

Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group
Report to ASRC Board of Directors
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Training and recruitment

Under our new Training Officer, Mike Yee, we now have an active training schedule. A postcard with the current schedule is attached. We are still interested in joint training with SMRG and MSAR, but haven't set up anything yet.

We continue with joint training with the mounted team. The team is still searching for a name for itself but Equi-SAR seems to be the most popular choice at present.

Upcoming in October and November are the Basic Wilderness Rescue Class and the Pennsylvania November Wilderness EMT class, both of which use many AMRG people as instructors. (If interested in attending the November WEMT Class, call the Center for Emergency Medicine at 412-578-3203).

We have several new members recruited through our presentations and standbys for the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Operations

AMRG members participated in several recent searches, most particularly the Kirby, WV search.

We now have a batch of Motorola HT-220 handheld radios, and a Wilson Citicom VHF mobile radio for a base radio. We're now looking for a mast. Anyone have a spare mast?

We have a new litter tie-in called "The Octopus." This was created by John Gumbs (1-201-579-2524) of the NJ IRT cave rescue team as a prototype for possible commercial production. We used it on a recent vertical practice. It is very fast and easy to apply, very secure, flexible enough to deal with all sorts of different injuries, and much more comfortable than standard tie-ins or straps.

We are now looking for a new litter; a split plastic Ferno would be ideal. Does any group have information on splitting a plastic Ferno?

Public Safety

We continue to offer Hug-a-Tree classes on a regular basis.