW-0250

25-26 September 2012

Whitney Trail (Inyo County)

By David Miles

Summary:

Rescue for a 29 year old woman suffering from acute mountain sickness (AMS) on the Mt. Whitney Trail.

Narrative:

I, Dave Miles, got a call from Inyo County Sheriff SAR Deputy Tim Winkler at 2315 on September 25, 2012. He requested our assistance for a 29 year old female who was 5 miles up the Mt. Whitney trail. She was vomiting and unable to proceed down the trail. He wanted us to bring several bottles of oxygen. Deputy Winkler was going to head up the trail to assess the situation prior to our arrival. Gina Najera-Niesen was the coordinator and Luke Swanson was the only other field member available to commit.

We met at the hut at midnight and arrived at Whitney Portal at 0130. Combining our team with Shelley of Inyo SAR, we were able to make radio contact with Deputy Winkler who was on his way up the trail with another member of Inyo SAR. As we hiked up the trail near the North Fork crossing, we received a radio call from Deputy Winkler that they had found the subject and her friend at the Lone Pine Creek crossing. Although she was proceeding slowly down the trail, she did not need oxygen and her AMS symptoms had improved. We continued up the trail until we met them and then walked out with them. We were back at trailhead at 0250. We were back at the hut at 0430.

Operation 2012-15 (Alert)

14 October 2012

Pine Mountain (Kern County)

By Tom Roseman

Summary:

Alert for an overdue hiker in the Pine Mountain area of Kern County.

Narrative:

Dave Miles received a call on Sunday October 14th around 1400 from the Kern County Sheriff Office requesting help in a search for an overdue hiker. Janet Westbrook agreed to serve as coordinator. I, Tom Roseman, agreed to serve as Leader for the operation, with Linda Finco, Dave Miles and Luke Swanson committing to the search. I decided to leave early on Monday to arrive at the requested 0800 briefing time. The current search teams on site were to continue through the night and I felt we didn't need to drive that night in case the subject was found before morning. Around 2000 that evening we received a call that the subject had been found.

Operation 2012-16 (Transit)

21 October 2012

Piute Mountains (Kern County)

By Mike Myers

Summary:

Transit to the Piute Mountains to assist in the search for an overdue hunter.

Narrative:

Sgt. Smith from the Kern County Sheriff Office was notified of the overdue hunter at 0008 on 21 October. He activated several Kern County teams who began the search. At approximately 1530, he had Air-5 relay a message to Dan Bishop requesting assistance from CLMRG. Bishop contacted Mike Myers who agreed to lead the operation. Carol Burge was the coordinator and Dan Bishop, Dave Miles, Tom Sakai, Bob Huey, and Eileen Loughran all committed. We mobilized and left the hut at 1700. We divided into two approaches to the search area, Bishop taking 178 to Kelso Valley Road to approach from the north and Myers took the second vehicle to Jawbone Canyon Road to approach from the south. Both vehicles arrived at the remote Piute Mountain command post (CP) at 1930. As we were approaching the CP, we received a radio call stating the subject had been located in a motel in Lake Isabella. The subject had become lost and spent the night in the wilderness, then found a road and a passing vehicle picked him up and gave him a ride to Lake Isabella. We were released by the Sheriff and headed home at 1950 and arrived back at the hut at 2230.

Operation 2012-17 (Search) OES # 2012-LAW-284

3-4 November 2012

Inyo Mountains (Inyo County)

By Tom Roseman

Summary:

Search for two overdue hikers in the Inyo Mountains

Narrative:

I, Tom Roseman, received a call on Saturday afternoon from Deputy Nate Derr of Inyo County Sheriff requesting assistance for a search for two overdue hikers in the Inyo Mountains. Bob Coats, 54, and Will Tremble, 26, were dropped off near New York Butte on October 30th by Aarnie Coats, Bob's brother. Aarnie planned to meet them the next evening at the Keynot ridge cabin. Aarnie started up from the Snowflake Mine in Saline Valley but did not reach the cabin until the next day. Although he saw tracks, he was not able to locate Bob or Will. Dehydrated, Aarnie left the cabin after leaving a note for the other two. He hiked back to his car and drove back to Lone Pine to notify the Sheriff.

