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February 2, 1993

David A. Carter, ASRC Chairman
TSAR ASRC Delegate
803 Townsend Court
Norfolk, VA 23502

Dear Mr. Carter:

SUBJECT: ASRC Release

On the diskette of files sent me by Bob Koester for study for the IC test, I found a copy of a legal release for those applying for ASRC membership. We had never seen this here at AMRG. It seems likely that the intent was for all ASRC members to sign this new release (new to us, at least). However, we found a number of errors in the file, including spelling errors, grammatical errors, and a double negative. Therefore, we have prepared a corrected version which is enclosed. You may wish to distribute this corrected version to the Groups with the next Board of Directors meeting minutes.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Keith Conover, M.D.

encl: ~~Release.NB version of February 2, 1993~~

cc: Bruce Hemmer and Bob Koester

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1. The first of these is the fact that the majority of the population of the United States is of European descent. This is a fact which has been recognized by the government and the people for many years. It is a fact which has been recognized by the government and the people for many years. It is a fact which has been recognized by the government and the people for many years.

1. The first step is to identify the problem or goal. This involves understanding the current situation and what needs to be achieved. It is important to be clear and specific about the objectives.

**APPLICATION TO THE APPALACHIAN SEARCH & RESCUE CONFERENCE AND
RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I hereby apply for acceptance as a volunteer with the Appalachian Search & Rescue Conference (hereinafter the Conference).

I understand that in doing so I may be asked to participate in training and/or search and/or rescue incidents and/or tasks (hereinafter events) anywhere in the world to serve in a potentially dangerous, chaotic, life-threatening situation wherein my personal safety cannot be guaranteed. I understand that I am subjecting myself to situations that may encompass a variety of natural and manmade disasters and/or events in which I may be subject to illness, injury or death. I understand that these situations may lack proper water, food, shelter, sanitation and medical care. I further understand events may expose me to death or disability caused by diseases, direct and indirect assault by humans and wild beasts, attacks by venomous creatures, exposure to environmental hazards (including but not limited to fires, high temperatures, flash floods, swift water, mud slides, landslides, rock slides, blizzards, ice storms, snowstorms, bitterly cold temperatures, tornadoes, high winds, lightning strikes, hazardous plant life, etc.), electrical shock, serious or deadly falls, hazardous terrain, and injury or death from a technical rescue system failure. I understand that all the modes of transportation available to me may pose a risk both at the event and transportation to and from the event. I understand that I may be subject to unusual emotional and psychological stress that may occur at the incident or long after the incident. I further understand that any appointment of a safety officer or other officer responsible for safety or the creation of a safety rule or regulation shall not be construed to be an indication that the Conference is liable for my personal safety. Accordingly, I also realize that I may refuse any event for any reason and I may refuse, alter, or abort any task when I feel I have received an inadequate briefing, inadequate training, inadequate sleep, possess inadequate physical strength, or do not feel that the event is safe. Finally, I realize that the information available to those briefing me may be incorrect or inadequate.

I understand the Conference will not provide insurance for me of any sort, whether disability, accident, medical, life or any other form of insurance. I understand that I will receive no pay for my services and may not receive reimbursement for my out-of-pocket expenses.

Nevertheless, I willingly volunteer to engage in such hazardous activities under often difficult conditions knowing that I may be exposed to life-threatening situations.

As a consequence and in consideration of the privilege of training and participation with the group, I hereby assume all of the above mentioned risks, and will hold the Conference harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, deaths,

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claims, demands of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether in tort in contract or in any other legal theory, which may arise from or in connection with my participation as a volunteer with the Conference. In doing so I similarly release the officers, directors, agents and membership of the Conference. The terms of this release shall serve as a release and assumption of risks for my heirs, executor and administrators and for all those dependent upon me.

I state that I am of legal age and competence according to the laws of the jurisdiction in which I reside and certify that I have read and understand the above. If I am married, my spouse joins in this release as evidenced by my spouse's signature below. If I am a minor my parent or legal guardian joins in this release as evidenced by the signature below.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 19_____

in _____, state of _____,

Applicant's printed name

Seal

Spouse or parent or legal
guardian's printed name

Applicant's signature

Spouse or parent or legal
guardian's printed name

Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group

P.O. Box 602
Ambridge, PA 15003

February 15, 1993

Bruce Hemmer, ASRC Secretary
2508 Fontaine Avenue
Charlottesville VA 22903

Dear Mr. ^{Bruce}Hemmer:

SUBJECT: December 1992 Board of Directors Minutes

Just a few comments on and corrections to the December 1992 minutes. First, although neither John nor I were able to attend the meeting, Michael Kuga had mailed a report to Chairman Dave Carter prior to the meeting.

Second, regarding ASTM: we had elected to use the cheaper alternative of having an individual ASTM member represent the voice of the ASRC, and agreed to pay the individual membership dues for Mr. Dixon for this purpose. In order to switch membership to Mr. PUNCHES, Mr. PUNCHES needs to submit a membership application to ASTM (available from ASTM HQ) and pay 1993 membership dues (\$50), which by previous motion should be reimbursed by the ASRC.

Regarding the ASRC Membership Meeting in Surry, VA in April: this location is 7.5 hours drive from AMRG, not counting rest or meal stops. If you wish to have any chance of AMRG members attending, you should schedule the meeting in the late afternoon/early evening hours of Saturday; please let us know of the time and exact location.

Regarding the November 1992 ASRC Simulation discussed in the Training Report: this was scheduled at the same time as the ASRC-CEM Wilderness EMT class and simulation in western Pennsylvania. This was known before the simulation was scheduled, and it was known that all of AMRG and some other ASRC Groups would participate in the official ASRC simulation held as part of the WEMT class. Therefore poor attendance at the "other" ASRC simulation should be no surprise. If we wish to hold an ASRC simulation so that AMRG will



The western Pennsylvania Group of the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference
A certified Member Team of the Mountain Rescue Association



Bruce Hemmer, ASRC Secretary
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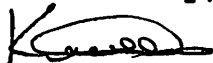
attend, and so that ASRC members will not be drawn away from the simulation, we should not hold them the same weekend as a WEMT class. I also think that ASRC Simulations suffer from lack of publicity to individual ASRC members. Although expensive, a training mailing to each individual ASRC member once or twice a year might remedy this.

Regarding the Safety Officer report of Lyme disease from an ASRC mission: as a physician specializing in diseases such as Lyme Disease, I must observe that there is little in the published report to suggest that this person actually contracted Lyme Disease on an ASRC mission. The diagnosis was based on serological tests for Lyme Disease, and these tests are notorious for having false-positive results. The current recommendations are that acute Lyme Disease be diagnosed entirely on clinical grounds, in particular having the classic rash of Erythema Migrans; "flu-like symptoms" are not enough. The report notes that this person had been treated for Lyme Disease in the past, and we know that in particular the ELISA test may stay positive for years after treated Lyme Disease. To paraphrase a recent article:

"Resist the temptation to test patients with vague nonspecific symptoms such as fatigue, fever, myalgias, or transient arthralgias; the ELISA test remains positive for many years, even in treated patients, and a false positive test in such a patient may lead to numerous courses of unneeded antibiotics (sometimes with a placebo effect) and result in failure to diagnose the true problem." [Gerber MA, Shapiro ED. Diagnosis of Lyme disease in children. J Ped 1992; 12(1):158-62.]

