

He was an active search and rescue member for 50 years where he committed to hundreds of SAR operations and provided a wealth of mountaineering information, advice, and mentorship to new and veteran Group members. He was a leader and friend.

A Classic Mountaineer, Bob organized expeditions across the globe including: Canada (Mount Logan), México, Alaska (Denali twice including a traverse from Muldrow Glacier to Kahiltna Glacier), Peru, Argentina (Aconcagua), Africa (Kilimanjaro twice, the last one was at the age of 73), Tibet, Pakistan,(Gasherbrum II, Shishapangma), China and notably in the Pamirs in the former Soviet Union during the height of the Cold War climbing Pik Kommunizma (Peak Communism) as part of a joint USA/USSR mountaineering exchange.

His favorite climbs were in the Sierra Nevada, where he also served as a volunteer Inyo Forest Ranger. After retirement he was co-owner of Mountain High, a mail-order climbing business. Bob would often have breakfast at home, drive 90 miles to Whitney Portal, climb Mt. Whitney, and be home by dinner. He climbed Mt. Whitney over 160 times. Bob was a regular on the Mt. Whitney message boards as "Some Guy." a.k.a. "Ranger Bob." "Rockwell Pass," in the Sierra, is named after him.

Bob's wife, Sheila, is a coordinator in the CLMRG. His children are Kurt, Bruce, and Jennifer. A blood disorder took Bob's life. His death left a huge hole in so many lives, but the memories are priceless.

In 2005 Bob wrote: "I want to point out that I have lived a full life. I have had so many magnificent adventures and experiences, learned so much, and have been surrounded by so many wonderful family members and friends. I have gotten more out of life than 99% of other people. Nothing missed and no regrets."

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2019 Operations continued – September – December

2019-27 Rescue at Outpost Camp, Whitney, Inyo Co. September 16 Derkey

China Lake Mountain Rescue Group got a call out around 0910 stating there was a mutual aid request from Inyo County to assist with a hiker on Mt. Whitney who had altitude sickness. GPS coordinates indicated that he was at Outpost Camp. Janet Westbrook coordinated the callout. Mike Derkey, Mike Franklin, Jon Slager and David Jensen committed to the operation. We met at the hut at 1030 and departed to the trailhead. On our way we were informed that the Inyo team had already sent two members (Dean and Cordero Chavez) up to make contact with the subject We packed up the oxygen tank, some extra warm clothes, and some extra group shelters to hike up the trail.

The Inyo team members reached the subject first and started hiking down with the subject. Jon hiked up ahead of the rest of our team with the oxygen and reached the subject just above Lone Pine Lake. There they started administering oxygen to the subject as he was hiking down. The rest of the team met up with the subject a little while later and we hiked down together. About half way down the switchbacks below Lone Pine Lake we stopped to check on the patient. He felt fine and his blood saturation level was measured above 95% so we decided to stop administering oxygen and continue hiking down. We reached Whitney Portal around 1500. Inyo took care of debriefing the subject.

As we were hiking down, the Inyo team requested our assistance on another operation currently happening on Mt Emerson. After getting approval from our sheriff, two of us, Dave Jensen and Derkey decided to assist. Jon and Mike Franklin waited in Lone Pine while Dave's father drove up from Ridgecrest to pick them up and take them back to Ridgecrest. Jensen and Derkey drove straight up to Bishop to participate in the next operation.

2019-28 Rescue on Mt. Emmerson, Inyo Co. Sept. 16-17 Derkey

China Lake Mountain Rescue was assisting the Inyo Search and Rescue team walk out with a patient suffering from altitude sickness on Mt. Whitney (Operation 2019-27). Since the Whitney operation turned out to be an easy assist, the Inyo team asked if we could help out with another operation that was currently underway on Mt.

Emerson. One of their team members had been hit with rockfall attempting to climb the southeast chute of Emerson as part of a rescue operation. We got down off of Mt Whitney at 1500, ate some food and drove down to Lone Pine.