I sent out a message via the Calling Post number, and Terry Mitchell responded agreeing to serve as coordinator. Carol Burge helped Terry call the roster. I later received a call from Sgt. Kenny Smith, of the Kern County Sheriff, with the go ahead. Dan Bishop, Mike Myers, Tom Sakai, Jeff Green and Luke Swanson committed to the operation. We met at the hut at 0500 the next morning, and headed out to Lone Pine with the caveat that Mike and Jeff needed to be home that evening as they both were on the morning flight out of Inyokern. We all managed to set our clocks back as Sunday was the switch back from daylight savings time.

We met Deputy Derr at the airport and were briefed on the current situation. Inyo had three team members that spent the night at the Keynot ridge cabin. They had found a flashlight and tracks near a mine vent shaft the evening before, but by then it was too dark to continue searching as there are many open mines shafts. After hearing of the flashlight description, the reporting party, Aarnie, was sure that it belonged to the missing subject, Will. China Lake split into three teams, Mike and Jeff left to drive to New York Butte to search north towards Keynot with the plan for them to be able to return that evening to Ridgecrest. Another team consisting of Dan and Luke were to fly in via helicopter to the ridge near Keynot and meet up with the Inyo team, two of whom were to be extracted. Our third team, consisting of the two Toms (Roseman & Sakai), were to be inserted by helo to an elevation of 5,000 feet on the Beverage Ridge Trail above the Snowflake Mine to look for tracks. CHP helicopter H-80 out of Apple Valley was providing air support. Since we were going into a very remote area with poor communications, I called Al Green to bring up the satellite phone.

The CHP helicopter arrived on site at around 1100, and after a safety briefing and taking gear off to lighten the load, they started taking the teams into the mountains. Dan and Luke got the first ride in, followed by Bruce from Inyo who was to serve as radio relay at the landing zone (LZ). The two Toms went next and were dropped at a ridge near the trail as requested. After the helicopter left us the crew decided to search below us as they had plenty of fuel. They spotted the subjects at the valley floor near the end of Beverage Canyon below the mine and landed to pick them up. They returned to the airport after telling us they would return to pick us up. All the teams were out by 1330, except for Mike and Jeff who had

to hike back to their vehicle and drive the windy 4WD drive road back to the highway (see Lessons Learned section for more details).

The subjects had spent the first night at Frenchie's cabin in Beverage Canyon, and the second night at the place where the flashlight was found. They returned to the Keynot ridge cabin the next day and found the note that Aarnie had left them. They started hiking out but had to return to the spring in Beverage to acquire more water. Somewhere in a steep and rugged canyon they were separated and didn't find each other till the next day, spending one night apart. After the debriefing we headed home. Along the way Mike called letting us know that they were safely out and on the highway. We arrived at the hut around 1600 and secured the equipment.

Lessons learned:

1. We had a lot of problems getting the radios to work with the Inyo repeater. I got a contact in the Inyo Sheriff's office so we can sort this issue out. Near the top of the ridge cell phones do work, and the satellite phone worked great on the Saline Valley side.
2. The drive to the New York Butte trailhead is very time consuming as well as being a narrow and serious 4 wheel drive road. From Lone Pine Airport it took 3 hours to reach the trailhead, of which 2 3/4 hours was on a dirt road. The dirt road to Cerro Gordo is in good shape and 4 wheel drive is a nice to have to keep from spinning tires. Just at the top of the road in Cerro Gordo, you turn left and take the lower of two parallel roads. From this junction to the trailhead may take as long as 1.5 hours. The road narrows and gets serious from this point on, but it has sections where it smoothes out. The downhill shoulder is very loose, and at one point the front wheels bounced onto the loose shoulder which collapsed under the weight of the truck. The team spent 30 minutes stacking rocks to build the shoulder back up so they could get the truck out of this precarious situation. The road required the use of 4 wheel low range several times to pull some of the steep, rocky, and loose climbs. Once at the trailhead, it took the team about 45 minutes to get to the summit of New York Butte, which is where they were when they received the radio call about the subjects being located. For future reference, if we encounter another operation in this area, it would be wise to send a short wheel base, high clearance, narrow 4x4, preferable a county jeep and we must consider the time required to reach the trailhead.