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Keith Conover, M.D.

AMRG ASRC Delegate

cc: Mr. Carter, Mr. Panches, Mr. Mechtel

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5814 Picasso Place
Houston, Texas 77096-3913
28JUN93

Mr. David Carter,
Chairman,
Appalachian Search & Rescue Conference, Inc.
P.O. Box 440
Newcomb Hall Station
Charlottesville, Virginia 22904

Dear Mr. Carter:

As you presumably have heard, I have recently graduated from the University of Virginia. While I realize that this means little, since almost fifty percent of the **current** members of the Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group have also already graduated, it makes a significant impact on my position in the Conference. As of 15AUG93, I will be incarcerated in the hallowed halls of the University of Notre Dame. Since South Bend, Indiana is a little far to drive for a search, and I have relayed enough requests for air transport to know what my chances are of receiving that illusory luxury, I must request that you accept my resignation from the roster of Incident Staff of the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference.

Should the members of the Board of Directors feel light-headed enough to attempt to refuse to accept this resignation, it is my duty to point out to you that you will be stuck with me for three years from 1JAN93. Since I do not need to meet recertification requirements until one year from that date, and, having met all current requirements (not that I expect them to stay current for more than a week at a time anyway), should be recertified for two years, you could be stuck with my name on the roster until 1JAN96. As I am certain that this would bestow upon me the dubious status somewhere between "Base Twinkie" and "Old Fart," I beg of you not to let this happen.

My years with the Conference have been truly enjoyable, and have provided me with enough grey hairs that my mother felt obliged to comment on them when I arrived home from school. Good luck to all, and may the searches be few, but the celebrations many!! Please pass on my best wishes to all of the Conference -- should anyone feel the need to track me down, BRMRG will know where to find me, or you can follow the snowshoe tracks . . .

Sincerely,

Charles E. P. Chopin

cc: MB, BRMRG Chair

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1000 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

APPALACHIAN ALERT

THE APPALACHIAN SEARCH & RESCUE CONFERENCE

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A Publication of the Appalachian Search & Rescue Conference, Inc.

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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Ops Off Doom Poon (301) 590-9424

Note: It is understood this information changes with changes in names, addresses and phone numbers.

**TIDEWATER SEARCH AND RESCUE GROUP, INC
JULY 1993 NEWSLETTER**

TRAINING

11 JUL 93 1000-1300 Vertical Training, Driver Tower, Mark Eggeman, Newbie Training
15 JUL 93 1900-2100 Table Top mission, Carter's
24 JUL 93 1030 SAR Council, 310 Turner Road, Richmond
25 JUL 93 1000-1300 Training: Review of Rescue Management, Dave Carter, Camp Pendleton, BLDG 203
29 JUL 93 1900 Business meeting, Pizza Hut Northampton Blvd.
31 JUL 93 1100-2400 CAP SARCAP, TSAR IS staff supporting

6-14AUG93 PJOC (Scott, Mark, Dave out of town)
8 AUG 93 1000-1300 Vertical Training, Driver Tower, Earl Evans, mini simulation
19 AUG 93 1900-2100 Table Top mission, Carter's
22 AUG 93 1000-1300 Training, Review of FTL Management, Dave Carter, Camp Pendleton, Bldg 203
26 AUG 93 1900 Business meeting, Pizza Hut Northampton Blvd.
30 Aug 93 1030 ASRC BOD, Charlottesville

Many thanks for all of you that showed up at the vertical training in June. An excellent crowd and there were many "lessons learned" Right Scott?

WE GOT IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We got the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund grant! Three new radios have been ordered. They are the new Radius P110's and we will not have rapid chargers or spare batteries, yet, but we got them. It will cost us about \$290.00 of our money to match the grant. Thanks Colleen for your help with the budget work. Next submittal, we are going to try for a trailer.

Garage Sale

So, we need to raise money to bring our treasury up. All that stuff you have been meaning to get rid of, well now is the time. Take it to Mark and Colleen's (you can see the new house that way too). Sale is on the 28th of August. Birthday party from hell to follow in the evening.

Vertical Simulation

Earl has the campground reservations. We do not have a subject yet, but we have the dates 10,11,12 Sep. Make plans to come.

Questions? Call Ruth or Dave

Keith Conover, M.D.

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September 6, 1993

SARTA

Attn: David A. Carter, ASRC Chairman
803 Townsend Court
Norfolk, VA 23502

Dear Mr. Carter:

SUBJECT: Copyrights and SARTA Materials

I write to bring up a concern with the possible adoption of SARTA materials by the ASRC. In skimming the books, I found reproductions of many copyrighted pictures without attribution or mention of copyright permissions being granted. I would vote against adopting any texts that might be the subject of a copyright infringement suit.

Some of the copyrighted diagrams are mine; I'll be happy to grant permission for their use provided (1) proper attribution is given in the texts, and (2) that I am given, without charge, two (2) copies of all SARTA manuals, instructors' manuals, and overheads.

However, SARTA should also investigate for diagrams that come from other sources, and ensure that there are no other copyright infringements.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Keith Conover, M.D.

cc: Secretary, ASRC Board of Directors

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September 25, 1993

SARTA

Attn: David A. Carter, ASRC Chairman
803 Townsend Court
Norfolk, VA 23502

Dear Mr. Carter:

SUBJECT: Copyrights and SARTA Materials

No! No! Relax! I'm not trying to do anything sneaky. The previous letter only covered subsequent editions of "the Virginia Wing CAP GSAR Manual," so it didn't apply to the new SARTA manuals. I was just trying to correct the oversight, and in with the deal get some free copies of the new SARTA books and over-heads for personal use, and to review and send you suggestions. It's also probably a good investment for SARTA; I want to show the books around up here and probably can get some of the SAR teams up here to invest in some.

Although I only had a brief glance at them at the BOD meeting, I was very impressed. However, I also agree to a degree with Gene; there were a few technical items that need to be corrected, and I promise to review the manuals carefully and give you detailed comments and suggestions.

Since I don't have access to a copy of the manuals, I can't cite specific figures, but some of the knot figures look exactly the same as those in books such as Basic Rockcraft and Mountain SAR Techniques. And the way I understand it, if the diagrams look essentially the same, copying by tracing on a computer is no better than copying on a Xerox machine. But I'm not a lawyer, and I couldn't find anything about it in Curtis's How to Be Your Own Literary Agent or Sitarz's The Desktop Publisher's Legal Handbook or Goldfarb and Ross's The Writer's Lawyer, so who really knows? If you'll send me copies of the manuals, I'll see if I can match up the figures with the others that looked similar to my eye; maybe some simple modification on Mark's Mac will

David A. Carter, ASRC Chairman
September 25, 1993
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prevent others from picking up what my eye did, and eliminate any danger of copyright infringement.