Mike Franklin and Jon Slager could not commit to an operation overnight, so we left them in town to get picked up and Dave Jensen and Mike Derkey drove up to Mt Emerson to assist. We got to the trailhead at 1845 and started hiking up. We got up to the bottom of the technical section of the climb just as the subject was being lowered down. The subject, Paul Rasmussen, had a broken right forearm, and bruises and scrapes on his face and side of his head. He had been up on the mountain for nearly 16 hours at that point. Inyo had splinted the arm and had lowered him down 6 pitches of climbing. He was conscious and alert, but was exhausted from the exposure and the work of supporting himself on the lowering's. Once the subject was down, Inyo packed him into the stretcher and we started the process of lowering the patient over 700ft of rough talus at a moderate slope (~2000 hours). We started with a caterpillar carry of the stretcher starting with 8 of us. At a few points the slope smoothed out enough that we could hand carry the stretcher. Around 2200 we reached the trail where we could attach the stretcher wheel and start the carryout down the trail.

By this point a few more Inyo members had come down from the technical sections above with the two climbers who were the original subjects to be rescued. They had spent the previous night out trapped on a cliff on the west ridge of Mt. Emmerson but were not injured. They had called out for help to other hikers on the Paiute Pass trail and those climbers then initiated the rescue once they reached the trailhead. We started down the trail, where we picked up more Inyo team members hiking up the trail to help. There were roughly 15 of us by the time the stretcher reached the trailhead at 0030. There was an ambulance at the trailhead to take Paul to the hospital and the other two climbers took off in their own car.

We drove down to the Inyo hut to debrief. At the hut a large number of the Inyo team members thanked us for helping on the rescue. We debriefed with Inyo and then took off for Ridgecrest and got back at 0445 and secured at the hut.

2019-29- Search. Kings River, Fresno Co. Sept. 28-29 Simons

Nathan Simons, received a call from Terry Mitchell at 1342 on Friday, 27 September, requesting an Operation Leader for a mutual aid request for a search in Fresno County. Terry coordinated the callout with assistance from Mary Schmierer. Bill Stephenson and Tom Sakai committed to the operation. No information was provided on the search prior to our departure. We departed the hut on Saturday, 28 September shortly after 0500. At the Command Post (CP) it was stated the subject was a 65-year-old male who was last seen in Fresno on August 30th (three and a half weeks earlier). The subject had a number of factors (loss of job, alcoholism, marital/familial problems, dementia) that affected the search plan. His car had been located along the Kings River. The search was ongoing and we were requested to spend two days in the field with a car camp in between.

After completing our search assignment and not finding any clues we headed back to the CP and bivvied for the night. We had initially only committed to Saturday, but after discussion we decided to stay for Sunday. We contacted Terry so she could contact our families and let them know we would not return until Sunday late.

On Sunday we were given a full day assignment along with a team from Tehachapi Search and Rescue to search along the north river bank upriver, including spots where cadaver dogs had alerted. We covered it as best we could and even found some bones

We finished our assignment and returned to the CP where we debriefed, had a quick dinner supplied by Fresno County Sheriff and then drove home. We secured at the hut at 2244.

2019-30 Alert – Lost person near Dove Springs, Kern County October 24 Finco

Sgt. Bittle, Kern County Sheriff, texted Linda Finco around 1845 to see if she was available to talk. Sgt. Bittle then called Linda to state he would like to have a few of our members go on standby to possibly assist with a rescue in the Dove Springs area. There was a report of a vehicle with a family stuck in the area. Currently the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) had someone in the area who was going to see if they could help. But the sheriff still wanted a couple vehicles to be available to assist if the family could not drive out with the assistance of the BLM ranger. Linda told Sgt. Bittle we would initiate a callout and get at least two teams to assist and go on stand by for the alert. Linda used Calling Post and requested members to call if they could commit for the next few

hours. Bill Stephenson, David Jensen, Phil Cash and Sean McNamara all responded. Around 2030, Dan Bishop asked if any additional help was needed. Linda stated we had enough for the operation if our assistance was requested, but needed a coordinator. Dan agreed he could coordinate. At 2100 when I had not heard anything I contacted Sgt. Bittle. He had not received any updates, and released us from our stand-by. We agreed if anything changed he would contact Linda and we would initiate another callout. Linda contacted all those who committed and we stood down at 2105.

