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GREETINGS

This is the first issue of the new and revitalized Appalachian Alert, published monthly, except August, by the Appalachian Search & Rescue Conference, Inc. (ASRC). This issue is being mailed to two or more leaders of each group with the hope each will get together with appropriate personnel to share this information and gather news and information to share for the July newsletter and future issues. Too, it would be useful for one person in each group to be selected as the contact point for the group. This way questions may be directed to one person.

The Why Now and Why Him Q&A: Several weeks ago Pete McCabe from M/SAR (ESAR 616) volunteered to write, edit and produce a new Appalachian Alert. ASRC President Dave Carter agreed. And, here we is.

Appalachian Alert will collate information submitted by individual ASRC teams, develop and present information of interest to the wilderness search and rescue community, and report activities of ASRC board of directors meetings, ASRC committees, group and ASRC training events, and related ASRC business.

Beginning with the July issue, Appalachian Alert will be mailed to colleagues and programs in other states and regions involved in lost person SAR services and related emergency services. Each ASRC group will receive 3-4 copies suitable for reproduction for all group members. The newsletter will be assembled and printed the third week of every month.

Information for each issue should be received by the Editor -- at his address shown below -- in the first week of every month.

If individuals or ASRC groups wish to report SAR related research or present opinion pieces, Appalachian Alert may be the forum for that presentation.

BACKGROUND ON THE ASRC

Future issues of Appalachian Alert will contain base line information regarding the ASRC and its history. Stay tuned. What is the ASRC? What is a search and rescue conference? Is it like the ACC? The Big Ten? What is the ACC? Does the ASRC play football? Can we trade or sell players? Was Thomas Jefferson an ASRC Alert Officer?

With the next issue, basic contact information on each ASRC group will appear in each issue of Appalachian Alert. Base line information will consist of Name of Group and their administrative telephone, President/Chair name and home phone, Ops Officer name/phone number and Training Officer name/phone number. Typical listings are formatted below. Please check your listing carefully and

provide necessary information or corrections to the Editor.

ASRC GROUPS

There are 8 ASRC affiliated Groups located in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. ASRC groups provide service throughout the mid-Atlantic region under the Conference umbrella. Each Group is an independent program with its own organizational structure, officers and program. ASRC groups are recertified every 3 years.

- ◆ The following 7 groups are certified members of the ASRC. They are listed by the order of their original entry in and accreditation by the ASRC.

Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group. BRMRG, based at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, was the founding organization for the ASRC. The ASRC corporate offices and central dispatching services are maintained at BRMG. Information about BRMRG is available by writing P.O. Box 440, Newcomb Station, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.0440. The BRMRG administrative telephone is (804) 924-3472.

Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group SMRG, is a unit of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, 118 Park Street, Vienna, Virginia 22180. The team's administrative phone is (703) 255-5034.

Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group. AMRG is based in Pittsburgh in western Pennsylvania. AMRG is also certified for mountain rescue services by the Mountain Rescue Association (MRA). Administrative information may be obtained by calling (412) 869-3747. AMRG's address is _____?

Southwest Virginia Mountain Rescue Group. SWVMRG is based at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Virginia. Their address is 203 Progress Street, Blacksburg VA 24060. The team's administrative phone is (703) 951-2914.

Richmond Search & Rescue Group. RSAR, based in Richmond, Virginia, may be contacted at 13606 Velvet Antler Trail, Midlothian VA 23228. The team's administrative telephone number is (804) 266-2355.

Tidewater Search & Rescue Group. Serving Virginia's Tidewater region, TSAR may be contacted at 803 Townsend Court, Norfolk VA 23502. The team's administrative telephone number is (804) 446-8094.

Maryland Search & Rescue Group. M/SAR is based at Howard Community College in Columbia, Maryland. M/SAR is also certified for mountain rescue services by the Mountain Rescue Association (MRA). Administrative information may be obtained by calling (301) 596-5554. M/SAR's address is 11034 Berrypick Lane, Columbia MD 21044.

- ◆ The eighth ASRC team is an affiliate member working towards full ASRC accreditation.

Potomac Valley Rescue Group. PVRG is based at the University of Maryland at College Park. The team's address is Box 10, Stamp Union Building, University of Maryland, College Park MD 20742. Their training and operations phone number is (301) 314-7444.

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