So, relax, don't worry. I probably should have called you before sending the last letter, or talked to you after the meeting, or written a better letter. And if it costs too much to give me a set of the transparencies, I understand, though I'd really like to have transparencies particularly of those nice land navigations diagrams I did. And if you want me to sign on officially as some sort of SARTA assistant, I'd be happy to do that too.

Thanks, and my apologies for not writing a better letter last time.

Yours truly,

Keith Conover, M.D.

cc: Secretary, ASRC Board of Directors

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APPALACHIAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CONFERENCE

Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group, ASRC

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Ambridge, PA 15008

ASRC 24-hour Emergency Telephone: (804) 674-2400

Reply To:

Richard E. Worst, AMRG Chairman

105 Green Forest Drive

Baden, PA 15005

July 25, 1992

**Bruce Hemmer, ASRC Secretary
2508 Fontaine Avenue
Charlottesville VA 22903**

Dear Mr. Hemmer:

SUBJECT: ASRC Board Delgates

This letter is to officially notify you of our ASRC Board of Directors Delegates. Our elected representatives are Dr. Keith Conover and John Greenaway. Our elected Alternates are myself and Michael S. Kuga. Dr. Conover had submitted his resignation, but I did not accept it. After some discussion, he has agreed to stay on, at least until the August BOD meeting. He, John Greenaway, and Mike Kuga plan to attend the August Board meeting; several other members also plan to attend. Unfortunately, I myself cannot attend. I have been unable to rearrange my shift-work schedule so as to take three days consecutive off to attend.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Richard E. Worst, Chairman

cc: ASRC P.O. Box

THE
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STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

IN SENATE,
January 10, 1906.
REPORT
OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL,
JAMES C. CLARK,
IN ANSWER TO A
RESOLUTION PASSED
BY THE SENATE,
MAY 1, 1905,
RELATIVE TO THE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF THE
LAND OFFICE,
IN CONNECTION WITH
THE SALE OF THE
LANDS BELONGING
TO THE STATE.

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October 14, 1993

SARTA

Attn: David A. Carter, ASRC Chairman
803 Townsend Court
Norfolk, VA 23502

Dear Mr. Carter:

SUBJECT: SARTA Materials

Thanks very much for your letter and for the copies of SARTA materials. Looking through them in more detail, I am struck with how much better they are than anything else available for this purpose. I'll do what I can to get them used up here in Pennsylvania as well as in Virginia.

As far as figures copied from other copyrighted sources, figures 12-6, -7 (top part), -8 (left part), -9, -10, and -12 are exact copies of diagrams from Wheelock's Ropes, Knots, and Slings for Climbers. Figures 12-7 (bottom part) and 12-8 (webbing diagram) are taken directly from page 20 of Robbins' Basic Rockcraft. These are the only figures that I can find that might be a problem. It shouldn't be too difficult to commission new knot diagrams for the next edition. If you wish, I'll ask Mike Yee, an AMRG member whose artistic talents you may have noted in some of the cartoons accompanying the trauma section of the Wilderness EMT course, if he'll make new diagrams for the text for free.

As regards sales, let me say that I didn't expect SARTA's motivation is money. Anyone involved in the SAR business is by definition not motivated by money, (Except, possibly, NASAR) or at least if they're motivated primarily by money they leave the field once they get the real picture. I just expect that SARTA

SARTA, David Carter
October 14, 1993
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should want their texts used more widely because it'll improve SAR. And we could certainly use some of that in Pennsylvania.

Well, I'm going to drop by the Center for Emergency Medicine and loan George Pry the copies of GSAR and FTM manual you so graciously provided, and I'll lean on him to use them for the Basic Wilderness Rescue classes offered here.

Thanks again.

Yours truly,

Keith Conover, M.D.

cc: Secretary, ASRC Board of Directors

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MEMORANDUM

SHENANDOAH MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP

118 PARK STREET SOUTHEAST

VIENNA, VIRGINIA 22180-4608

(703) 242-1276

TO: SMRG General Membership
FROM: SMRG Officers
DATE: December 1993
SUBJECT: Group Information and Activities

INTRODUCTION

Hello! ELECTIONS ARE COMING! ELECTIONS ARE COMING! ELECTIONS ARE COMING! NOW IS THE TIME TO ASK NOT WHAT SMRG CAN DO FOR YOU BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR SMRG!

Be sure to thank the SMRG Officers/Representatives for 1993, who are as follows:

OFFICE	OFFICER	HOME PHONE
• Chair	Gary Mechtel	(410) 381-2593
• Vice-Chair	Jenny Burmester	(703) 978-7819
• Treasurer	Amy Rue	(804) 266-6746
• Secretary		
• Operations	Paul DeHaven	(703) 354-2957
• Communication	Dereck Cambell	(703) 768-4133
• Equipment	Chuck Lalkin	(703) 239-9716
• Training	William Dixon	
• ASRC Reps	Gary Mechtel/Jenny Burmester	
• PATC Rep	Andrew Marsh	
• VASARCO Reps (2)	Dawn Arbogast/Chip Myers	
• PASARCO Rep (1)	Steve Houck	
• MRA Reps (2)	Gene Harrison/Dawn Arbogast/Chip Myers	

Nominations will open at the December 28, 1993 business meeting for elected and appointed positions. Elections will be held at the January business meeting, with the new officers taking office at the February meeting. The positions and those people who have expressed an interested are as follows:

OFFICE	VOTED/APPOINTED	INTERESTED
• Chair	VOTED	Jenny Burmester
• Vice-Chair	VOTED	Paul DeHaven
• Treasurer	VOTED	Amy Rue
• Secretary	APPOINTED	
• Operations	VOTED	Paul DeHaven
• Communication	APPOINTED	Steve Houck
• Training	VOTED	Gary Mechtel
• New Membership	VOTED	Tony Hoade
• ASRC Reps (2)	VOTED	Gary Mechtel
		Amy Rue
		Jenny Burmester
• PATC Rep	APPOINTED	
• VASARCO Reps (2)	APPOINTED	
• PASARCO Rep (1)	APPOINTED	Steve Houck
• MRA Reps (2)	APPOINTED	

TRAINING

A 1994 Training/Events calendar is attached. Please note that a three weekend Field Team Member (FTM) class, for new members, will be offered January 14-16, January 28-30, and February 12-13. Call the Operations Line (703) 255-5034 for more details on upcoming events.

In conjunction with the ASRC BOD meeting to be held Saturday December 18, 1993 in Charlottesville, an Alert Officer (AO) course will be taught. All FTLs, IS, and ICs are encouraged to attend. Only ISs and ICs are eligible to become AOs but the training is valuable for everyone.

Effective in December William Dixon has resigned as Group Training Officer. Please congratulate William on his promotion at work.

SMRG NEEDS A GROUP TRAINING OFFICER!!!! ARE YOU INTERESTED?????

OPERATIONS

The ASRC responded to six missions in November, four of which went to full callout. Please see the Operations Reports attached for more information. Paul DeHaven (Operations Officer) has a number of projects that he desperately need help with. These include making the SMRG office more presentable and improving the group equipment to make responses more efficient. If you can help, please call Paul.

