

**CHINA LAKE MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH 4	MRA Rock/Stretcher Practice	Finco
MARCH 11-12	Pear Lake Hut Ski/Snowshoe Trip	Renta
MARCH 13	Meeting	Silverman
MARCH 16	Night Search Practice	Renta
MARCH 18 or 19	Telescope Peak, Western Cwm	Rockwell
MARCH 25-26	Granite Mountains	Silverman
APRIL I	Eiger, North Face, 24 hours	Eastwood
APRIL 4	Advanced First Aid Starts	Training Committee
APRIL 5	Snow Hut Night	Hine
APRIL 8 or 9	MRA Joint Snow Practice	Finco
APRIL 10	Meeting	Roseman
APRIL 11	Radio Hut Night	TerHeun
APRIL 15-16	Mt. San Jacinto, North Face	Rockwell
APRIL 22-23	Olancha Peak, Southeast Couloir	Ostermann
APRIL 29-30	Striped Mountain	Rockwell
MAY 4	Stretcher Hut Night	Ostermann
MAY 6	Stretcher Practice, Great Falls Basin	Rockwell
MAY 7	Mt. Langley	Huey

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"Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan press on has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race."

SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS

89-1 June Lake	1/4/89	Search Green
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The China Lake Police Dispatcher called me at 0215 on the 4th of January. The Office of Emergency Services was requesting CLMRG to assist in a search for a 63 year-old woman who had not returned from a late afternoon solo snowmobile trip the previous day. The search was near June Lake and was being coordinated by the Mono County Sheriff's Office and the June Lake Mountain Rescue Team.

The request was for fully winter-qualified people with snowshoes or skis able to climb and to bivouac in the snow. A call out of our winter mountaineering members and those who had just returned from a 3-day winter trip netted four members able to go.

It took longer than usual for some of us to get ready, because our gear was in various states of drying from the recent climb. We left China Lake at 0445 and arrived at base camp at 0800.

The main efforts were being made by snow-mobilers and snowcats. The latter were efficient and fast machines, to cover some 30 square miles of search area. At 0845 Rockwell and Hine were asked to accompany a Thiokol snowcat to assist as needed. Green and Finco were waiting for a similar assignment as soon as another snowcat had arrived. At 0945 a call came in that the victim had been found, in good condition. All searchers were back in base by 1030.

Carol Burge coordinated the call out, assisted by Carol Van Verst.

Comments: The programmable radios were very useful. The search was being coordinated on the Mono County Sheriff's Office frequency. Without our ability to program in their frequency we would not have been able to communicate with base camp. We all need to learn how to handle these radios.

1988 COMMITTEE REPORTS

OPERATIONS	AI GREEN
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Operations:

2 rescues
15 searches
7 alerts
4 transits

Statistics:

3,611 person hours
870 NWC excused hours
13,302 vehicle miles
10 average members
per operation

37 victims:

28 found OK
3 found injured
3 found dead (2 hikers, 1 trapped in a mine cave-in)
3 not found (2 hikers in Yosemite, 1 hiker in Colorado)

Requesting Agencies:

5 Kern County
6 Inyo County
4 Riverside County
3 Yosemite NP
2 Sequoia-Kings NP
2 Death Valley NM
1 Mono County
1 San Bernardino County
1 San Diego County
1 Joshua Tree NM
1 State of Colorado
1 Mexico (Baja California)

By Month:

0 January
2 February
0 March
4 April
2 May
3 June
6 July
2 August
2 September
4 October
3 November
0 December

#	date	OPERATION	RESULT	LOCATION	MEMBERS	HOURS	NWC	HRS	MILES
88-1	2/15	Search for overdue 4WD outing, vehicle was in a vertical mine shaft	found O.K.	Kern Co.	9	36			265
88-2	2/27	Search for missing skier, skied off the back side of Mammoth	found O.K.	Mono Co.	11	66			392
88-3	4/1-2	Search for Cameron Channel, 7 yr old in the Last Chance Canyon area	found O.K.	Kern Co.	17	146			384
88-4	4/3	Alert for Rich Perrine's friends Owens Peak hikers	walked out	Kern Co.	7	8			
88-5	4/5-6	Search for 3 skiers overdue on Sierra Crest "high route"	found O.K.	Sequoia-Kings Cyn National Park	7	84	42		344
88-6	4/30	Search for 6 yr old, Joey Hill in Death Valley near Wildrose Pk.	found O.K.	Death Valley	10	59			477
88-7	5/1	Alert for injured Sierra Club hiker, knee problem, CHP helo called	helo evac	Little Meysan Lake, Inyo Co	12	24			
88-8	5/14	Search for 2 local hikers (C. Harris & J. Petty) lost between Sage Canyon and Walker Pass trail head	found O.K.	Kern Co.	12	117			354
88-9	6/12-13	Transit to Joshua Tree for 2 lost Marines	found O.K.	Joshua Tree	13	74	36		835
88-10	6/15-16	Search for Kevin Lee Tate	found dead	Homewood Cyn Inyo Co	18	270	112		855
88-11	6/29-30	Transit for 16 Yr old lost in the Santa Rosa Mtns	found O.K.	Riverside Co	10	45	32		372
88-12	7/7-10	Search for Timothy Barnes in Tuolumne Meadows	not found	Yosemite	14	578	74		965
88-13	7/7-8	Alert for Robert Bacon on Muir trail Kearsarge to South Lake	O.K.	Inyo Co	2	3			
88-14	7/8-9	Rescue of Susan Yaya, carry out, on trail below L.P. Lake	broken leg	Inyo Co	7	64			690
88-15	7/11-13	Transit for 74 yr old in Yosemite diverted to continue Tim Barnes search, 88-12 (Tim was not found)	found O.K.	Yosemite	6	282	112	1020	