2019 – 31 Search, Breckenridge area, Golf Meadows, Kern County October 30 Finco

Sgt. Williams, Kern County Sheriff, called Linda Finco at 0115 on Wednesday, 30 October. The sheriff was looking for assistance in a search for a missing hunter in the Breckenridge area. Janet Westbrook coordinated the callout. Andrew Cammenga committed. Janet commented that she only spoke with 4 people, and left messages with everyone else whose cell phone would accept messages. Several would not, and our new members don't have land lines- it's cell phones or nothing. Linda asked Janet to send an email to members and set the mobilization at the hut to 0900. Finco texted the sheriff to give him the update. Tom Roseman called Linda around 0700 and said he could go on the search. We got no other commitments, so the three of us met at the hut and departed at 0910. We arrived at the Command Post (CP) around 1130. Brian Baskin from Kern Valley SAR (KVSAR) was coordinating the search. He briefed us on what KVSAR searched late on Tuesday and into the early morning on Wednesday. The missing person, Louie Alzes, and his brother in law, Sack Silaphet, arrived at the location at 0700 on Tuesday, 29 October. They went their separate ways and the plan was to meet back at the truck at 1100. When Louie did not return, Sack searched for a while. During his search he stated he shot one round from his rifle and thought he heard two shots in response from somewhere in the drainage northwest of the parking area where they left the truck. KVSAR searched that night and did find possible tracks heading down into the drainage. Also two teams from KVSAR thought they heard a possible yell to the west at a distance. Brian was still thinking Louie was down in the drainage. So with the few resources he had that morning he was sending KVSAR members to the northwest to contain and he wanted China Lake to cut a dirt road/trail to the southwest for containment. A team would drive the western part of the containment on Cow Flat Road. We started our assignments around noon. About 20 minutes in to the assignment the team on Cow Flat Road reported they found Louie. He was OK, only complaining of a sore knee. We ascended back to the CP. The brother-in-law and 2 other family members were still out in the northwest area searching, so Roseman and Cammenga volunteered to hike out in that area to flag them down. Everyone was back to the CP by 1300 and debriefed. We departed at 1330 and arrived back to the rescue hut and secured at 1610.

2019 – 32 Alert Inyo Co. North Lake trailhead 7 November Simons

Sgt. Bittle, Kern County Sheriff, called Linda Finco at 1021 on Thursday, 7 November 2019. The Inyo County sheriff was looking for assistance in an on-going search for a missing hiker out of the North Lake Trailhead (Bishop). The report was Alan Stringer, 40 years old, departed his home on Sunday, November 3rd for a day hike in the Sierra. He was reported overdue on Monday, November 4. There was no known intended route, so Mr. Stringer's vehicle was not located until Tuesday, 5 November at the North Lake Trailhead. Inyo County searched high probability areas on Wednesday and Thursday and were requesting assistance for Friday and Saturday's search effort. Janet Westbrook coordinated the callout. Nathan Simons took the operation. Dan Bishop, Luke Swanson, Bill Stephenson, David Jensen, Phil Cash, Andrew Cammenga, Jessica Kormelick, Dave Doerr, and Nick Pio committed to the operation. At 1448 Finco received a call from Nate Derr (Inyo County), that the Sequoia Kings Canyon Park Service helicopter had located Mr. Stringer's body on the Darwin Glacier just below the notch to the ridge. Members were notified the operation was secured.

2019 – 33 Search Kern River, Borel Power Plant vicinity, Kern Co. 23 November Bishop

This operation was a continuation of the search efforts for a missing 11-year-old girl, Valeria Esparza, who was reported, swept away in the Kern River near the Pearl Harbor bridge on June 22nd, 2019. Previous searches mostly by Kern Valley Search and Rescue totaled over 4000 man-hours. It was estimated that the River flow when the Subject went missing was 3900 cubic feet per second (cfs), during this search the flow was down to 380 cfs

with the hope that the lower water level would reveal further evidence. Dan Bishop, Nathan Simons, Luke Swanson, Philip Cash, Bill Stephenson, David Jensen, Bob Huey, Tom Sakai, and Nick Pio committed to search. Linda Finco acted as a pre-Coordinator working with the Sheriff the week prior and Sheila Rockwell performed the final mission coordination. Leaving the Hut at 0615 on Saturday, 23 November, we arrived at the CP near the intersection of Highway 178 and Borel Road in time for the 0730 briefing. Breaking into three teams of three, our assignments were to sweep river right from Black Gulch bridge to Borel bridge, river left from No-Where bridge river access to Black Gulch bridge, and river right from Borel bridge to across from Miracle Hot Springs. We encountered steep and brushy embankments and many debris piles. Despite the low water level, the brushy areas, numerous debris piles, and places inaccessible from the banks, contributed to the low probability of finding any evidence. However, further upstream from our assignments, another team discovered a pink shirt that may have belonged to the Subject. We spent over 5 hours searching before we returned to the Command Post. By 1415 we were released and were back at the Hut at 1530.