ALL SMRG PAGER CARRIERS AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH PERSONAL PAGERS WITH THE GROUP NUMBER LISTED ON THE ROSTER MUST RESPOND TO PAGER TESTS AND SEARCHES. IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE GUILTY, START CALLING IN. YOU RISK THE LOSS OF THE PRIVILEGE OF CARRYING A SMRG PAGER. IF YOU ARE GUILTY AND CARRY A PERSONAL PAGER, TELL PAUL SO THAT YOUR PAGER STATUS MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE ROSTER.

IF YOU WANT TO CARRY A PAGER, CALL PAUL.

SMRG is now selling magnetic/reflective "Search and Rescue" placards for \$10 and \$15 to non-SMRG members. If you are interested, see Paul.

MEMBERSHIP

A new roster is attached.

The officers will be conducting interviews with all SMRG members in December and January to assess the interests of the Group. This information will be used to assist with long-range planning to help make SMRG the best group in the ASRC. Please be sure to fill out and Interest Profile and return it to Jenny Burmester by January 1, 1994. Thanks.

GENERAL

A holiday party will be held in conjunction with the December Business Meeting. It will be potluck, so bring some cookies or munchies to share.

On January 1, 1994, a Holiday Party will be held at Lisa Hannon's. Call the Ops Lines for details.

MRA 1994 dues are due \$5.

OPERATIONS REPORT
SUBMITTED BY: Paul DeHaven
REPORT DATE: 30 NOV 93

* MISSIONS:

- (01) 19 OCT 93 16:37:00 333 67 y.o. blk. M. King George Co., VA
SUBJ. MISSING SINCE 12:00 19 OCT 93
442 VIRGINIA STATE POLICE MED-FLIGHT
ON SCENE W/ MEDIC; SUBJ. STABLE
- (02) 02 NOV 93 14:02:00 222 MISSING SUBJ.; ALBEMARLE, CO., VA
15yo M MISSING SINCE 13:00:00 31 OCT
POSS RUNAWAY
PROB NEED FOR OHT W/ 1 NXT SEVERAL HR;
APD ON SCENE
15:31:00 333 LOCAL FIRE/RESCUE RESPONDING
NEED ASRC FTLs
ASRC I.C. ON SCENE
443 2/3 MILE FROM BASE
03 NOV 93 16:15:00
SUBJ FOUND HANGING BY SHIRT IN TREE
PROB. CAUSING STRANGULATION
PROB. ACCIDENTAL DEATH; P.D.
INVESTIGATION INITIATED
20:15:00 ASRC BASE CLOSED
- (03) 24 NOV 93 20:11:00 331 MISSING SUBJ.; POKAHANTAS, WVA.
60yo M MISSING SINCE 13:00:00 ON
24 NOV 93
ALZHEIMERS PT.
333 URGENT NEED FOR IS AND FTLs
17:33:00 442 SUBJ. FOUND AND TRANSPORTED
VIA 4X4 ATV TO BASE
20:17:00 SMRG DISPATCH ASSUMED RESP. FOR
SMRG PERSONNEL
23:17:00 888 ASRC DISPATCH
- (04) 30 NOV 93 15:38:00 111 MISSING SUBJ; NEWPORT NEWS, VA.
POSS. SUICIDAL MAF.
ASRC I.C. ENROUTE TO INVESTIGATE
DOGS ON SCENE
- * RESPONSE TO PAGES: IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE THE
SMRG NETWORK ON THEIR PAGER, GROUP OWNED OR
PERSONALLY OWNED, RESPOND TO ALL PAGES AND PAGER
TESTS. IF YOU HAVE THE SMRG NET ON YOUR OWN PERSONAL
PAGER AND DO NOT WISH TO OR INTEND TO RESPOND TO
PAGES, PLEASE INFORM THE GROUP OPERATIONS OFFICER
OF THIS FACT.

SHENANDOAH MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP TRAINING SCHEDULE
CONFIRM BY CALLING (703) 255-5034

1993-1994 TRAINING SCHEDULE

On-going Training/Events:

1st Tuesday of the Month	GUEST LECTURE/MAP PROBLEM
1st Thursday of the Month	PATC New Member Orientation
2nd Tuesday of the Month	PATC Council Meeting
	SMRG COMMITTEE MEETINGS
3rd Tuesday of the Month	SMRG NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
	SMRG COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Last Tuesday of the Month	BUSINESS MEETING

DECEMBER

12/7/93	1930	PATC	HOADE	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
12/18/93	1000	CH'VILLE	BURMESTER	BOD MEETING/AO TRAINING
12/21/93	1930			TBA
12/28/93	1930	PATC	MECHTEL	BUSINESS MEETING/Party

JANUARY

1/4/94	1930	PATC	DEHAVEN	ALERT/DISPATCH TRAINING
1/14-16/94		PATC	MECHTEL	FTM-PART I
1/14-16/94		COLUMBIA,MD		MSO-PART I
1/18/94	1930	PATC	HOADE	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
1/28-30/94		PATC	MECHTEL	FTM-PART II
1/28-30/94		COLUMBIA,MD		MSO-PART II
1/25/94	1930	PATC	MECHTEL	BUSINESS MEETING

FEBRUARY

2/1/94	1930	PATC	DIXON	MAP PROBLEM
2/5/94	0900	PATC	BURMESTER	OFFICER TQM SESSION
2/12-13/94		PATC	MECHTEL	FTM-PART III
2/15/94	1930	PATC	HOADE	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
			BURMESTER	OFFICER LEADERSHIP TRAINING
2/26/94	1000	CH'VILLE		BOD MEETING
2/22/94	1930	PATC		BUSINESS MEETING

MARCH

3/1/94	1930	PATC		AREA COMMAND AUTHORITY
3/15/94	1930	PATC		NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
3/29/94	1930	PATC		BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL

4/5/94	1930	PATC		DOGWOOD PLANNING
4/15-17/94		GRAVES MTN		IC WORKSHOP (DES)
4/19/94	1930	PATC		NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
? 4/22-24/94				DOGWOOD
4/23/94	1000	PATC		BOD/GENERAL MEMBER MTG
4/26/94	1930	PATC		BUSINESS MEETING

MAY

5/3/94	1930	PATC		MAP PROBLEM
5/14-15				ASRC SIMULATION
5/17/94	1930	PATC		NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
5/22/94				COLUMBIA TRIATHLON
5/31/94	1930	PATC		BUSINESS MEETING