Operation 2012-18 (Rescue)

7-8 November 2012

Owens Peak (Kern County)

By Tom Roseman

Summary:

Rescue of a woman who dislocated her hip descending from Owens Peak.

Narrative:

Around 1815 Wednesday evening I, Tom Roseman, received a call from Sgt. Ken Smith of Kern County requesting our aid for a rescue on Owens Peak. Although I was going to try and pass on the Operational Leader (OL) job, as I was leaving soon on a vacation, when I learned that one of the subjects was a former member of CLMRG and a friend (Arun Jain), I decided to commit as OL. The request originated from a SPOT 911 activation just after 1600, but it took two hours to get to the Kern County Sheriff Office. Sgt. Smith also requested support from the Kern County Fire helicopter as the Sheriff Air-5 SAR helicopter was down for maintenance. Gina Najera-Niesen agreed to serve as coordinator, and I also used Calling Post to give folks a heads up. Dan Bishop, Tom Sakai, Bob Huey, David Doerr, Luke Swanson, and David Schonert committed as the field team. Al Green agreed to serve as support for vehicle transport. Nathan Simons and Eileen Loughran were already at the hut for a tracking event and helped get things going.

Dan took charge of the advanced party with Tom S., Luke and David S. I sent them to the Owens Peak trailhead up Indian Wells Canyon. The SPOT coordinates indicated that the subjects were in Grapevine Canyon, but I was convinced that Arun would not take his mom into Grapevine. I followed with David D. and Bob Huey. The Kern Fire helicopter located the subjects near where the SPOT indicated, but could not extract them due to high and gusting winds. I redeployed the team to Grapevine Canyon where Kern County Fire had already sent a two person team in to look for the subjects. During this time Al had gone up to the Owens peak trail head to make contact with the advanced team and Nathan brought the stretcher wheel which had been left behind.

After driving back to the end of the Grapevine road around 2300, we divided group gear, including the stretcher and wheel, and began the cross country trek to the GPS coordinates. We knew that the two firefighters ahead of us had gone directly toward the subjects' location. Prior to our arrival at the trail head they became cliffed-out and had to descend to try an alternate way. In our route finding we soon discovered steep sandy and brushy terrain. Staying low in the canyon we traversed using game-trails as much as possible. Keeping the stretcher disassembled (in-half) and fastened to the wheel with

one person pulling and one pushing (mostly Luke and Dave S.) seemed to be the least painful way to proceed. Our team soon met up with the firefighters and we all proceeded up looking for the most suitable route.

Just before 0200 we arrived at the subjects' location. They were on a steep, boulder strewn section, above the bottom of the canyon. The injured party, Karin and her son Arun, were descending after summiting Owens Peak. They were concerned with descending the slab sections on the regular trail so opted to go down the "short cut" however, they ended up in Grapevine canyon where Karin slipped, twisted and dislocated her right hip. With limited cell coverage, they activated their SPOT device. They were in good shape upon our arrival. Arun had built a fire for warmth and placed Karin in a relatively comfortable position with multiple clothing layers.

After the rest of the team arrived we packaged Karin in the stretcher and immediately made two half-pitch lowers using a single rope in order to get her off the steep rocky area to more of the sandy terrain. We continued alternating sections of roped pitches (approximately 10) and un-roped carries through the morning hours. A four member team from Kern Valley SAR was a welcomed sight as they provided needed assistance. Working nearly continuously, rotating six people manning the stretcher and others clearing the route we arrived back at the road around 0900.

Liberty ambulance met us just prior to exiting the canyon and we transferred her from the Kern Valley truck. After a debrief from Sgt. Smith he treated us to lunch in Inyokern. We secured equipment at the hut at noon. The hospital put Karin under to put her hip back in. She was able to walk into her house the same day and is doing well.



Descending Grapevine Canyon

Operation 2012-19 (Search)

1 December 2012

Kern River (Kern County)

By Mike Myers

Summary:

All county follow on search for John Fowler.