88-16	7/25-26	Rescue of Milton Peters from a ledge above Echo Lake	O.K.	Inyo Co	12	174	80	912
88-17	7/27-28	Alert for injured Mexican boy scout in Baja California	helo rescue	Baja Calif	14	15		
88-18	8/12-15	Search for Keith Reinhard in Colorado on Mt. Pendleton, Silver Plume, CO	not found	Colorado	10	695	131	750
88-19	8/18-19	Transit for 2 missing brothers in the Santa Rosa Mtns -Toro Peak	found O.K.	Riverside Co	6	50	24	422
88-20	9/20/88	Alert for overdue Mt. Whitney hiker	walked out	Inyo Co	16	2		
88-21	9/22/88	Search for overdue Mineral King hiker Wolfe Kirson	found dead	Sequoia 8 Kings Canyon Watt Pk	2			484
88-22	10/3/88	Search for lost 11 yr old hunter in the San Jacinto Mtns. Clifford Wright	found o.k.	Riverside Co	7	84	42	700
88-23	10/18-19	Search for lost 7 yr old in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park	found O.K.	San Diego Co	6	141	47	1060
88-24	10/20-21	Alert for missing 28 yr old in the Palm Springs area	did not go	Riverside Co	9	10		
88-25	10/27	Search for Rockhounds in Lava Mountains between Trona 8 Red Mountain	found O.K.	San Bernardino Co	8	36		211
88-26	11/13-17	Search for overdue hiker in Yosemite	not found	Yosemite	8	363	128	1280
88-27	11/23-24	Search for overdue climber	found dead	Death valley	9	122		530
88-28	11/24	Alert for 2 stranded female teenagers in Red Rock State Park	did not go	Kern Co	14	15		
totals					276	3567	908	13302

PUBLIC EDUCATION	Mary Schmierer	FIRST AID	Andrew Mitchell
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CLMRG participated in the following events during 1988:

- "Hug A Tree" presentations
- 2 Outdoor safety lectures to local schools
- Maturango Museum summer class
- CLMRG Summer mountaineering class
- NWC Wellness program (health aspects of mountaineering)
- Girl Scout primitive encampment (demonstrations and teaching)
- NWC Air Show (static display and demonstrations)

And we marched in the Desert Empire Fair Parade!

Four CLMRG members became CPR instructors this year, and twenty-one of our members are now current in CPR. Two Advanced First Aid classes were presented.

First Aid equipment purchased in 1988:

- 2 size D oxygen cylinders
- backpack for oxygen gear
- blood pressure cuff
- stethoscope
- pack for first aid supplies
- miscellaneous supplies.

EQUIPMENT

Bill Martin

The following purchases of rescue equipment were made in 1988:

4 programmable radios	\$2280
6 ropes	636
radio accessories	307
base radio antenna	186
scanner	139
climbing hardware	95
repairs	83
topographic maps	47
base camp case	36
miscellaneous supplies	<u>267</u>
	\$4098

Greg Vernon of Mountain High, Ltd. donated two edge rollers, a stretcher brake bar system and a descending device.

SUMMERCLASS

Andrew Mitchell

As usual, we had more applications for the summer mountaineering class than we could

honor. We received 82 applications for the 50 openings.

The students learned safe climbing techniques. knots for climbing, route finding. placement of anchors, use of Friends, cooking gear, map and compass use, mountain gourmet, first aid and safety.

TRAINING

Mike Renta

During 1988 CLMRG held a total of 29 training events, not counting climbing training trips. They consisted of 14 tracking events, including a two day tracking seminar taught by CLMRG. Rock stretcher practices and preparations took five events. Three events covered winter operations, ice axe and snow stretcher practice, avalanche training (two days), and a winter shelter class. Two events involved ELT tracking. The remaining events covered the use of our radios and other equipment, and a map and compass course.

