SHENANDOAH MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP

APPALACHIAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CONFERENCE, INC.

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SMRG NEWS

At last month's Auxiliary Training Session, 7 people were granted Auxiliary Membership, and several people who assisted the ASRC in the field on the Old Rag or other missions were also granted Auxiliary status. We welcome the following to the Group:

Andrea Asch
Diane Giss
Don Hubbard
George Dasher
Ray Keeler
Ralph Wilfong

Vernon Rojek
Samuel Hunt
Nick Byrnes
Bob Elron
Steve Ritter

Anne Latrobe
Tony Sands
Dave Collins
Glenn Hoernig
Robert Swicegood

Auxiliary Membership is valid for one year, and may be renewed by attending another Auxiliary Training Session, or by participating in an ASRC mission or search simulation. Dues for Auxiliaries is $5/year, to pay for the cost of mailings.

ASRC NOTES

ASRC Officers will be meeting with Shenandoah National Park Officials in the near future to discuss preplanning for future operations.

The new ASRC Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are out, and the new Training Guide and Search and Rescue Operations Plan should follow soon.

A written critique of the Old Rag mission is in preparation. If you have observations you would like to contribute, please contact Keith Conover.
CALLOUT ROSTERS

Members and responsible agencies will find a new November Callout Roster attached. Members: review your entries (use the explanation on the last page to decipher the abbreviations) and send corrections or additions to the Group address or bring them to a meeting.

LOST AND FOUND

A large number of items were lost and found at the recent Old Rag mission. Cady Soukup ((301) 493-9623) is coordinating the return of equipment.

TRIP LEADER SEMINAR

Current plans are to prepare a one-day seminar to be held in February or March. This seminar will provide instruction in wilderness medicine, wilderness first aid, and wilderness emergency prevention and management. Students must be experienced trip leaders with CPR and Red Cross Standard First Aid certification. Each area outdoor organization (e.g. cavers, climbers, hikers) will be assigned a number of positions at the seminar, and these organizations will select the students. The date should be firm by the next issue of the Newsletter.

SURVIVAL MODULE REVISION

The Survival and Wilderness Travel Module (Module III) is now undergoing major review and revision. Please give your comments and corrections to Keith Conover.

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES **************************************************

Date/Month          Activity

7 Nov. (Mon)       Seminar on SARSAT (search and rescue satellites) - Goddard Space Flight Center, MD. Cady Soukup has details.

8 Nov. (Tues)      SMRG Work Session - EMS Standards Proposal - PATC HQ, 7:30 PM. Coordinator: Keith Conover [(703) 522-2844].

POSTPONED; new date to be announced

Virginia Wing, Civil Air Patrol: Ground Search and Rescue College - two weekends, at Fort A. P. Hill.

11-13 November

Virginia Fourth Annual Statewide EMS Symposium - Williamsburg, VA

10-13 November

Mountain Medicine '83 - Pinkham Notch Camp, NH. A seminar for EMT's, RN's, and MD's. Keith Conover has information.

12 Nov. (Sat)      Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group Training Session - date, time, place, and topic to be announced. Call Greg Shea (BRMRG Training Officer: (H) 804-977-1044 (W) 804-295-1530) for information.

15 Nov. (Tues)*    SMRG TRAINING SESSION - PATC HQ. 7:00 PM: Trainee Members: Personal Equipment. 8:30 PM: Certified Members: first Rescue Membership Class: Introduction, Knots, and Rappels.
Sixth Annual National Trauma Symposium - Baltimore: Hyatt Regency Hotel. Cady Soukup has details.

Cave Rescue Class - Allentown, PA. Contact: Gene Harrison [H:703-777-6111, W:(202) 342-4279]

SMRG CPR Training (tentative) - PATC HQ, 7:00-10:00 PM. For reservations or information, contact Keith Conover ((703) 522-2844) or Harold Driscoll ((202) 966-9091).


SMRG CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER/PARTY - Glass House, Massanutten Mtn. Call Cady Soukup ((301) 493-9623 if you would like reservations to spend the night.

SMRG TRAINING SESSION - PATC HQ. 7:00 PM: Trainee Members: test answers for Module II (Land Navigation) will be distributed and discussed. 8:30 PM: Certified Members: second Rescue Membership Class: Ascending.

SMRG Mountain Rescue Training Weekend - Harper's Ferry, WV. Coordinator: Gene Harrison [(703) 777-6111].

NASAR Managing the Search Function Class - a 40-hour class, sponsored by Virginia DEES.

SMRG BUSINESS MEETING - PATC HQ, 7:30 PM. Program: to be announced.

SMRG BUSINESS MEETING - PATC HQ, 7:30 PM. Program: Wilderness Poisoning Part II - back by popular demand, Rose Ann Soloway of the National Capital Poison Control Center will add to her previous presentation.

SMRG Wilderness Medicine and Emergency Management Seminar for Trip Leaders. (Tentative)