

# SAR COORDINATES

**October 2006**  
**TONTO RIM SEARCH AND RESCUE SQUAD, Inc.**  
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A self-supporting, not-for-profit group of volunteer citizens dedicated to improving safety in the Arizona wilderness.

**Operating under the authority of the Gila County Sheriff's Office**  
**John Armer; Sheriff**

## TRSAR Squad meets monthly

General Public Welcome  
2nd Thursday @ 7:00 - 9:00 PM  
Payson Public Library Meeting Room  
328 N. McLane Road - Payson, Arizona



## COMMUNITY PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

*In conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week •October 8-14, 2006*

SATURDAY •OCTOBER 7th •11:00am - 3:00pm  
HOME DEPOT PARKING LOT  
2000 N. Beeline Hwy. •Payson Arizona

The **Tonto Rim Search & Rescue Squad** will be there providing information on the services they provide, including [Project Lifesaver](#).

*Don't forget; the meetings this month are **October 10<sup>th</sup>** for the Board and **October 12<sup>th</sup>** for the General Meeting.*



## KCMA 98.5 FM

**John Carpino of 98.5 KCMA interviewed Board Member Dave Pirtle**  
**Thursday August 31, 2006**

### THE "COOL MOUNTAIN MORNING" SHOW

Every Monday thru Friday 7:00-10:00 AM  
Starring: John and Lu Carpino

Great job, Dave. Thanks for being our ambassador.

# **KCMA 98.5 FM and The Mazatzal Casino**

*Invited TRSAR to participate in their  
On The Air "Trivia Challenge"*

*On Friday September 29, 2006*

*Thanks to all members that called in.  
We made \$280!*

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## **October 2006 Training & Events Schedule**

14-Oct (Sat) Deuce and ½ Driver Training – Location: Gila Co. Maintenance Yard – Time 0800

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21-Oct (Sat) Rope Training – Time: 0800 – Place: Flowing Springs – Roger Miotto and rope instructors in charge

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4-5 Nov Project Lifesaver Class – Time: 0800-1700 – Place: Squad building  
(Sat-Sun) Instructor: Terry Hudgens

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## ***Planned Training Sessions ( Coming this Year)***

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Planned Navigation Training – Compass and GPS

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15-Nov (Wed) Night Tracking Exercise – location: FR 198 – time: TBA

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## Requested Training Sessions

- 👤 If you would like to volunteer to run a training session, or if you have a training session request contact  
Any Board Member or Don Johnson

*Italics = Sign-up required to attend this training*

\* See following notes:

- 🚗 To reserve use of squad ATV, contact Don Johnson at 928-474-5335  
Jacket, gloves, boots, helmet, and eye protection required to operate Squad ATV

## Related SAR info

### An Historical Tidbit

The Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) was established in 1958 at Timberline Lodge at Mount Hood, Oregon making them the oldest Search and Rescue association in the United States. Our organization, TRSAR is only 6 years younger, being founded in 1964, reportedly the first unit in Arizona.

### Available Education Books

#### Wilderness Search and Rescue: A Complete Handbook (Hardcover)

by [Tim Setnicka](#)

available from [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) for \$8.95

**NEW Fundamentals of Search and Rescue** Retail: \$39.95

Available at [www.nasar.org](http://www.nasar.org)

## ERI Releases New Textbook for “Managing Land Search Operations”

After two years of research, writing and peer review, Emergency Response International announces the release of “The Textbook for Managing Land Search

Operations.” This is a completely rewritten, reorganized textbook for the course “Managing Land Search Operations.”

This new text is the first to definitively make the transition from repetitive management systems that have been advocated in traditional land search for decades to the incorporation of essential elements from the recognized science of “Search Theory and Planning.” This is a major shift in the foundation and credibility associated with decision making during searches for missing people. If you are an instructor, search manager, or overhead team member in local or regional search operations, this is a must have text.

Most notable in this new text are the contributions by Robert Koester (*dbS Productions*), Clive Swombow (*Chief Inspector, Ret*), Ross Gordon (*SARINZ*), Jack Frost (*USCG*), Martin Colwell (*SAR Technology*), Jeffery Mitchell (*UMBC*), and Paul Green (*EWU*). These professionals in the SAR community, among others, have undoubtedly raised the standards bar in this publication to a higher and more credible level for land search. At the same time, the text is oriented to the practical user and not only contains all of the basic elements for search operations, but takes the student into the advanced level of search planning and the discipline of search theory offered in advanced courses.

Single copy is \$32.00 USD.