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1st Tuesday of the Month			GUEST LECTURE/MAP PROBLEM PATC New Member Orientation PATC Council Meeting SMRG COMMITTEE MEETINGS SMRG NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SMRG COMMITTEE MEETINGS BUSINESS MEETING
1st Thursday of the Month			
2nd Tuesday of the Month			
3rd Tuesday of the Month			
Last Tuesday of the Month			
JUNE	6/5/94		Cambridge Triathlon
	6/7/94	1930 PATC	SAR DOGS
	6/21/94	1930 PATC	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
	?		ANNAPOLIS TRIATHLON
	6/28/94	1930 PATC	BUSINESS MEETING
JULY			
	7/4/94	0600 DC MALL	JULY 4TH MEDICAL STANDBY
	7/16-17/94	0830 TBA	GSAR (FTL)-PART III TESTING
	7/19/94	1930 PATC	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
			OCEAN CITY TRIATHLON
	7/26/94	1930 PATC	BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST	8/14/94		Columbia Triathlon
	8/2/94	1930 PATC	CAVE RESCUE LECTURE
	8/16/94	1930 PATC	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
	8/30/94	1930 PATC	BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER			
	9/6/94	1930 PATC	MAP PROBLEM
	9/10-11/94	MONT CO, MD	HAM FEST
	9/17-18/94	0830 TBA	GSAR (FTM)-PART I
	9/20/94	1930 PATC	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
	9/27/94	1930 PATC	BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER			
	10/4/94	1930 PATC	CISD
	10/8-9/94	0830 TBA	GSAR (FTM)-PART II
	10/18/94	1930 PATC	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
	10/25/94	1930 PATC	BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER			
	11/1/94	1930 PATC	MAP PROBLEM
	11/5-6/94	0830 TBA	GSAR (FTM)-PART III TESTING
	11/15/94	1930 PATC	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
	11/19-20/94		ASRC SIMULATION
	11/29/94	1930 PATC	BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER			
	12/6/94	1930 PATC	GUEST LECTURE
	12//94	1000 CH'VILLE	BOD MEETING
	12/20/94	1930	X-MAS PARTY
	12/27/94	1930 PATC	BUSINESS MEETING

I thought that I would rattle off a quick note to everybody. Recently I have been involved with a number of organizational issues, including PATC issues of the Dogwood and our budget. SMRG is defending its budget request (were slated to only receive 2133 out of a 6308 request for FY 1994). This is primarily being driven by PATC's limited budget. A number of groups within PATC are not getting everything that they requested. We have a chance to address this and will soon get some feed-back concerning the final budget allocation.

Recently we submitted a proposal to PATC that would make SMRG the coordination lead within PATC for the 1994 Dogwood. This too shall be discussed during the December PATC Council meeting.

Finally, I had submitted a special budget request to replace our ropes and to procure additional technical hardware. This too will be discussed during the December meeting. I have been told that the financial committee will recommend against our receiving any special funds.

Beyond PATC, I have been keeping in contact with the Maryland Defense Force. Nothing much to report in that arena. However, I hope to resolve our future relationship soon.

On a different tack, SMRG is working at developing a better understanding of what you, the membership are most interested in and what your time availabilities are. Please fill out the attached form. This information will help us all agree on the direction we should take and the amount of different tasks we should undertake next year. This survey is one of the important tools we need to develop before the administration changes early next year.

Also remember that elections are coming up soon. We need people to run for office. Please contact any of the officers to indicate if you are interested in running for office.

Gary.

P.S. World Cup Volunteer support !!

Andy Marsh is working for the world cup association and is coordinating the volunteers that will be used during the upcoming world cup games (four games in June of 1994) that will be held here in DC. Anyone who is interested must contact Andy Marsh and schedule an interview by 1/15/94. Call Andy at 202-426-1994. The World Cup only uses individuals, therefore SMRG will not be responding as a agency. If you are interested call Andy direct.

Gary.

SMRG 1994 Individual Member's Interest Profile.

This sheet is solely intended to help determine the level of interest that the members of the group have in the various group activities and operational responses. The data will be used to help guide our commitments in the up coming year. Please include your name.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Social:

1) How many social events you would like in 1994: _____

2) Are you willing to coordinate any events? _____

3) Do you have any suggestions for types of events? _____

Admin & Other:

Please check which you are willing to fulfill:

Chair _____
Vice Chair _____
Treasurer _____
Secretary _____
ASRC Rep _____
PATC Rep _____
Events Coordinator _____
No. Va. EMS Rep _____
Membership Coord. _____
Va. SAR Co. Rep _____

Operations _____
Training Officer _____
Training Coordinator _____
Dispatcher _____
Equipment Officer _____
Comms Officer _____
Newsletter Editor _____
Penn SAR Co. Rep _____
MRA Rep _____

Please check which events(s) you are willing to coordinate or help coordinate:

April Dogwood _____
May Columbia Triath. _____
Other Tirathon _____
4th of July _____

Jan. FTM Course _____
Sept HAM Fest _____
Other events _____

Please circle the appropriate answer:

Are you interested in helping recruit and support new members? Y / N
Are you interested in helping raise money? Y / N
Are you interested in acting as a special liaison ? Y / N
Are you willing to help write articles for the PATC newsletter ? Y / N
Are you willing to work in the office? Y / N
Are you willing to help write grant applications? Y / N
Are you willing to work on other special projects? Y / N
Are you willing to make presentations to outside agencies? Y / N
Can you think of anything else that interests you? _____

Operations

Please check the appropriate box:

	Never weekends	Available weekdays	Rarely Weekends	Available Weekdays	Often Weekends	Available Weekdays
Searches:						
- Local (<40 mi) (6 hr min)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
- Local (<40 mi) (24 hr min)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
- Far away (24 hr min)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Pre-planned Special events	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

Please circle the appropriate answer:

Do you presently have a group pager ?	Y / N
Do you presently have a personal pager?	Y / N
If yes, does your pager carry the group cap code?	Y / N
If yes, does your pager carry the ASRC cap code?	Y / N

If you have a pager with a group cap code, will you respond to group pages	(Always)				(Never)
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On average, how many days can you spend per month on searches?	_____ days
On average, how many days can you spend per month on special events?	_____ days
On average, how many days can you spend per month on training events?	_____ days
On average, how many hours will you spend on SAR admin?	_____ hrs
On average, how many total days can you spend per month on SAR?	_____ days
On average, how many SAR events will you attend per month	_____ events

Training:

Please check :	Want to take	Will help teach
COQ course	-----	-----
Monthly new member seminar	-----	-----
FTM course	-----	-----
1st Responder course	-----	-----
EMT course	-----	-----
FIL course	-----	-----
Disaster Response training	-----	-----
MSO /MSF	-----	-----
Monthly special topics	-----	-----
Tech. Rescue	-----	-----
Missing AC. Search	-----	-----
IS Table Top Exercises	-----	-----
Intro. to White Water Rescue	-----	-----
Intro to Cave Rescue	-----	-----

From: G. Mechtel
Subj.: 1994 & beyond SMRG Goals
Date: 11/29/93
Version Draft

To: SMRG

Recently, I and the other officers of SMRG held a long range planning meeting. We discussed both long range goals and objectives along with the goals for the coming year. I have listed these objectives. What is listed below represent's my further reflection on what was discussed (without the sound advice of the other officers). These are draft goals. Please review them and provide your feedback. We, as a group, need to adopt a set of high level goals

Long Range Goal:

Be the best group in the ASRC by 1996.

(note: this means that the other groups must admit that we are the best. Not that we here at SMRG think that we are the best!!)

Long range sub-objectives:

The above goal leads to a number of sub-objectives that are listed below.