Searching the Kern River below Isabella dam @ low water

2019-34 Search, Saline Valley, DVNP, Inyo Co. 3 December Swanson

The China Lake Mountain Rescue Group (CLMRG) was requested to help search for a missing hiker in Saline Valley. The Inyo County Sheriff sent a request on December 2nd to assist search efforts for Roland Bruno on December 3rd. The subject was believed to be missing in the little/big hunter canyon area. His vehicle was discovered at the trailhead. The subject's daughter was planning to meet the subject to go camping over the Thanksgiving holiday. The subject was believed to be traveling up the canyon in order to cash water for a later ascent, but the exact date that he set out was not known (between Sunday, November 24 and Tuesday November 26). Some possible tracks were previously identified, potentially indicating that he had hiked some distance up the canyon.

Luke Swanson would be operation leader, with Tom Sakai, Bill Stephenson, Jon Sieger, Dam Bishop, and Jon Slager. Janet Westbrook coordinated.

The China Lake team was assigned three search areas which were close to the road in order to provide sufficient time to drive into and out of Saline valley in the same day. A significant storm was expected on Tuesday night, so search efforts were limited to Tuesday only (until after the storm). The subject's vehicle was at a low elevation and therefore several thousand feet below the snow level. However, the only way to drive into the valley

was over higher passes. The southern entrance, used by the China Lake team, required travelling above 6000 ft and was above the snow line. The Inyo team warned of difficult driving conditions and suggested traveling during the day to avoid ice.

The team was instructed to proceed directly to the assigned search areas and then return to Ridgecrest the same day, making sure to get back over the pass before dark. Communication with the CP would be via inReach or possible relay through law enforcement in the area.

The team met at the hut at 0600, allowing some time for the road conditions to improve. Although the team was prepared to use chains, they proved unnecessary. The conditions were slippery on the drive in, but caused no issue. The team divided into three teams (each with two people) to cover the three search areas. The search areas focused on mines or areas where the subject may have traveled while attempting to return to his vehicle. The team arrived and began searching at approximately 0930.

All three teams completed the assigned search areas and returned to the vehicle at 1340. The terrain included open desert, hills with loose rock, mining equipment/mines, and some sections of dense bushes/foilage. Several mines were cleared and no significant clues were discovered.

Inyo teams were inserted via helo at higher elevations in the morning and maintained radio communication with the China Lake teams. Their vehicle had trouble with the road conditions.

The road conditions improved throughout the day and the drive out was without issue. The team reached the hut and stood down at 1730. The storm arrived during the night and deposited more snow above 5000 ft.

2019 – 35 Search – Mt. Baldy, San Bernardino Co. 10 December Bishop

This search was for a missing hiker, Sreenivas “Sree” Mokkaapati, from Irvine, who was day-hiking Mt. Baldy via the Bear Creek trail on Sunday, December 7th, 2019. Mr. Mokkaapati became separated from his three hiking companions near the summit, continuing alone despite reports that the weather was deteriorating and trail conditions were questionable. His companions reported him missing later that evening after he failed to return to the trailhead. The initial call for this operation came at 0300 on Monday, December 8th. The initial request was for an 0700 brief at the command post in Upland, California. Tom Roseman committed as the operation leader with Sheila Rockwell coordinating, however, no team was able to be fielded on Monday. Later on Monday, another request came from the SBCSO. They were now seeking Type 1 searchers for Tuesday through Friday. Terry Mitchell coordinated the call out and Sheila Rockwell assisted with the telephoning. Dan Bishop committed to be the operation leader with Tom Sakai, Andrew Cammenga, and Nick Pio responding. The team would commit to the search for Tuesday, 9 December. Leaving the hut at 0430 we enjoyed the LA traffic and arrived at the San Antonio substation in Upland in time for the 0730 brief. We were teamed with three members from San Bernardino, Jim Morrell, Dan Sutton, and Dan Luna, from Barstow. Our assignment was to search the bottom of the drainage north-east from the summit where foot tracks were reported heading down slope in that direction. This necessitated a long drive into Lytle Creek on a rough, high-clearance road. We started a line-search up the wide drainage at the 6000-foot elevation. We made good progress through the mixed rock, snow, brush, and trees. As we ascended we did see two sets of tracks that were coming down, although they did appear larger than expected for a 5’7”, 140 lb. subject. Following the tracks we did discover a Z-Rest sit pad with the name R.Gray written on it. After a call into the Command Post, it was confirmed that another search team did descend this way the previous day. We continued up to above 7000 feet encountering deep snow and older avalanche sloughs to a choke point in the canyon. On the way back we searched an additional canyon directly north of the Devils Backbone trail. Hard, steep snow was encountered before we turned around at 7200 feet. As we were searching this area we observed helicopter activity above. This turned out to be a separate rescue, unrelated to this search, of a hiker who had fallen from the Devils Backbone. We completed our search back down the canyon to our vehicles at 1530. We made the rough drive back to the I-15 and had previously coordinated with the command post to be able to call them to check out rather than have to drive back to the San Antonio substation. We secured at the hut at 1900.