<http://www.emergencyresponseinternational.com>

## **FEMA Crafts Credentialing System for First Responders**

Documentation for millions of police, firefighters, medical workers and other emergency personnel nationwide is being aggregated into a National Emergency Responder Credentialing System that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) expects to make operational next year. At a future date, the new credentialing system may include a national identification card for emergency responders and a record-keeping system, according to a DHS fact sheet published on project. The little-publicized credentialing system is intended to assist in identifying which responders should be allowed to enter an incident scene immediately following a disaster or terrorist attack. It is designed to help prohibit unauthorized entry of volunteers who may not be qualified to assist.

[http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/credent\\_faq.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/credent_faq.pdf)

Source: [http://www.washingtontechnology.com/news/1\\_1/homeland/28965-1.html](http://www.washingtontechnology.com/news/1_1/homeland/28965-1.html)

# Computer Tips, Techniques, Rants, Raves, and Netiquette

submitted by Jack Quinn and Les Hulse

Now that the monsoons are winding down, we want to talk about thunderstorms (gee, do we have our timing backward). Les was called to 3 different computer users over the last 2 months where the computer got "fried" due to lightning. All 3 users are now buying (or have already bought) a new computer.

What's the best way to keep your computer safe during a thunderstorm? In my opinion, just crawl under your desk and unplug it.

Although a good surge protector may keep your computer safe during a thunderstorm, I still unplug mine. After all, if the thing isn't plugged into the wall, it's kind of hard for a spike or surge to get through. Also, try to keep all of your computer's external components (monitors, scanners, printers, etc) plugged into the same surge protector as the computer. That way, when you pull the plug, all your equipment is protected and you don't risk a spike / surge coming through an external component and damaging your computer.

In addition to unplugging your computer, modem users should also unplug their phone line. Phone lines are probably the # 1 way to for surges to get to, and sizzle, your computer. Note that if you're using a surge protector with a phone line pass through and you unplug it, you need to unplug the phone line as well (most surge protectors don't protect if they are unplugged).

Another cable to unplug would be any high speed internet connection cable. After all, if you're using a cable modem (or DSL) and a surge comes through that line, it may get to your computer. As with the phone line pass through, if your surge protector features an ethernet pass through, you'll want to pull the cable going to your computer (seeing as your surge protector probably doesn't protect when it's unplugged).

Now, do you have to do all this each time you hear thunder in the distance? Personally, I usually do - especially if the storm is of the mean and nasty variety. I have a good surge protector and all, but the information on my computer is very valuable to me and I don't like taking chances. A close lightning strike will blow through just about any surge protector on the planet.

Note that simply turning off the power switch to your surge protector is not a good idea. When you turn these type suppressors off, you are also eliminating the power supply to the surge protection circuit, thereby rendering it useless. So, if a surge comes across the power line with the switch in the off position, you have NO protection; however, if the surge protector is left on at ALL times, the circuit is energized, and you will have whatever surge protection your particular circuit is rated for.

Also, keep in mind that cheaper surge protectors can wear out over time. The power strip type surge protectors can protect you against one good surge (although a direct lighting hit happily rips right through them) or lots of smaller ones, but they can wear out. The problem is, most of them have no way of telling you when they've become useless. When you're looking for a surge protector, be sure it features some kind of indicator light that tells you when the surge protection circuit has croaked.

Finally, this may all be a bit paranoid on my part. So, the decision is yours. Just tellin' you what I do.

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**Question: Do any of you find this section useful?**

We can rant and rave about many topics, but do not know if it is appreciated. Also, we will most likely choose topics that “tick us off” and ignore the ones that you may be interested in. We can give you our opinion on just about anything (opinions are cheap).

So let us know if this section is useful, and if you would like us to tear into some topic, just tell us.

Send any comments and/or suggestions to the editor; Mike – address at bottom of newsletter.

## **Website**

Tonto Rim SAR Members can now have your very own email address through our site. Just contact our Webmaster at [jack@jackswebs.com](mailto:jack@jackswebs.com) to arrange for it, no cost to you or us.

**We are promoted and you'll also find our newsletter on the  
Rim Country Volunteer site;  
<http://www.inpayson.com/TRSAR-Payson-Rim-Country-Area.htm>**

## Did You Know?

- ~ If you see a star before the serial number on US paper money, it means that bill replaces a mutilated one.
- ~ A whip cracks because the tip moves faster than the speed of sound - it breaks the sound barrier.
- ~ A sneeze can travel up to 100 miles per hour.
- ~ On a clear moonless night, the human eye can see a match struck from fifty miles away.
- ~ A wild animal is more likely to attack if you're afraid of it.

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Thanks to those who contributed to this issue of the newsletter.

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