Narrative:

This operation was follow on to the unresolved search for John Fowler (see operation 2012-04 in TP 153), an elderly man suffering from Alzheimer's disease who had wandered from his Kernville residence. This was an all county search and had about 50 county SAR members participating, including myself, Mike Myers along with Dave Miles, Bob Huey, Mike Derkey, and Bill Stratton from CLMRG. Carol Burge and Janet Westbrook assisted with our group call out and logistics. During the morning assignment, CLMRG was teamed with other SAR teams to do a line search of an area considered high probability, for the purpose of looking for any sign (clothing, shoes, remains, etc.) in an area west of the road where dog teams had hit on a scent during the original search. We found quite a few bones, but thought they were the remains of animal versus human, and too old to be that of Mr. Fowler. The command post (CP) had us mark the locations with GPS and

retrieve the remains. At the completion of the morning assignment, we returned to the CP for lunch, delivered the items, and downloaded our GPS tracks.

During the afternoon assignment, we again teamed with other SAR members and performed another line search in an area east of the road from our morning assignment. We completed our assignment at 1600 and returned to the CP. With no definitive findings we were released and returned to Ridgecrest by 1800.

Operation 2012-20 (Mobilization)

15 December 2012

Mill Creek Trailhead (Kern County)

By Linda Finco

Summary:

Mobilization to support a search for two overdue hikers in Kern County.

Narrative:

Dave Miles got a call from Sgt. Ken Smith from the Kern County Sheriff Office around midnight on Saturday, 15 December, to assist with a search for two missing hikers. A 50 year old woman and a 48 year old woman departed from the Mill Creek Trailhead at 0800 on Friday and were to meet with their ride at 1700 upon the completion of their hike of Breckenridge Mountain. The women never arrived to their destination and it was reported they did not have headlamps and were not prepared to spend the night out. Dave contacted Janet Westbrook to be the Coordinator. Janet called down the roster looking for a leader and contacted me (Linda Finco) and I accepted. Janet continued calling the roster and Tom Roseman, Mike Derkey, Jeff Green and Luke Swanson committed to the operation. We met at the hut at 0130 with a planned departure of 0200. We loaded gear into the Explorer and were in the process of putting the waypoints to the turnoff and the location of search base into our GPS when we received the call at 0145 that the women had been found. We secured the equipment and left the hut at 0200.

Epilogue: Later we learned the two women were located about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the Mill Creek Trailhead heading back down. The women stated they are training for Mount Rainier.

Operation 2012-21 (Transit)

19-20 December 2012

Bull Run Trail (Kern County)

By Linda Finco

Summary:

Transit to the command post to support the search for two overdue hikers.

Narrative:

Dave Miles got a call from Sgt. Ken Smith from the Kern County Sheriff Office just after 1900 on Wednesday, 19 December, to assist with a search for two missing hikers. Two 32 year old male hikers were hiking the Bull Run Trail and did not arrive at their designated pick up time and location and were reported overdue. Dave called the leader roster and I (Linda Finco) accepted the operation. Janet Westbrook coordinated the callout. During the callout, Dave received a call that Air One had located a campfire about one and a half miles up from the trailhead in Kernville. Kern Valley SAR was on scene and would send a team to the GPS location. CLMRG was still requested in case of assistance with a rescue or if this campsite turned out to not be our subjects'. Dan Bishop and Dave Miles committed to the operation and we met at the hut at 2030 and departed shortly thereafter. Near Kernville we did hear radio traffic that sounded like the searchers had made contact with the people at the campsite. We arrived at base camp at 2200 and Sgt. Smith confirmed the Kern Valley SAR team members were with our subjects, the subjects were OK and everyone was hiking out. Sgt. Smith released us at 2030 and we arrived back to the hut a little after midnight. We secured the equipment and departed at 0015.

Operation 2012-22 (Search and Rescue)

20 December 2012

Rademacher Hills (Kern County)

By Dave Miles

Summary:

Search and rescue for a man who got his truck stuck in the Rademacher hills.

Narrative:

I, Dave Miles, received a call from Sgt. Ken Smith at 1820 on December 20, 2012. He reported a man with a stuck truck somewhere south of Ridgecrest. I called dispatch to get the details. James Gorge reportedly got his dually truck stuck south of Ridgecrest. He had called his mother at 1500. The cell phone company reported that the call was $75^\circ (\pm 45^\circ)$ from

the cell tower on Laurel Mountain. This would place him east of the college. The Subject had told the Reporting Party that he was somewhere west of Cerro Coso College, east of China Lake Blvd, and north of Highway 395.

