

4/6/2017 General Meeting Minutes

Upcoming trainings:

- Rigging for Rescue is coming up April 19-23. Hopefully you're already signed up and ready to go.
- Helicopter training June 3-4. H-80 will be joining us for the entire weekend. We will be hosting a BBQ on Sunday evening and doing a dinner at the brewery on Saturday in conjunction with the training. Be prepared for all day helo activity. Thanks to Ed, Laura and Todd who redid our helipad. Check out the helicopter MRA webinar before the training.

Last month's events:

- Mike Brorson went to 4 day **snow cat training** and has a lot of information to pass on. He learned a lot about how to fix a snowcat, the capabilities of the snow cat, and of course how to drive a snowcat on all kinds of terrain. If you have interest in being trained on the snow cat, contact Mike, he is available on Tues, Mon, Wednesdays.
- **MRA Recert:** The team went down to the Barstow area for the annual CA MRA recert. This year was a search and tracking event and the team passed with flying colors. Although it took us a while to find our subject and we had some communication issues. We did an excellent job on medical with special thanks to Dave, in IC we had some challenges with overlapping with the different teams and hints that were difficult but pulled it off well in the end. Overall we had a good day and did well and pulled off a pretty well-run search. But we definitely got a lot out of the process of training. Important take homes: make sure you're updating your coordinates with base as much as possible and leave the keys on the vehicle.
- Our sole pseudo mission of the month: **"Body" recovery in PV reservoir.** After the team pulled the dead mice out of the Zodiac, figured out how to inflate it, filled up the flat and rotted tires on the trailer, it was determined by Nate that the body was actually just a float tube.
- **Training:** Buttermilks twin tension system raise and lower: We had to build a number of re-directs and the anchors were in very different locations. Overall it worked really well, it took a long time to set up, but mostly because we were taking our time and teaching. We could as always have improved our communication with the patient so that she knew when she was being raised.
- **Banff Mountain Film Festival** went well—we made a fair bit of money thanks to the silent auction, but next time we'll know a lot more about it and will have a much better auction.

Other notes and thoughts:

- Treasurer's Report--\$15k paid for Rigging for rescue, but brought in \$2300 from Winter Race Series and Banff Mountain Film Festival
- First Out has emergency keys above right rear corner.
- Preventative SAR—a sub-committee is meeting on the topic, we're hoping to move forward with some possible signs at the portal and perhaps other trailheads. First step is talking to the Inyo.

- Let Mike Brorson know as soon as you know about a problem with a vehicle and he can get to it a lot more quickly.
- Forest Service Grant programs—can we use the Forest to help us fund some sort of preventative SAR signage. Reach out to Allan Higgeman in Yosemite for info.
- Steve has donated the latest EMT guide textbooks if anyone wants to read it or use it for an EMT class.

New people:

Joel: climbs a lot and is a nurse in town and has been wanting to be on a SAR team for a long.

Scott: from Bishop, but recently moved back and thought he'd check it out.

Paul: used to be on China Lake and lives down there during the week, but here on the weekend and likes to climb and be outside.

Meeting adjourned at 19:45.