Note:

- SARTOPO was used for the planning of this operation.
- Emailed the GPS tracks directly to the CP at wvsar-cp@sbsar.org
- Great job to Nick and Andrew for the 4x4 driving.

- Thanks to Terry and Nathan for coordination and re-fueling the vehicle the next day, saving us having to do it that night.
- Tahoe disconnect is the red button, only disconnects the radio
- The red button in the cab on the radio is for emergency use!
- The local newspapers are once again publishing our Press Releases about Ops

2019-36 Search, Mt. Baldy San Bernardino Co. 13 December Roseman

At the end of search for missing hiker, Sreenivas “Sree” Mokkalapati, from Irvine, who was day-hiking Mt. Baldy via the Bear Creek trail on Sunday, December 7th, 2019 additional resources were requested for another operational period on Friday, 13 December. Tom Roseman committed as the Operation Leader with Terry Mitchell coordinating the callout. Bill Stephenson, David Jensen and Nick Pio committed to the operation. We met at the hut a little before four in the morning. David was feeling ill when he arrived at the hut and after a brief discussion it was decided that it would be best if he did not deploy. We arrived at the Command Post (CP) a few minutes after 0700 and the briefing took place around 0715. Our team was assigned as Team 12 to search off to the North from the top of Mt. Baldy in the direction of Dawson Peak. Due to the hiking distance required with the assignment our team was to be flown in to the summit of Mt. Baldy. Nick was excited as this was to be his first helicopter ride. As we were preparing our gear, the CP announced that due to wind the helicopter teams would have to hike in. We drove to the ski area and road the chair lifts to the Devil’s Backbone to start our hike. Shortly into the hike we put on crampons to be cautious. When we arrived at the saddle west of Mt Harwood, we were told to remain in place for a helicopter insert to the summit. We watched as the helicopter tried to get to the saddle. After standing by for 45 minutes, the pilot let us know that due to wind he would not be able to pick us up. We then resumed hiking to the summit. As we started from the summit towards our assignment the wind picked up to around 50 mph. By now the time was nearly 3 PM. We decided that we should start hiking back to be able to have light to get down the Devils Backbone. Arriving back to the top of the second chairlift as darkness arrived we hiked down the ski run to the mid station. A maintenance worker for the ski area could only drive two of us down to our car, so Nick was happy to hike to the car as he was still feeling strong. We drove to the CP, checked out and after a meal drove home. We secured at the hut at 2300..

The next day, Saturday 14 December, a member of the West Valley SAR team fell to his death down an icy chute. Operations were called off, and the area locked down until Christmas. The missing hiker has not yet been found.

- SARTOPO was used for the planning of this operation.
- Emailed the GPS tracks directly to the CP at wvsar-cp@sbsar.org
- Tahoe battery disconnect is the red button, only disconnects the radio
- The red button in the cab on the radio is for emergency use!

2019 – 37 Search/mobilization, Twin Oaks canyon, Kern Co. 28 December Bishop

This Mobilization was for a missing person staying at an Airbnb, near Twin Oaks, who failed to return on December 27th after going for a walk with his dog. Search teams were sent out that evening with no success. China Lake Mountain Rescue Group was notified, via Linda Finco, on the morning of the 28th. Dan Bishop was the Operation Leader with Janet Westbrook conducting the call-out with the assistance of Debbie Breitenstein. Bill Stephenson, Nick Pio, and Chad Sprong committed to the mission and we all met at the Hut at 1000. As we were preparing to depart, Finco called to inform us the Subject and his dog were located. We unloaded and secured the Hut.