I called Janet Westbrook and she agreed to coordinate. I then used Calling Post to deliver a message to everyone that we would meet at the Cerro Coso College parking lot at 1930 and to let Janet know if they were available. I also asked for 4WD vehicles due to the rough terrain expected in the area of the search. Linda Finco was one of the first to commit so I had her go to the hut and pick up the Explorer, radios, and some first aid equipment. In addition to Linda, Al Green, Tom Roseman, Debbie Breitenstein, Bob Huey, Nathan Simons, and Luke Swanson committed to the search.

While waiting for everyone to arrive, I sent Tom and Debbie up to the top of the ridge on the road south of the college. Kern County Sheriff helicopter, AIR-1, was also searching the area. At 1935 I got a call from Sgt. Smith that a Deputy Kevin Parsons (Ridge 8) was with James and we had his location from AIR-1 (N 35° 34.17', W117° 41.98'). I plotted the coordinate on my iPhone and it was almost directly west of the college. I called Ridge 8 and asked if he could see the college from his position. He said that he could so I had him shine his flashlight at the college. We could clearly see that he was on a ridge and we started driving to his location. As we got closer I could tell that the coordinates were half way up the ridge, but the light was on top of the ridge. We had done a tracking practice on this same ridge a few years ago and I knew a 4WD drive road that went to the top. Linda stayed with Explorer to provide radio relay on UHF. Bob Huey and I went with Al Green in his Jeep to the top of the ridge. From the top we went down the ridgeline a short distance to where James and Ridge 8 were located.

Upon making contact with James around 2000, we saw that his truck was stuck up to its axle and he appeared unable to walk down the trail to town. He was in shorts and a large down jacket. We transported him in Al's jeep to the Shell gas station on China Lake Blvd and Downs where I had told Sgt. Smith and those from the Desert Team to gather. They had arrived in town just as we were getting James down the hill. Sgt. Smith debriefed everyone and we went home at 2130.

Operation 2012-23 (Rescue) OES-2012-LAW-0316

24 December 2012

Mt. Baldy (San Bernardino County)

By Dan Bishop

Summary:

Rescue to assist in the carry out of two men separately injured in falls on Mt. Baldy.

Narrative:

I, Dan Bishop, received the call at 3am on December 24th to respond to a request from San Bernardino County to assist in a carry-out extraction of possibly two injured subjects off of Mt. Baldy. I accepted the operation and contacted Elaine Riendeau to coordinate with Sheila Rockwell assisting with the early morning phone calls. Tom Roseman and Mike Myers committed and we departed the hut at 0430. We encountered steady rain driving from Cajon Pass to the Command Post (CP) at the Mt. Baldy Village Fire Station. Checking in with San Bernardino SAR at 0700, we were assigned to hike up the trail to the San Antonio Ski Hut to meet with the advanced teams and assist with the carry out of the two injured subjects. Robert Scott from West Valley joined us as we hiked up the trail. The weather improved as we ascended, the rain subsided and patches of blue sky were occasionally seen. With the Ski Hut in sight at 0930 we met up with the first subject on the stretcher and rescuers descending. The injured man, Justin Hur, 57 years old, had fallen the previous day from the ridge just below Mt. Baldy, sustaining rib and a probable flail chest injury. The hasty team made an arduous overnight lowering of Mr. Hur to the Ski Hut, staying there until morning. Myers and Roseman assisted the descending team composed of Montrose, San Bernardino, and Sierra Madre team members. Robert and I continued up to the hut and assisted the team of Montrose, San Bernardino and LA county paramedics to carry out the second subject, Anatha Karthiaeyan, 28 years old, who had also fallen from the east end of the Baldy bowl. He too was lowered overnight to the Ski Hut. The LA county paramedic was inserted via helicopter, but because of the overnight weather conditions was unable to be extracted along with the injured subjects. It was slow, tedious work as we transported the subject down the rocky, snow, and ice covered trail. We soon caught up to the first subject, since their stretcher wheel (motorcycle type) broke off and was unusable. At this time the weather cleared and blue skies were overhead. LA county sheriff, LA county fire, and San Bernardino helicopters all attempted to extract the subjects from the location on the trail; however, winds and periods of poor visibility made hoist operations impossible. During this time a replacement wheel, along with additional SAR members, were brought up the trail and the manual carry-out was continued. With plenty of man power, both subjects were brought to the trail head by 1430. We enjoyed a late lunch courtesy of the San Bernardino food wagon and released after 1500. Back to Ridgecrest at 1815, we made it in time for Christmas.