1.0) Operations:

- 1.1) Provide at least: 1 IS, 4 FTLs, and 5 FTMs, to every full callout by 1996
- 1.2) Be a full MRA team by 1996
- 1.3) Have 20 EMTs in the group by 1996.
- 1.4) Have WEMTs in the group by 1996.
- 1.5) Participate in 5 incidents/year in Maryland
- 1.6) Participate in 5 incidents within 50 miles from PATC HQ/yr.
- 1.7) Have 5 trackers in SMRG
- 1.8) Have 16 handheld radios, 4 mobile radios, and two masts and power supplies
- 1.9) Have 90% of the group on pagers

3.5) Teach an yearly MSO course

4.0) Administration

4.1) Have an annual dedicated income of \$ 15k per year.

4.2) Have competition for every elected office.

4.3) Have a highly capable computer system (CPUs, printers, modems, CD drives, etc.) which is used to maintain the group roster, training records, admin records, financial records, etc.

4.4) Limit the field personnel's efforts to administratively run the group.

4.5) Change the administrative structure of the group--Have a group BOD with quarterly business meetings

4.6) Provide a phone allowance for long distance calls

4.7) Improve the office

5.0) Other:

5.1) Have SMRG members publish at least 2 papers per year on SAR topics

5.2) Have 5 PR articles published per year about SMRG

5.3) Provide 1 ASRC officer per year

5.4) Provide 1 instructor per Va. Sponsored GSAR

5.5) Develop a Maryland SAR Council

5.6) Provide membership uniforms (parkas, caps)

5.7) Sponsor a winter mountaineering trip/yr.

5.8) Become the lead coordinator for _____??_____ event.

5.9) Enhance CAP relationships in Maryland

5.10) Enhance CAP relationships in Va.

Obviously, we cannot attain all of this by 1996. However, we need to decide where we want to be. Please review these goals and come back with suggested changes. What are your interests?

- 1.0) Operations:**
- 1.1) Provide at least 5 FTMs to 50% of all the full callouts.
 - 1.2) Procure at least one new mobile radio
 - 1.3) Upgrade the mast antenna to minimize RF losses and improve antenna gain.
 - 1.4) Complete the Md USGS Map set
 - 1.5) Get a photocopier
 - 1.6) Replace all soft rescue materials
 - 1.7) Get 6 new rescue biners, 3 prusik minding pulleys
 - 1.8) Improve response to group alert pages
 - 1.9) Develop an MRA rescue team
 - 1.10) Participate in 2 incidents in Maryland
 - 1.11) Participate in 2 incidents within 50 miles from PATC HQ/yr.
 - 1.12) Have 50% of the group on pagers
 - 1.10) Have 50% of the people equiped with pagers respond within 10 minutes of a incident alerting page.
 - 1.11) Provide technical rescue support to 1 incident with the local parks
 - 1.12) Establish an MOU with a local Helicopter for rapid transport
 - 1.13) Own 1 hand-held night vision equipment sets
 - 1.14) Own 1 GPS hand-held receiver
 - 1.19) Have one complete overhead ops kits with photocopier.
 - 1.20) Participate in 4 medical standbys.

Next Year's Goals: - Done
(1994)

4.0) Administration

- 4.1) Have an annual dedicated income of \$ 6 k.
- 4.2) Have competition for two elected offices.
- 4.3) Have a computer system (CPUs, printers, modems, etc.) which is used to maintain some of the group roster, training records, admin records, financial records, etc.
- 4.4) Change the administrative structure of the group--Have a group BOD with quarterly business meetings
- 4.5) Improve the office

5.0) Other:

- 5.1) Have SMRG members publish at least 1 paper on a SAR topic
- 5.2) Have 2 PR articles published about SMRG
- 5.3) Provide 1 ASRC officer
- 5.4) Provide 1 instructor for at least 50% of the Va. Sponsored GSARs
- 5.5) Sponsor a winter mountaineering trip/yr.
- 5.6) Become the lead coordinator for _____??_____. event.
- 5.9) Enhance CAP relationships in Maryland
- 5.10) Enhance CAP relationships in Va.

Keith Conover, M.D.

36 Robinhood Road

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15220-3014



December 8, 1992

Bruce Hemmer, ASRC Secretary
2508 Fontaine Avenue
Charlottesville VA 22903

Dear Mr. Hemmer:

SUBJECT: IC Status

In accordance with your note sent out prior to the December 12 meeting, I have reviewed my compliance with the requirements for IC and IS status. In the past two years, I have served in the field on one mission (Richmond 1/19/91), and in Base on two: one partial shift as Operations on 1/19/91, and one shift as IC on the Harper's Ferry Search of 12/22/91. There have been no searches in 1992 in which I have participated, due to (1) lack of missions close to AMRG and lack of/inappropriateness of air transport for distant missions, (2) my being out of the area for a few searches, and (3) my inability to take off from Emergency Department duty to respond to most operations. Since this state of affairs is likely to continue as long as I have to work two jobs to pay off medical school loans, I hereby resign my IC and IS status.

However, item (1) above, the lack of missions for AMRG to respond to, is a problem for our Group in general. The Group is working on developing a larger mission load in Pennsylvania, but it will take time. (As I stroke my grizzled gray beard, I reminisce about the early days of the ASRC in Virginia, and reflect that the same was true in Virginia for about 10 years.) This means there is little likelihood of anyone from AMRG getting or keeping IS or IC status in the near future. While this is appropriate from the viewpoint

Bruce Hemmer, ASRC Secretary
December 8, 1992
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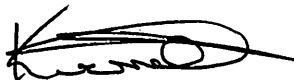
of trying to maintain individual standards, it leaves the ASRC's northern flank exposed. Because, if there are more missions in Pennsylvania, we will be faced with non-IS/non-IC AMRG members having to run things by themselves until an IC from SMRG or ESAR can arrive. While this is a problem for AMRG, it is also a problem for the ASRC as a whole.

We need to find ways to adequately train IS and IC members in groups such as AMRG that are far away from the mission load of the ASRC. (I also note that we have even had a dearth of IS/IC personnel sometimes in Virginia.) Perhaps this could be in the form of more rigorous IS/IC training that doesn't require actual on-the-job training on missions, including providing more opportunities during simulations. (I also note that the last ASRC simulation was held the same weekend as Pennsylvania WEMT, making it impossible for AMRG members to attend; though the field exercise of the PA ASRC WEMT counts as an official simulation, and provides good IS training in ops for one or two people, it would be nice if AMRGers could attend both in the future.)

Since I can't be at the meeting on the 12th, I'd appreciate your bringing this up there.

Thanks for letting me bend your ear.

Yours truly,



Keith Conover, M.D.

cc: Rich Worst (AMRG Chair), Dave Knorr (AMRG Training), Dave Carter (ASRC Chair), Peter McCabe (ASRC Training)

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Appalachian Search and Rescue
Southwest Virginia Mountain Rescue Group
203 Progress St.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Respond to:
John Punches
Group Training Officer - SWVaMRG
628 Lee St.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(703) 231-8835

14 January 1993

Mr. Rober Koester
ASRC Secretary
Box 440
Newcomb Station
Charlottesville VA 22904

Dear Bob:

It is my honor and privilege to announce to you the following changes to SWVaMRG's personnel roster:

- David Zader, Mike Dunn, and Garren Goodrich have achieved the level of FTL, having completed all group and conference requirements for this level.
- Carlton Bern and Doug McCaskill have achieved the level of COQ, having completed all group and conference requirements for this level.

