

Hunter trapped in mine ventilator shaft during weekend rescued by CAP

Members of the Civil Air Patrol yesterday rescued a Glen Lyon hunter who had fallen into a mine ventilator shaft. The hunter, Andrew Sweeney, Glen Lyon, was last seen Saturday morning.

On Sunday evening, the Civil Air Patrol was called in to help with the search for the missing hunter.

A systematic ground search, headed by Captain Hugh Waskovich Jr., was begun in the area on Monday morning and Sweeney, who had fallen into a mine ventilator shaft and was on a ledge 80 feet below ground, was discovered early

in the afternoon.

Rescue efforts were begun immediately and a medic was lowered into the shaft to make sure Sweeney was alright. Two men were then lowered into the shaft to help put Sweeney in a harness and put him out of the shaft.

Approximately 150 Civil Air Patrol members from Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Reading and Allentown, assisted with the successful search and rescue effort.

Col. Hugh Waskovich was mission coordinator.

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