Note:-Tahoe needs tire chains, and battery cutoff button

Talus Pile production: Janet Westbrook, asst. Sheila Rockwell

2019 Year End Summaries

CLMRG 2019 Public Education									
Date	Subject	Hours	Miles	Location	Members	Group	Costs	Reached	
January 25, 2019	RC Cinemas "Ode to Muir"	12	2	RC Cinemas	Roseman, Breitenstine, Cash, (John Montgomery)	RC Cinemas	\$ -	300	
April 7, 2019	Girl Scout Highlines	90	150	Indian Joe Canyon (Trona)	Phil Cash, Mike Franklin, Gina Najera-Niesen, Chet Rosser, Dave Miles, Tom Sakai (lead), Tom Roseman, Nathan Simons, Jessica Kormalink, Dave Jensen, Robert Jensen (Photography), Eileen Loughran (organizer)	Girl Scouts of America	\$ 20.00	34	
April 10, 2019	China Lake Rotary Club	2	10	?	Dan Bishop	Rotary Club of IWV	\$ -	35	
May 10, 2019	ESDP Breakfast	2	5	Michalson Lab (building 5 Knox Rd.)	Nathan Simons, Phil Cash	Eng. Sci. Dev. Program (NAWS China Lake)	\$ -	20	
May 13, 2019	Lost But Found	3	5	Richmond ES, 1206 Kearsarge St	Eileen Loughran, Rosser, Stephenson	Richmond Elementary School	\$ 120.00	200	
May 20, 2019	Lost But Found	3	10	Faller ES, 1500 W Upjohn Ave	Eileen Loughran, Roseman, Breitenstien	Faller Elementary School	\$ 120.00	200	
May 23, 2019	NAWC WD Health Fair	10	0	Paradise Center	Swanson, Mitchell, and Niesen	NAWC WD	\$ -	200	
June 11 - July 31	Summer Class	650	300	100 W California Ave.	Dave Doerr, Jessica Kormalink, Phil Cash, David Miles, Michel Derkey, Linda Finco, Bill Stephenson, Nathan Simons, Luke Swanson, Chet Rosser, Cammenga,	Summer Class (IWV Community)	\$ 1,200.00	40	
September 5, 2019	Lincoln Mtl. Safety Expo.	10	2	1403 Kearsarge, China Lake, CA	Phillip Cash, Linda Finco, Terry Michelle, Chet Rosser	Military on base	\$ -	100	
November 2, 2019	Boy Scouts Climbing	16	32	Robbers Roost	Finco, Roseman, Sakai, D. Jensen, Miles	BGA Troop 842	\$ -	20	
November 15, 2019	Rotary Alt. Gift Fair	10	2	Spring Hill Suits in Ridgecrest	Terry Michelle, Mitch Michelle, Phil Cash	event patrons	\$ 50.00	100	
November 16, 2019	RC Desert Classic First Aid	45	20	Cerro Coso College/Rademakers	Roseman, Cash, Simons, Miles, Ferguson, breitenstien, Pio, Huey, Stephenson, Sakai	High Desert Cyclists	\$ 20.00	200	
December 7, 2019	OTHTC Ultra Marth. First Aid	42	50	Cerro Coso College/Rademakers		Over The Hill Track Club	\$ 20.00	250	
December 11, 2019	Avalanche Safety	2	0	Paradise Center	Phillip Cash, (Logan Janott	Nickolai Dodav Fndtn	\$ -		
December	Doner Thank You Cards	10	0		Janet Westbrook	Supporters of CLMRG	\$ 40.00	32	
Continues	Talus Pile	30	0		Janet Westbrook, Eileen Loughran, Lnda Finco,	CLMRG Distro List	\$ 40.00	150	
Continues	General Outreach	50	0		All Members	IWV Community	\$ 20.00	300	
Continues	Web Site/Facebook	50	0		Phillip Cash/Janet Westbrook	Internet	\$ -		
Continues	Miscellaneous	20	20		Many	Various	\$ -	100	
Totals		1057	608				\$ 1,650.00	2,281	

