

MRA Meeting 6 November 1988
Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch, Loveland, CO

13 teams represented (a quorum):

AZ (Marvin Stafford, Tim Kovacs), ID (George Bethers), OR (?), Rocky Mountain (Dick Arnold, Tim Cochrane, Dixon Hutchinson, several others), WA (George ?, Mountaineers,), CA (Kevin Walker). *Eastern (Cady S.)*

Regional Reports: Lots of interstate activities this year. ICS a real boon for easing problems when teams from different states get together. ASTM meetings are in Phoenix in December (2-4). Some sub-committee chairs will be vacated so MRA-types are encouraged to take on the responsibility (one of our own & all that). Next MRA meeting is in Phoenix in June -- everyone is invited. AZ region is trying to keep costs under \$110/person for ASTM + MRA meetings.

Members at Large appointed to the board: David McClure of WA, Arnold Gaffrey. Both very active at board-level activities + local activities.

Commo: 155.160 is licensed as a NATIONAL frequency for MRA. Limited to 5-watt output within 50 miles of the Canadian border.

Medical: Ralph Holzhaus in AZ is chairing the committee currently. Trying to get any outlines/course materials/etc. from anyone & has been unsuccessful so far. Ralph Holzhaus, 6344 W. Baseline Rd., Levee, AZ 85339, (602) 237-4630h/242-4945w.

MRA Store: Lots of new books available (see Cady for list). Patches available through ASRC only.

NASAR: 2200 members (as compared to roughly 2,000 members in MRA). Interesting things happening at the board level.

Liaison & Response: Arnold Gaffrey tasked to create liaison for international responses (capabilities of responders are terrific: alpine teams with >20,000' experience). Cady Soukup tasked to help him.

Search Technology: Barry Mitchell tasked with pulling together what's available for SAR on computers.

Newsletter: Howard Paul has successfully launched the MRA Rescue Forum newsletter. Issues available to MRA members as part of their dues and to non-MRA members for \$12/yr. The first few issues are to introduce the national MRA "players" -- later issues will concentrate more on technical and search-related articles. Deadlines are dependent on search missions, but scheduled to be: 1 January (spring), 1 April (summer), 1 July (fall), 1 October (winter). Photos encouraged both for articles and for the "file." Slides best for color prints (hope to have one each issue, advertising support willing), b&w best for b&w prints.

Business:

Member Teams: Saddleback (CA, Orange County) has disbanded & no longer members of MRA. Lewis & Clark SAR Team (Helena, MT), Stillwater County SAR (Billings, MT) are new MRA member (probationary) teams. LA SAR Dog Assoc. recommended for associate membership in June. Morlais Mntn. Rescue, Wales, England recommended for associate member team. Other teams are being tracked for future recommendations as members/associates: Cody, WY; West Yellowstone snowmobile team; Bandolier (National Park?). Yellowstone group interested in becoming an ex-officio team. El Dorado Canyon State Park (Boulder, CO) accepted as an ex-officio team.

Youth Teams: Left to the region to determine the policies to deal with them. No national policy one way or another.

ASRC: Accepted as both Eastern Region (Rick Wilcox remains as chair of the Northeastern Region, newly created for VT/NH/etc.) and as a single "super-team" pending paperwork (members list, etc.). Discussion about what ASRC is, how we are called out, what our training standards are, (most important to them) who will wear the MRA patch. With the proper paperwork, we are accepted completely and immediately, without reservations, as a single-team region.

Bulletin Board: Supported by MRA for another year. May move to new sysop.

Laptops: Requested 70 from Zenith, got 4. Being deployed largely in CO. Interested in any software for SAR that folks have. Hunter Holloway in charge of deployment (having written the request proposal).

RECCO (Personal Transmitter) Receivers: Placing 4 receivers in CO next month. Several already on-line in CA & ID. Looking for more (about \$10,000 each?) for other teams.

New Business

MRA Computer information exchange standard recommended: Flat ASCII files, IBM-compatible on 3.3, 5.25 inch diskettes. Modem: min. 1200 baud, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity.

Mission Forms: Tim Kovacs (AZ-CAMRA) tasked to collect teams' mission forms to try to create chaos out of reason. P.O. Box 4004, Phoenix, AZ 85030. (602) 242-4945.