CLMRG EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS FOR 1989

Board of Directors:

Daryl Hinman	President
Mike Mason	Vice President
Linda Finco	MRA Representative
Dennis Burge	Secretary
Ron Leiser	Treasurer

Committee Chairpersons:

Bob Rockwell	Qualifications Committee
Tom Roseman	Search and Rescue Training
Andrew Mitchell	First Aid Training
Mary Schmierer	Public Education
Mike Renta	Communications and Equipment
Bart Hine	Kern Sheriff Committee
Tom Stogsdill	JOSAR MRA Certification
Mike Mason	Manual Committee
Linda Finco	Summer Class Lead Instructor
Tom Roseman	Summer Class Rock Instructor
Ron Atkins	Mt. Heller

DONORS' CORNER

We received a donation and a nice long letter from Bryson (Sam) Van Gundy, a CLMRG Life Member from many years ago. Sam was an Operations Officer at the Naval Air Facility, and did much to establish good relations between the Naval Weapons Center and local search and rescue groups. He helped develop the Navy's willingness to call us on mountain SAR missions.

Sam sent his regards to his "old friends" who are still associated with CLMRG, and wrote that:

over the past 19 years I have enjoyed every copy of the Talus Pile sent to me. I thank you so very much for keeping me informed of the CLMRG accomplishments. The Talus Pile brings back the thoughts and remembrances of my time spent at China Lake.

"I take my hat off to and congratulate all of the dedicated China Lake Mountain Rescue personnel who have volunteered so much of their time and efforts over the years to give the lost or injured person a probable chance of rescue. Although my time at China Lake was a brief 4 years, I find that segment of my life well remembered; the happiness of a successful operation, the sadness of being too late."

Sam reports that he has retired again, this time from residential appraisal work, and sends his best wishes from Sterling, Colorado.

From the Los Angeles Times:

"The important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part; the important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well. To spread these precepts is to build up a stronger and more valiant and, above all, more scrupulous and more generous humanity."

—Baron Pierre de Coubertin,
1908

"Winning medals must always be the primary goal."

—U.S. Olympic Committee
Overview Commission, 1989



IN THE ALPS, 1855
Adolphe Braun, French, 1815-1877

FUTURE CLIMBS DEPARTMENT

This coming June, some members of the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group plan to attempt an ascent of the east ridge of Mt. Logan (19,850 feet), located in the Yukon Territory and the highest point in Canada. In doing the inevitable research for this climb, some interesting pieces of information have been turned up.

One is that the first ascent of this route was accomplished by a team of climbers in 1957. This first ascent team included Kermith Ross, who was a charter member of CLMRG at its formation 30 years ago. Kermith passed away in December of 1986.

The second is the poem reproduced below, from the 1957 issue of the Canadian Alpine Journal. It is repeated here without comment, instead relying on the reader's imagination to wonder about the conditions which may cause the mountaineer to ponder such weird thoughts.

ODE TO A MOUNTAIN STOVE

O hail the little mountain stove
To thee we give our deepest love
Because 'tis you that melts our snow
And cooks our food at ten below

'Tis you that makes our Jello hot
And burns the bottom from the pot
'Tis you that makes the icicles tender
And cooks the groats in all their splendour

That you have faults there is no doubt
Your little flame oft splutters out
Your safety valve you sometimes blow
And flaming gas spurts to and fro

Your gasoline requires screening
Your orifice needs constant cleaning
You tip so well there's always spilling
Your gas tank always needs a filling

But yet, to a hungry mountaineer
Your purr can bring unmeasured cheer
Your flame can fill his tent with light
And warm him on a wintry night

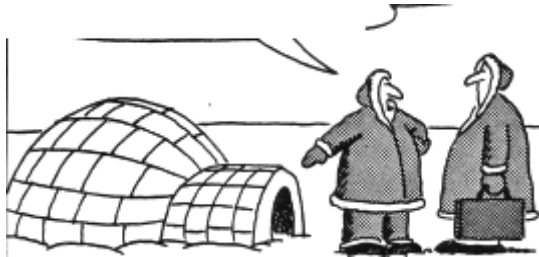
And so this tribute we pay to you
To little Primus and Svea too
And wish for you, on this occasion
Long life and clog free operation

Paul Calcaterra

On April 8, in Bishop, California.

Norman Clyde's Birthday Celebration. Live music, pot-luck barbecue, bouldering, and spring skiing. 2pm at Mill Pond Park, 5 miles north of Bishop. Contact: Jon Fisher, P.O. Box 694, Bishop, CA 93514. (619) 873-5037.

*Thank heavens you're home! Wally
and the Beav have cut a fishing hole in
the middle of their bedroom!*



If the Cleavers had been Eskimos



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