

Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group, ASRC
Board of Directors Meeting Report
August 28, 1992

1. **Missions:** Since our last report, AMRG has participated in several missions. Last month, were contacted for a search a few miles north of Pittsburgh, but a find was made just as our team arrived on the scene. We have sent out teams on several recent Virginia searches, only to be turned around soon after dispatched due to a find.

2. **Public Relations**

Some local press reporters and photographers attended a recent training session at McConnell's Mill State Park. The resulting articles caused a flurry of interest, and it looks as though we've got two good new members as a result.

We recently held a Hug-A-Tree instructor course, and plan to start teaching the course in earnest in the fall. STAT (the helicopter service) will be buying the slide set and donating it to us.

We have two new informational folders (copies attached). These are printed with the new WinJet 800 board Keith got for his LaserJet II to allow 800 DPI printing, then copied. If any other Groups would like to make use of this service on a regular, just call Keith at 412-561-3413 (H) and submit an ASCII file that can be updated as you need a new version.

3. **Training**

Dave Knorr is our new Training Officer, replacing Jane Kuzniewski, R.N., who is off to Nome, Alaska to work as a backcountry nurse for a year or two.

We continue an active training schedule, and hope to start more active joint training with ESAR and SMRG. We have been waiting for standard ASRC-wide testing, so we have several people who probably meet the standards for higher levels, but just haven't had a chance to test yet.

4. **Membership:** Current status is:

Active Members: 28. IC: 1; IS: 4; RS: 3; FTL: 8; FTM: 6; CQ: 11

Probationary Members: 3

"Prospective Members" due to be voted in soon as Probationary Members: 7

Sustaining members: 13

5. **Operations:**

for the last mission, when it looked as though a rapid long-distance rescue response might be needed, it looked like STAT would be willing to use Angel 4, a LearJet, to transport an AMRG team to Virginia.

We will be switching to a new pager system, still commercial, but with a better company. We are using the standard ASRC codes. The current Group pager number is (412) 645-0932; we will provide the new number when it is established. This is only a backup to our primary alerting number at STATCOM: 1-800-MED-STAT in Pennsylvania, (412) 647-7828, or locally, STATCOM on 155.265 MHz FM, no PL tone.