Carry out on Mt. Baldy on Christmas Eve

Update to 2004-16 in Talus Pile #134

6-7 November 2004 Search Mt. Baldy Tom Sakai

On a recent operation with teams from San Bernardino County, we received an update on the search for Eugene Lushevskiy, 19, a hiker who went missing more than six years ago on Mt. Baldy. Over the years West Valley San Bernardino County Search and Rescue continued searching various parts of the mountain. In October 2010 the team focused on the northeast slope of Mt. Baldy and into the narrow canyon that finally dumps out into North Fork Lytle Creek Canyon and recovered possible evidence. In February 2011 the skeletal fragments examined by the California Department of Justice were confirmed as belonging to Eugene. Eugene was visiting Southern California while on vacation with his parents and had been visiting a friend at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont on the day he went missing. During the initial search, team members located Lushevskiy's borrowed backpack about 100 feet from the summit of Mt. Baldy.

2012 Operations Summary

We had 23 operations in 2012, the most in the last 13 years. Of these, seven Alerts/ Mobilizations/ Transits occurred where we were not fielded. We were involved in six searches and ten rescues.

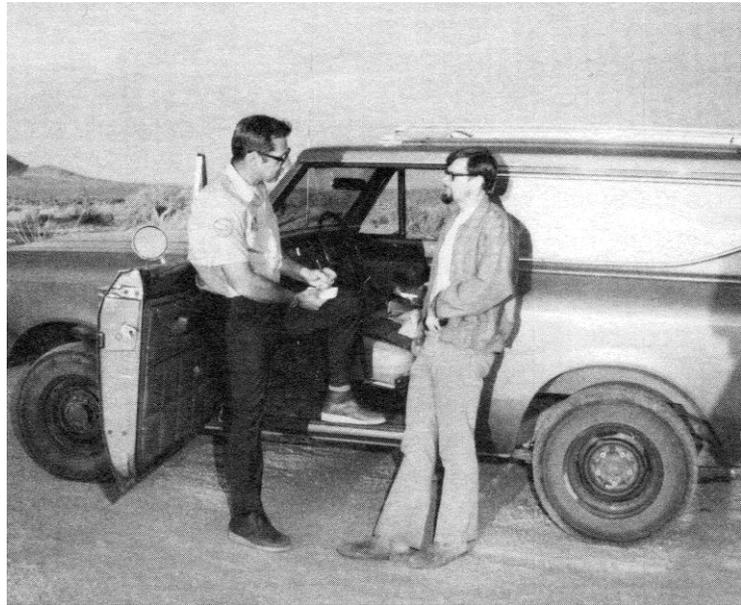
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3	1	3	6	10

Fourteen of our Operations were outside of Kern County. Inyo County requested us the most, 12 times.

Kern	Inyo	Mono	San Bernardino
9	12	1	1

A full operations summary will be in the April 2013 Talus Pile.

PASSAGES



Roland Robbins: Oct. 4, 1934 — Dec. 16, 2012

Robbie and Lee Lucas

Roland Whitney Robbins Jr. passed away on December 16, 2012 in Lake Havasu City at the age of 78. Roland, “Robbie”, was a member of the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group for fewer than five years, from September 1973 to March 1978. During that short time he became very involved in Man Tracking and the teaching of it. He wrote the book that many of us have, and it was sold rather widely in the SAR community. In the beginning he directed that all income from the sales of the book be given to CLMRG, and we got sizable checks from the publisher from time to time. For this, he was made an Honorary Member of CLMRG.

Roland is survived by his loving wife, Onalee Robbins of Lake Havasu City; son, Martin Robbins of Texas; daughter, Cheryl Davidson of Michigan; sisters, Ann Yarmal of Arizona, Mary Ellen Gordian of Alaska, Betty Peterson of Arizona and Christine Sandt of Arizona.

GROUP BUSINESS

2013 Officers were elected at the December 2012 meeting. Our 2013 Officers are:

President:	Eileen Loughran
Vice President:	Gina Najera-Niesen
Secretary:	Debbie Breitenstein
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