

SAR COORDINATES

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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

Commander's Corner

Well, what started out as possibly a very busy SAR summer has slowed down the past few weeks. I'm not even hearing too many of the "CLS" (cellphone, lights, and siren) searches that Terry and Rod do occasionally. It's the darn GPS's – too many people have them, and seem to be learning how to use them. I suspect it will pick up again soon once the cooler weather of fall comes in – and the thunderstorms slow down.

Speaking of GPS's, I ordered for the squad six of the Garmin Rino 530 radio/GPS combination units. I have loaded them up with Topo maps, and set them up with settings we would normally use for searches. With a little bit of playing with them, I think they have some great potential for what we do. Each unit can transmit current location and create a waypoint on each of the other units. Each team with a unit will be able to "see" where every other team is – within radio range. We will probably permanently assign one unit to Sgt Hudgens command post trailer, and hand out the other units to teams as required. I have tested the computer/GPS interface to a couple of our favorite Topo programs that run on the SAR computer or the command post computer, and the programs can download the location information of all GPS units out on the search to the Topo program and give true real-time progress of each team.

I gave Terry a couple of the units to get familiar with also. We haven't done extensive testing of the reasonable range these radios are capable of, but just testing around town here – a good 2 to 3 miles range so far. We'll give them a good shakedown during a training soon – if we don't get a good mission to test them on first.

Stay safe and stay ready.

Bill Pitterle - 500

*Don't forget; the meetings this month are **August 8th** for the Board and **August 10th** for the General Meeting.*

Member Profiles

ROGER MIOTTO 511

The Miotto family has to be one of the most active in the squad. Roger has been with us since 1996. He finally convinced wife Tammy to join the Squad and she has become just as active in spite of a full time job. Roger grew up outside of Chicago, but when he moved to Colorado he fell in love with the great outdoors and all it has to offer, backpacking and exploring all over the Rockies. For over 17 years he drove 18 wheelers over the road, at the same time keeping his hand in the construction business. When Roger moved to Pine 11 years ago he built his own house. He has two kids, who certainly have a Dad of high morals and ethical values to look up to. While working at Foxworth, he decided to go into the contracting business. He is licensed to operate wastewater treatment plants and does so around the state. While active in his HOA and the water district for his subdivision, he still finds time to be very active in TRSAR.

The first time that I can remember seeing Roger was when we were holding an ATV Safety Training. When he came across the road to see what was going on, he asked if it was possible to take part. Since that time he has been a very active and safe rider. Roger is a Certified Rope Instructor and Certified Man Tracker. He serves on the board as Member at large. You can readily see that Roger is a firm believer in training and more training. Now with wife Tammy by his side he has become an even more valuable asset. Two for the price of one, Tammy can keep right up with him and is herself a certified rope instructor. Together they make a great team.

Roger, we are so glad that you can find time to be a part of our team. Your efforts are really appreciated by everyone as your dedication and sincerity set a fine example of what a volunteer should be.

JEB 510L

TAMMY MIOTTO 550

I ran into Tammy the other day at Safeway. She calls Safeway her “other home.” It must be so as she is always there when we go in. Tammy is the other half of the dynamic duo. She runs full speed to keep up with Roger and all he does, yet maintains a home, keeps an eye on the two kids, who are now grown and going out on their own and holds down a full time job. Another SAR person from Illinois, Tammy loves the outdoors and is dedicated to helping others. What better place to help people than our own Tonto Rim Search and Rescue Squad.

Tammy has dedicated herself to rope rescue and has gone through the rigorous training for Certified Rope Instructor. That is one strong brave gal, right? Well, ask her about Sarge the rescue dog, who sleeps on her bed and protects her from invading snakes. Everyone has a weakness. Tammy has shown a willingness and dedication to make a great contribution to Tonto Rim SAR. Thanks, Tammy, for giving us some of your valuable time and for sharing Roger with the squad. You are both very much appreciated.

JEB 510L

WILLIAM W FULLER 522

Bill Fuller has been with the Squad since 1995. In reading the latest edition of a photography book called “Lenswork”, I found a biography of this very quiet private man.

Born in Cleveland, Bill grew up in Waukegan, Illinois and attended Penn State. Bill has traveled extensively and recorded his adventures on black and white film. Most notably is a group of photos entitled Urban Wilderness, which are displayed in the “Lenswork” book I reviewed. Bill and his wife Mary Ellen have one daughter who is attending the University of Oregon.

When Bill is home he is most happy to give TRSAR his time. His type of self employment does take him away from his home for days at a time, which is understandable. Bill, we do appreciate the time you can give of yourself to help others who find themselves in need.

