

The 40/40 Retreat
Bears Den Lodge

Preliminary Planning and Ideas

As I said in my earlier email, this year is the 40th anniversary of the ASRC, as such, we would like to make it a larger/more formal event than in past years. A number of people expressed interest in having something that was more like a conference with speakers. There are a number of interesting things going on in the conference that could be presented.

So far, what the BRMRG BOD has discussed is breaking the AGM into three separate events occurring on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
 A BRMRG reunion will be going on from our side But maybe have the ASRC folk all meet up for dinner in town SAR marathon friday night for all ASRC? 	 large scale conference open to anyone in SAR focusing on innovation in SAR (no reiteration of topics) Bring in speakers from across the country (if possible) as well as ASRC speakers Round off the night by a nice dinner (?) with keynote speakers to talk about our history and our future 	actual annual general meeting/ASRC BOD meeting	

Locations

We need to consider several location options: for the conference itself, for any dinners, and for housing options.

The best option seems to be reserving a block of rooms at the Red Roof Inn, there is no camping within about 20 miles of Charlottesville. Rooms are \$110 a night with the group rate

However, we can rent out a few KOA sites about ~20 minutes away from town.

Newcomb Hall

We can rent out rooms in Newcomb to have a high class place to host the conference lectures and dinner series. We would be charged the student rate to rent out the Newcomb Commonwealth Room, the Newcomb Ballroom, The Kalediscope Room, the Newcomb Gallery.

http://www.virginia.edu/newcomb/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Room-Rates-2012.pdf



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SPEAKERS

What we can do is set up a few 'Signature' sessions where we encourage everyone to attend

		Location		
Times	Kaleidiscope	Ballroom	South Meeting	Commonwealt h
9:00 a.m 10:00 a.m.	Breakout session		Breakout session	Breakout session
10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.	Breakout session		Breakout session	Breakout session
11:00 a.m 12:15 p.m.		Signature Session		
Lunch Break				
1:45 p.m 3:00 p.m.		Signature Session		
3:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.	Breakout session		Breakout session	Breakout session
4:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.	Breakout session		Breakout session	Breakout session
Evening Recess				
6:00 p.m 9:00 p.m.		Dinner and Keynotes		



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Breakout Session Possibilities:

Person	Team	Brief Description	Contacted	Response	Locations
Bob Koester	BRMRG	New advances in lost person statistics	1/4	Yes	Charlottesville, VA
Don Ferguson	MARG	IGT4SAR	1/4	Yes	Morgantown, WVA
Ken Chiachchia	AMRG	Experimental sweep width for dogs	1/4	Yes	Pittsburgh, PA
Paul Doherty	ESRI	GIS for SAR	1/4	Tenative	Redlands, CA (NON- ASRC)
Don Scelza	AMRG	Extended Operations	1/4	Yes	Pittsburgh, PA
Andrew Hower	SMRG	Position task books	1/4	No response	Washingon, DC
Keith Conover	AMRG	Austere medical	1/4	Yes	Pittsburgh, PA
Rob Speiden	SARTI	tracking	1/4	Yes	Blacksburg, VA
Vanessa Glynn- Linaris	NPS	Using GIS for Wildland SAR	1/4	Mayhaps	Arizona? (NONASRC)
Mark Gleason	APTG	Body decomposition and tracking	2/1	Yes	Somewhere in Virginia
Don Ferguson	MARG	Cell Phone Forensics	1/4	Yes	Morgantown, WV
Lourdes Tigalo	Team Rubicon	First responders in disaster response	2/1	yes	Washington, DC (NONASRC)
Eric Menedez	SMRG	remote support roundtable	1/4	Yes	Washington, Dc
Don Ferguson	MARG	Analytic Techniques	1/4	Yes	Morgantown, WV



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Cost

While BRMRG has some money set aside for the conference, we would like to be able to recoup some of the costs. What we had talked about doing is asking for about ~\$20 for dinner on Saturday night, and between ~\$10-\$15 per person for the lectures

Keynote

Founders, Steve Weiss to talk about the history of the ASRC. We still need someone to talk about the future of SAR, maybe Vannessa Lyn Glynaris?

ACTIONS TO BE UNDERTAKEN -- with help from other ASRC members

- Contacting more speakers
 - o more from the non-management side (Cave, mounted, technical)
- Coming up with a 40th anniversary logo and t-shirt
- Contacting vendors to show up with SAR gear for the day
- Getting the word out further beyond the ASRC
 - o non-VA teams
- Volunteers for the day of the conference
 - especially anyone with video cameras, high quality cameras, or just willing to help with logistics throughout the day

If you can help with any of these, please let me know at Ild4ab@virginia.edu