Please ensure that these changes are reflected in the conference's records.

Sincerely,



John Punches



APPALACHIAN SEARCH & RESCUE CONFERENCE, INC.

P.O. BOX 440

NEWCOMB STATION

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22904

28 February 1993

Dear Member,

The General Membership Meeting of the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference will be held at the Pipsico Scout Reservation in Surry Virginia on 3 April 1993 at 1300 Hours local. This meeting meets the requirements for the annual General Membership Meeting of the Conference. There will a series of motions for changes to the bylaws made at the meeting. The recent proposed change to the by-laws that changed the number of active members required to vote has **PASSED**. Still, you need to send proxies if you wish to vote, but are unable to attend.

There will be a Board of Directors meeting at 1000 Hrs prior to the General Membership Meeting. The only purpose for the BOD is to elect officers for the new ASRC year.

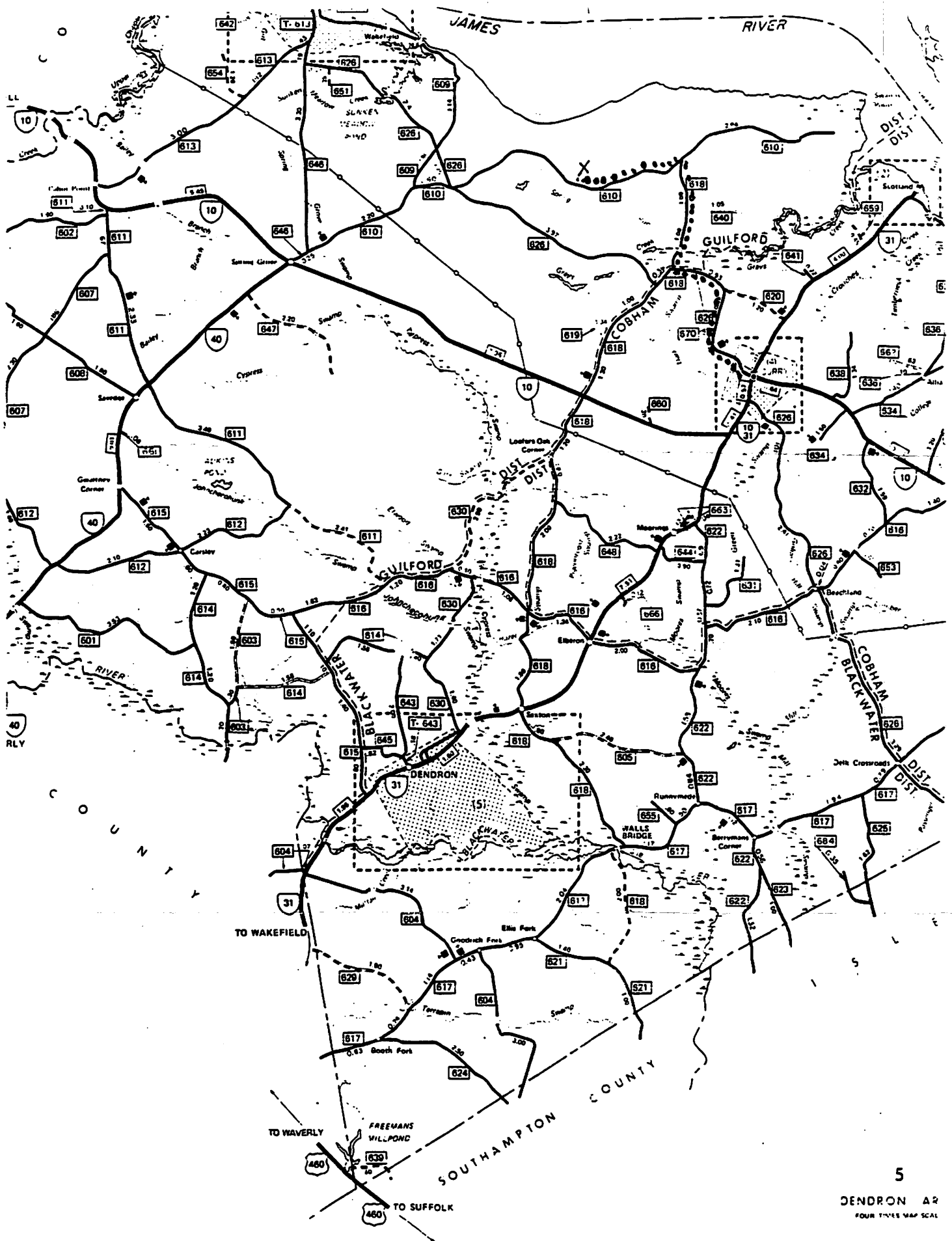
The Pipsico Scout Reservation is located in rural Surry County (See attached map). There are no fast food places or motels close to the Reservation. Primitive camping sites are available, but you need to advise TSAR if you plan to spend the night.

Simultaneously with the General Membership meeting, TSAR will be conducting a lost person simulation. All your members are invited and urged to participate in one or both of these activities. If you wish to train in any IS positions you must advise Earl Evans (TSAR Training Officer) by not later than 22 March 1993.

If you have questions or need additional information contact me at (804) 466 8094 (evenings) (804) 437 4635 (days).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Carter".

David A. Carter
Chairman



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FOUR TIMES MAP SCALE



SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING ASSOCIATES, INC.

P. O. BOX 9025
RICHMOND, VA. 23225

23 September 1993

803 Townsend Ct.
Norfolk, VA. 23502

Dear Keith,

What exactly is the reason for your letter? There appears to be a hidden agenda here. If your letter is about **you** getting stuff from SARTA, then that is not and never was a problem. Mark and I both feel your contribution to where we are today, even though it has been years since your involvement, is more than sufficient to warrant you getting a copy of the materials as a professional courtesy.

First, note the attached letter from you regarding this issue. You must have forgotten you wrote this letter. Second, while I can't seem to lay my hand on your resignation letter from the Ad Hoc Committee, I recall you authorizing us to use the materials you had developed. Third, in the preface of the manual you are given credit as one of the founders in the GSAR Manual and a major contributor to the manual, what more is necessary, ego aside? Fourth, the original manual was in fact copyrighted. Fifth, in my admittedly ancient memory cells there is a recollection that if printed material is not copyrighted after three years it become public domain.

BUT, if you can tell me which figures, other than those you allege as yours, are **copied** without permission, I will be glad to make sure in the next publication that we obtain permission. You have not been involved in this in years and so do not know what we do or do not have permission to use or the context of that permission.

Actually most of the drawings in the books have been done by Mark. They may look like a drawing in some book somewhere, but they were done by Mark on his trusty Macintosh.

These materials have been published and distributed all over the world for 15 years and we have never had a single instance of anyone questioning anything on this issue except you. Frankly, I think there is a hidden agenda here with you as a founder that has to do with the failure of ASRC to build its own manuals and our offer to allow the use of the SARTA materials.