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Website Info

Tonto Rim SAR Members can now have your very own email address through our site. Just contact our Webmaster at 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>

August 2006 Training Schedule

No Info received. Pickup a hardcopy at the General meeting

Planned Training Sessions (Coming this Year)


12-Aug (Sat) Tracking Exercise – Time: TBA – Place: TBA – Les Hulse in charge

16-Aug (Wed) *First Aid Cert.*

17-Aug (Wed) *CPR – Place: Ira Gibel's Home – Time: 1800 – Instructor: Ira Gibel*

9-Sep (Sat) *Tracking Certification – Time: TBA – Place: TBA – Les Hulse in charge*

Planned Navigation Training – Compass and GPS

Planned ATV Rodeo – All squad members – Instructor: John Avery 

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

Computer Talk

Computer Tips, Techniques, Rants, Raves, and Netiquette

Submitted by Jack Quinn and Les Hulse

Welcome to a new section of the TRSAR Coordinates Newsletter.

This section will deal with tips and techniques for all members that use a computer for SAR as well as personal communications. In future columns, we will look at different ways to make your interaction with the computer both easier and less aggravating. It will also give Jack and Les a chance to sound off about their pet peeves and rant and rave where appropriate. We will also have some fun. This first article is a little long (3 whole tips), but future ones will be shorter (we promise – chuckle).

So what prompted this (you may ask)?

I recently had my Email account name on TRSAR.ORG changed because a lot of spam (not the Hormel kind) was starting to accumulate. Since I only used this account for SAR communications, I did not expect it to accumulate so rapidly. The account was in use for a little over 9 months. During the last month, I received 2 valid messages and approximately 50 items of spam.

Does this sound like what is happening to your Email account? If so, keep reading for several suggestions that will help keep spam away.

Personally, I know at least 19 different ways (yes, I counted) that my SAR Email address could have been captured by a spammer (and then maybe sold on a listing to other spammers). Some Email address harvesting methods can be easily avoided and some are difficult to downright impossible to avoid.

Tip #1 – Use more than one Email account.

Some of you know that I have several Email names in use. My wife and I have 5 separate Email account names. Many ISPs, (Internet Service Providers) allow a user to have more than one Email account name at no additional monthly charge (just ask them). I specifically set up one Email name for use when we order items from the web. The remainder of the accounts is personal, newsletter, and SAR related. Dividing account functions can help to avoid spam.

I expect to receive spam on the “ordering” account – since promotions, sales notices, update notices; receipts, etc. are also sent from vendors to this address. But guess what! No spam has hit this account – but has hit all of the other accounts!

Do you know why?

One answer is: because my Email address is in another person’s address list and I have no control over how careful they are with it. Many times I have received jokes, pictures, etc. and the Email contains long lists of valid Email addresses of persons around the world. Just think - if I was a spammer, these lists are gold mines!

This is one of the most difficult spam avoiding actions to take because it requires the cooperation of the “rest of the world” (and what are the odds of that?). So how can we start to correct this problem?

Tip #2 – Forward correctly.

It happens to all of us: someone sends a funny joke, recipe, or other interesting tidbit that you want to pass along. But, you are one of 200+ other recipients in a chain of addresses going back to the dawn of time when Al Gore invented the internet.

So what do you do?

- a) Press the forward button and send it to everyone in your address book (oh no!)
- b) Press the forward button and BCC to everyone that will appreciate it (a bit better)
- c) Create a new message and send the original as an attachment (oh no!)
- d) Press the forward button and delete all those addresses before sending (best)

If you selected "d", then you already know this tip.

In your Email program, just click the “Forward” Button, highlight the unwanted portions of the email (all of the addresses), then “Delete”. It's that easy. The interesting tidbit is passed along without the address lists.

Note: This method will not work in Yahoo Mail. Yahoo mail requires little bit different way to delete forwarded addresses which we will cover in a forthcoming issue.

Tip #3 – Use bcc:

Viruses and spam-bots are now designed to go through mail files and address books looking for potential addresses. Sending a single message individually addressed to a large list of people increases the chances that they all will be spammed or sent a virus should any one of them get infected.

When sending an email mailing, some people place all the email addresses in the “To:” field or the “Cc:” field (short for "carbon copy”).

There are two drawbacks to this practice: (1) the recipient knows that you have sent the same message to a large number of recipients, and (2) you are publicizing someone else's email address without their permission.

When you send a message to more than one address using the Cc: field, both the original recipient and all the recipients of the carbon copies see the **to:** and **Cc:** fields including all the addresses in them.

This means that every recipient gets to know the email addresses of all the persons that received your message. This is usually not desirable. Nobody likes their email address exposed in public.

One way to get round this is to place all addresses in the "Bcc:" field (short for "blind carbon copy"). Each recipient will only see their own Email address and all other addresses are stripped out of the message.

To finish the message, put your own address in the "To:" field. You can even add an optional text message (in quotes) to your address to reference the Email.

Example: To: "SAR Business" les@something.net

We hope you have found these tips useful. If all of us start using these tips, we may see the spam count go down by 0.000001 % (remember – it depends on the rest of the world!).

Please feel free to forward this Newsletter to any interested persons.

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

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