Summer Mountaineering and Safety Class

We had an excellent class this year which was a bit more complicated than normal due to the earthquakes that occurred in our area on July 4th and 5th. Activities the week after the earthquakes were postponed to allow students and group members to take care of what they needed to, which extended the class a week to end on August 7. Also, the Kerr-McGee Center, which we had booked for Tuesday lecture sessions, was not available until July 30 while it was being used by the Red Cross for housing people displaced by the earthquakes. So the lecture sessions on July 16, 23, and August 6 were held at the Maturango Museum. By Dave Doerr
Highlights from the class:

- 39 people registered
- 15 people earned full certificates
- 7 people earned survivor certificates
- 22 group members helped with the class, totaling approximately 890 hours
- Telescope Peak day trip (5 students and 2 group members led by Nathan Simons)
- Cirque Peak day trip (6 students and 4 group members led by Dave Miles)
- Owens Point day trip (3 students and 4 group members led by Dan Bishop)
- Mount Haeckel overnight trip (6 students and 3 group members led by Luke Swanson)
- Hurd Peak overnight (5 students and 4 Group members led by Nathan Simons)

Thanks to all the group members that helped with the class, especially:
 Head Rock Instructor, Mike Derkey
 Media Lead, Phil Cash (who also led an update of the lecture slides and redesigned the summer class section of the web site, and tracked important information)
 Registrar, Jessica Kormalink with assistance from Nick Pio and Phil Cash
 Nathan Simons for setting up the web registration and payment capability again this year.

The things we do for training... being a member of a Search and Rescue team involves a LOT of different types of training activities during the year. There's more to it than knots and bouldering! We trust our lives to our members – you care that the person on the other end of the rope or radio knows what to do!

During 2019, CLMRG members racked up 2762 hours of training activities and rescues. This involved 12910 miles of driving to sites and rescues, much of it in two Kern Co. Sheriff vehicles which we have the use of. We offer our services 24/7, so must be prepared for all weather conditions and all terrains.

- Tracking practice – usually one/month. Night tracking; 3 hrs. required/year
- Stretcher practice – several, some at the hut, some on cliffs like at Fossil Falls; 1 required/year
- Knots, use of the wheel assembly, anchors, attendant activities, radio use, etc.
- Tech Nights – gear bags, knots, winter gear, avalanche beacons, winter health issues
- Rock climbing – skills, rope use, radio use, bouldering, top rope climbs, lead climbs
- Swiftwater training to help Kern River team's searches
- Radio use, basecamp, new radios, etc. Zello training
- Maps, Garmin inReach, base camp map table
- Anchors – rock, snow, stretcher
- first aid, CPR, and scenarios for practical experiences. Current Std FA and CPR required.
- Wilderness FA offered; KED, QardiArm, etc. winter packaging.
- Rope work – ascending, descending, devices, practice off cliffs
- Avalanche training – beacons/transceivers, probing, etc. snow anchors, ice axe
- Snow shelters – snow cave, igloo construction
- Mountain climbing – Sierra, Yosemite, Baldy; 3 climbs required/year
- Rock climbing – local, Sierra, Bishop, Alabama hills; roped climb required
- Overnight camping – winter, bivouac; 1 overnight required/year
- Operations - 3/year required

Welcome to new members who joined our roster in the Support Category from **late 2018 to 2019** (and more coming!) Chad Sprong, Nick Pio, Andrew Cammenga, Jessica Kormelink, Sonja Van Soelen, and Chris Nickell.

We had 37 Operations. plus our Snow and Ice accreditation in 2019.

Alert	Mobilization	Transit	Search	Rescue/Recovery
11	1	0	21	5

Twenty of the requests to assist came from agencies outside of Kern County. We assisted several counties by sending multiple teams on multiple days in support of their on-going searches. This included Cucamonga Peak/Riverside County, Grandview Campground/Inyo County and Mt. Baldy/San Bernardino County. We also spent multiple days searching for individuals drowned on the Kern River.

Kern	Inyo	San Bernardino	Riverside	Fresno	Los Angeles	Sequoia/ Kings Canyon
17	11	2	3	1	2	1

In 2019, the operations were evenly spread over the year with June and July being the busiest. July 5 and 6 were the large earthquakes in the Ridgecrest area.

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	5	2	3	1	6	5	2	4	2	2	4

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