Further you are aware as I am that if someone wants to sue the publisher of a document for unauthorized use of materials it in no way affects the users or purchasers of the materials. So ASRC could not and cannot become co-defendants in any mythical suit.

I believe we have your stated, but I will continue the situation if you can give specific examples of figures, other than those in your first statement.

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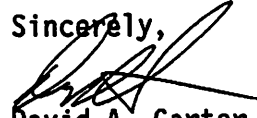
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I believe we have your stated, but perhaps not your hidden agenda, concerns covered, but I will correct the situation if you can give specific examples of figures, other those you allege as yours from the first edition, used without permission.

Personally, I think this is a smoke issue to achieve some other end you have in mind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David A. Carter', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

David A. Carter
President

cc:

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Ralph Wilfong
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29 January 1986

Mark Pennington
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Dear Mr. Pennington:

I am writing to offer SAR Training Associates permission to use portions of the First Edition of the Virginia Wing Ground Search and Rescue Manual, for which I hold copyright, in subsequent editions to be published by SAR Training Associates.

I would also like to offer what assistance I may in the editing of future editions. Please let me know how I can help. Thank you. As always,

Yours truly,



Keith Conover, M.D.
Allegheny General Hospital/Allegheny-Singer Research Institute
Chairman and Training Officer, Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group
(Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference -- Mountain Rescue
Association)
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

ASRC SEARCHES FOR 1992-1993

SEARCH NAME	DURATION	DATES
Big Devil Stair	11 hours	8/10/92
Franklin County	4 hours	8/20/92
Albemarle County	4 hours	9/2/92 - 9/3/92
Gathersburg Maryland	4 hours	9/5/92
Surrey County	48 hours	9/5/92 - 9/7/92
Surrey County	54 hours	9/12/92 - 9/14/92
Spotsylvania	42 minutes	9/13/92
Montgomery County	17 hours	9/18/92
Pittsylvania County	84 hours	10/1/92 - 10/4/92
Loudon County	1 hour	10/7/92
Pulaski County	3 hours	10/8/92
Old Rag SNP	22 hours	11/7/92 - 11/8/92
Rockingham County	.5 hours	11/14/92
Newport News	1 hour	12/18/92
Albemarle County	2 hours	12/26/92
Lundenburg Virginia	1 hour	1/2/93
Somerset County Pa.	85 hours	1/19/93 - 1/24/93
Louisa County Va.	12 hours	1/24/93 - 1/25/93
Loft Mt. SNP	30 hours	3/13/93
Great Smoky Mt. NC	5 hours	3/14/93
Pittsburg PA	4 hours	3/18/93
Wise County	27 hours	4/20/93
Old Rag SNP	11 hours	5/9/93 - 5/10/93
Old Rag SNP	12 hours	5/19/93 - 5/20/93
Newport News	12 hours	5/22/93
Callao VA	179 hours	7/2/93 - 7/11/93
Scottesville, VA	2 hours	7/25/93
Hustle, VA	1.5 hours	7/27/93
Martinsburg, VA	8 hours	8/3/93

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Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference

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November 18, 1993

Mr. Dave Carter
803 Townsend Ct.
Norfolk, VA 23502


Dear Dave:

Enclosed is my proposed agreement for the ASRC's use of SARTA's training materials. I have tried to address the concerns addressed by both parties at the October Board of Directors' meeting, and believe the draft you are receiving should be acceptable in principle. The specific levels of compensation (from ASRC to SARTA), while proposed in the document, are certainly not set in stone. However, I do not believe they should be altered significantly. Both SARTA and the ASRC stand to benefit from this agreement, not so much in terms of monetary gain, but in the timely distribution of good training materials and in the improvement of these materials through combined input from ASRC training officers. I hope you will agree with this.

Please contact me with your comments. I will be more than pleased to revise the proposal based on SARTA's input. One last comment on the fees schedule - I have spoken to local copying vendors about the cost of reproducing the SARTA materials. It is unlikely that the ASRC will actually save money by copying the materials locally rather than purchasing through your organization. The benefit we seek is the immediate availability of the materials. It is the hope of many ASRC members that SARTA will value the ASRC's input into improving the materials sufficiently to allow this proposal to proceed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


John Punches
ASRC Training Officer

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**Proposed Memorandum of Understanding
between
Search and Rescue Training Associates
and the
Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference
(November 18, 1993)**

Concerning the use of SARTA search and rescue training materials by the ASRC.

Intent:

The following is a proposed agreement between the ASRC and SARTA concerning the licensing of SARTA training materials for ASRC use. It is intended to allow ASRC members access to SARTA materials in a timely and cost effective manner, while ensuring sufficient cost recoupment by SARTA to allow continued improvement of said materials. This agreement does not propose the adoption of SARTA training programs as the ASRC training program, but rather adoption of SARTA materials to support ASRC training activities.

Proposal:

- 1) SARTA shall provide to each of the ASRC's eight (8) Groups one (1) copy of the most recently revised SARTA FTM and FTL course materials, to be reproduced for the sole use of ASRC personnel therein.
- 2) One (1) copy of said materials shall be provided directly to the ASRC to be maintained in the conference archives.
- 3) Each ASRC Group shall remit a fee, on a "per copy" basis, to SARTA in return for said right of reproduction. The fee schedule shall be as follows:
 - \$.25 for each complete copy of the SARTA FTM manual
 - \$.15 for each complete copy of the SARTA FTL manual
 - \$.10 for each complete copy of the SARTA FTM student guide
 - \$.10 for each complete copy of the SARTA FTL student guide
 - \$.50 for each complete copy of the SARTA FTM overheads
 - \$.50 for each complete copy of the SARTA FTL overheads
 - \$.50 for each complete copy of the SARTA FTM instructor's guide
 - \$.50 for each complete copy of the SARTA FTL instructor's guide
- 4) The ASRC agrees to reproduce SARTA materials as provided, without any modifications, alterations, or deletions except those expressly authorized by SARTA.
- 5) The ASRC and/or its member groups shall provide copies of SARTA materials (as licensed) to ASRC members for cost recoupment only. Copies shall not be sold or otherwise provided to persons or organizations not members of the ASRC without the expressed permission of SARTA.

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- 6) The ASRC and SARTA agree to assist each other in improving those SARTA training materials offered to the ASRC.
- 7) The ASRC shall grant to SARTA the authority to use the ASRC corporate identity the marketing of SARTA training programs. This shall include SARTA's authorization to state that the "ASRC has adopted the SARTA FTM and FTL manuals as its primary textbook", "the ASRC uses the SARTA training materials as a significant part of its training program", and any other statement identifying the ASRC so long as said statement has been approved for SARTA's use by the ASRC Board of Directors.
- 8) This memorandum of understanding shall not preclude ASRC groups from purchasing materials directly from SARTA or an authorized vendor.
- 9) This memorandum shall be valid for a period of two (2) years from the date of acceptance (by both SARTA and ASRC) and may be renewed or modified by joint action of the ASRC and SARTA at any time.