

General Meeting Minutes 2/5/2015

- Missions: Only mission this month: 2 missing female hikers on Whitney. They were going to day hike to the summit, one lady took a fall and hurt her knee. They were very fit and well-equipped and decided to overnight near the summit rather than hike in the dark. Rose and Max got there first, followed by a group from Bishop. Ran into the RP and the two ladies near the wall, and they had a nice hike down and went to the brewery afterward.
- Saline Valley Training: Spent two nights in Saline Valley--hiked up canyon for some fun scrambling around and removed some sketchy rope. Had a nice dinner and soak in the hot springs. Set up a guide line and dropped two waterfalls and a nice bend. Anchoring is really tough there so that was a good lesson for our team. Several DEVA park rangers joined us. Lessons: The straighter you can get the guideline, the better. And cairn anchors can actually be really strong. Thinking about a net to fill it up with rocks so we don't have to get so "trail crew" chinking rocks together to make a cairn anchor. The next day Darla took people up a really cool canyon of polished rhyolite.
- Pike and pivot training at the Buttermilks: Where you put a litter in a vertical position and then to get it over a sharp edge you tie cord around the middle of the litter to porpoise it over the edge. We can use some things we learned to improve our system for next time. We want someone to tie up a new litter harness. Bob is considering volunteering.
- Rock Recert: March 6, 7, 8(?) We have 16 slots. Sign up if you haven't already. What gear do we need? More 8mm, pre-make a jigger for the feet, and pre-rig a harness with a quick link and everything needed. We are planning on coming back Sunday, but if anyone needs to be back Saturday night that can be arranged. We'll assign roles the weekend before most likely.
- Upcoming trainings: This Saturday at 9 for highline training. Review the documents Bob sent out about high line BEFORE Saturday.
- We should review our medical stuff to make sure we are on top of it before the recert. Also we should practice putting the patient in the litter.
- The adventure race people are going to host the race in the area. They are offering a free entry to the SAR team for 4 people. Think about it if you're interested.
- Treat the vehicles well. We can't get new vehicles unless we treat them well.
- Make sure to let Carma know before any Inyo SAR media, make sure to let her know just so that she knows ahead of time that this is happening.
- SAR babes calendar--let's do it! Kristin has a friend who offered to do the photography for the calendar!
- New people: Annie--taking WFR and EMT classes, Page--also in EMT class and interested. Tara--nurse and climber who wants to help out!

