

7/7/16 General Meeting Minutes

Lone Pine Peak stranded climbers: 5 young men stranded near the top when they tried to start rappelling down the route. H-40 hoisted the two injured climbers in chest harnesses with Matt's assistance. The other three were able to summit and head down. They were inexperienced and in well over their heads.

Olancha Pass mission: Everyone was excited to try out a new trail, but Bob ran it like a real search. The party ran out of food and water and it was raining and they decided they needed to head out in the dark, but got separated from the 60-year-old woman who got separated from the group and sat out overnight about a mile from the trailhead and decided she needed a rescue. And then it took forever to get her out the last mile, but there were some good opportunities to talk to the group about not splitting up and not just waiting for a rescue.

Ascending training at the Buttermilks: a good always set it up so that you anchor it to a munter mule so that if someone gets stuck, you can always lower them.

Bishop Pass AMS PCT hiker assist: Turns out he actually had the flu, not AMS. He was at the parking lot when the team showed up and he was fine but sick.

Called off search for baby locked in car by river. Everything turned out ok.

Hut Clean up night: only 5 of us showed up but the hut is now cleaner and there is less mouse poop.

67-year-old on U-Notch: Coming down the U Notch he fell and his brother called out the next day. On July 4 H40 dropped Matt and Julie off to do the recovery at the top of Palisade Glacier. They were able to do a couple lowers on the glacier and get the body out relatively easily.

Google Drive is not working—there was a big problem with all the documents accidentally being removed and access

Anything you post online about SAR or say, not even just our team, but remember that anything we say about any SAR-related things reflects on our team. So always err on the side of caution because things can always be taken out of context.

Julie is updating the Inyo SAR website to make it look a lot better.

Julie is also the new social media correspondent for the MRA.

Ed, John, and Julie attended the MRA conference in Port Angeles, which was extremely useful. There were paper presentations, classes on self-rescue, dealing with patients in altered mental states, hypothermia and drowning victims, airplane extraction, snow anchors, etc. Interesting research on wilderness search methodology from Matt Jacobs of BAMRU that focuses on terrain as an important influencer of search methods.

Nate got a promotion to Investigator! Congratulations to Nate. He thinks that this means he'll have more time for SAR, but he's gone this summer for training, so Brian is catching up quickly, but we can all help him learn.

Gaia GPS: People are having a hard time with how quickly it drains your phone battery, but otherwise it seems to work well.

Ed is working on testing the repeater with the solar panel and is hoping to place it on Whitney for a season for improved access. Nick apparently has a back up in addition to this repeater.

Upcoming trainings:

7/21 GPS and Navigation

7/23 Field technical training