

Winter Update

**Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group,
Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference
(Eastern Region, Mountain Rescue Association)**

Training Schedule

February

24 (Saturday) AMRG Workshop on ICS (Incident Command System) for search and rescue management. Essential knowledge for members who wish to lead Field Teams. Emergency Department Conference Room, Mercy Hospital, 10:00 AM. **Note new date!** (Was originally Sunday) Call Keith at 561-3413 for reservations. Minimum 4 registrants.

March

3-4 March (Sat-Sun) A SAR orientation for WEMT students, taught by AMRG members.

6 (Tuesday) AMRG Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Emergency Department Conference Room, Mercy Hospital. Elections for Officers. Program: Portable radio antennas and radio propagation for the mountain rescue team member.

10-11 (Sat-Sun) ASRC-wide simulated SAR operation, Tidewater, Va

16-18 (Fri-Sun) ASRC--CEM Wilderness EMT Course, First Weekend. Center for Emergency Medicine, Pittsburgh (Oakland).

23-25 (Fri-Sun) ASRC--CEM Wilderness EMT Course, Second Weekend. Camp Soles, near Laurel Hill State Park.

31 (Saturday) Pennsylvania SAR Council Meeting, State Fire Academy, Lewiston PA.

April

3 (Tuesday) AMRG Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Emergency Department Conference Room, Mercy Hospital. Program: Neurologic assessment of the wilderness trauma patient.

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For information about any AMRG or related activity, contact our Training Officer, Michael Kuga (412-266-8343/W, 412-266-9181/H). Visitors are welcome at activities, including social meetings.

Exceptions are the WEMT course, SAR Orientation, and Cave Rescue Orientation, which require prior registration.

February Minutes

Members present: Conover, Fogle, Knorr, Kuga, Worst.

The meeting was called to order at 2050 by Vice-Chairman Rick Fogle, at the request of Chairman Jones, who was unable to attend.

ASRC report Our two ASRC representatives were not able to attend the last two ASRC Board meetings. We will make sure we have representatives at all future meetings (every other month).

The ASRC Training Committee plans to have two Conference-wide simulated missions each year, the first this March in Tidewater VA.

The Eastern Region of the MRA has received two requests for information about joining, one from Greater Philadelphia SAR, and one from a group in Maryland that no longer seems interested. The ASRC/Eastern Region MRA Board has elected to allow teams to join the MRA region without joining the ASRC, if they wish, provided they pass the team certification test.

Training Several members were upgraded from FTM (Field Team Member) to FTL (Field Team Leader), having passed a written FTL test. Updated callout rosters are available from Ops Officer Mike Kuga. Our FTL's are now Conover, Dodds, Fogle, Harrison, Ed Hrivnak, Jones, Kuga, Lindell, Mandarino, McCulloch, Randall, Worst, and Zimecki.

Special Order of the

Day Nominations for officers; election to be held at March meeting. Our present officers were re-nominated; nominations will be open until elections at the March meeting. Officers are: Chairman: Thom Jones; Vice-Chairman & Treasurer: Rick Fogle. Secretary: open. Delegates: Mike Kuga, Keith Conover.

Old Business Member Rich Worst moved to accept the AMRG logo he created. This was tabled pending additional work on logo by Worst, Kuga, and Conover.

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Worst's Proposal



Conover's Modification

April Schedule, Continued . . .

7 (Saturday) ASRC Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 AM, Shenandoah National Park Headquarters, Luray, Virginia.

20 (Friday) AMRG Social/Dinner Meeting, Rich Worst's, Baden, PA. Program: Initial medical care of the lost (and then found) person. Call for directions: 412-869-3747.

21-22 (Sat-Sun) Eastern Region, National Cave Rescue Commission: Cave Rescue Orientation session, Allentown PA.

May

1 (Tuesday) AMRG Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Emergency Department Conference Room, Mercy Hospital. Program: Cruel and unusual knots for technical rescue.

12-13 (Sat-Sun) Eastern Region, National Cave Rescue Commission: Cave Rescue Orientation session, Pendleton County, WV.

19-20 (Sat-Sun) Meeting, ASTM F-32 Committee on Search and Rescue, San Francisco.

Minutes Continued

AMRG is now incorporated; Betty Thomas will file for tax-exempt status as soon as Rick Fogle prepares the 1989 financial statement.

Announcements Mike Kuga will be placing an order for MRA patches, pins, etc. within next few weeks; members must order through him.

Program Dr. Conover led a discussion of new clothing materials for search and rescue (e.g., GoreTex, Thermax, Cool-Max, HighTrek). Members agreed to continue educational programs at all Group meetings.

Logos and Patches

Patches and logos have a long and contentious history within the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference. As a result, the ASRC has, by votes of the membership, established several policies.

Most of these policies are based on the principle that the ASRC, despite its wide geographic area, should strive to stay as close-knit as possible. Many years ago, we switched from different Group uniforms to a standard ASRC uniform. The only place the Group's name appeared was under the member's name on the blue plastic nametag. In the same tradition, we voted several years later to delete the Group name from the nameplate and substitute the words "Appalachian Search and Rescue." Group patches were long ago abandoned in favor of the ASRC patch.

Thus, the proposed AMRG logo could not be used for a patch. However, it could be used on letterheads, on T-shirts, and on promotional materials.

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