

SHENANDOAH MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP

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***** N E W S *****

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	Vernon Rojek	Anne Latrobe
Diane Giss	Samuel Hunt	Tony Sands
Don Hubbard	Nick Byrnes	Dave Collings
George Dasher	Bob Elron	Glenn Hoernig
Ray Keeler	Steve Ritter	Roberta Swicegood
Ralph Wilfong		

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.

MEETINGS: Most SMRG activities are held at Potomac Appalachian Trail Club Headquarters (PATC HQ), 1718 N Street NW, Washington, DC (near the Dupont Circle Metro station). Business meetings are the first Tuesday of the month, and training meetings the third Tuesday.

NEWCOMERS are welcome at Group activities; those marked with a (*) are particularly appropriate for those new to the Group.

NEWSLETTERS are published at the beginning of each month and sent to each SMRG member. Certain SAR organizations, responsible agencies, stores, and individuals receive courtesy copies (noted by a G, R, S, or C on the mailing label). Potential members may receive three free copies upon request (noted by a "F" on the mailing label); the date of the last courtesy copy is noted on the mailing label. Yearly subscriptions are \$5, payable by check made out to the Treasurer, Harold Driscoll, and sent to the Group address. Articles or schedule items should be turned in to the Editor, Keith Conover (522-2844) by the first of each month either in writing or by electronic mail.

SELF-STUDY TRAINING COURSE: The Group is developing a modular self-study Basic Member Training Course; certain third Tuesday training meetings require previous completion of one of the modules. Those wishing to purchase a set of Basic course materials may contact the Group Treasurer, Harold Driscoll, at any Group meeting; the cost is \$25.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION about SMRG in general, contact the Group Chairman, Cady Soukup, at (301) 493-9623 (H); for information regarding membership in the Group, write to the Group at the above address, come to one of the business meetings, or contact the Group Training Officer, Keith Conover, at (703) 522-2844.

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.

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

<u>Date/Month</u>	<u>Activity</u>
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.

- 19 Nov. *Sixth Annual National Trauma Symposium* - Baltimore - Hyatt Regency Hotel. Cady Soukup has details.
- 19-20 Nov (Sat-Sun) *Cave Rescue Class* - Allentown, PA. Contact: Gene Harrison [H:703-777-6111, W:(202) 342-4279]
- 29 Nov./1 Dec.* (Tue./Thurs.) 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).
- 6 Dec. (Tues)* SMRG BUSINESS MEETING - PATC HQ, 7:30 PM. Program: *The National Search and Rescue Data Base* - Maj. Mitchell, NASAR Data Base Coordinator.
- 17 Dec. (Sat)* SMRG CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER/PARTY - Glass House, Massanutten Mtn. Call Cady Soukup ((301) 493-9623 if you would like reservations to spend the night.
- 20 Dec. (Tues)* 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.
- ? Dec. or Jan. SMRG Mountain Rescue Training Weekend - Harper's Ferry, WV. Coordinator: Gene Harrison [(703) 777-6111].
- ? December *NASAR Managing the Search Function Class* - a 40-hour class, sponsored by Virginia DEES.
- 3 Jan. (Tues)* SMRG BUSINESS MEETING - PATC HQ, 7:30 PM. Program: to be announced.
- 7 Feb. (Tues)* 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.
- ? Feb. or Mar. *SMRG Wilderness Medicine and Emergency Management Seminar for Trip Leaders*. (Tentative)

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