

SAR COORDINATES

September 2007

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

Comments From the Board

Don't forget; the meetings this month are September 11th for the Board and September 13th for the General Meeting.

Mission Summaries:

It continues to be a busy summer for SAR missions. We are up to 25 missions to date for this year with 1/2 of them being litter carryouts. 10 missions have been in Fossil Springs.

Mission summaries for recent missions:

- 1) 09-Aug-07 – Ankle injury across fossil creek from lower trailhead. Rope rescue and litter carryout. We had to lower the subject by rope down to the creek, ford the creek, then rope haul the subject up the other side of the creek.
- 2) 11-Aug-07 – 14 year old with possible heart condition. Litter carry of about 1 mile.
- 3) 13-Aug-07 – Hikers lost between Fish Hatchery and Washington Park trailhead on Highline Trail. All night quad and foot tracking search until Tucson DPS Ranger helicopter was able to spot the hikers at 5:00AM.
- 4) 14-Aug-07 – Female injured in fall with horse on Highline Trail. 1.5 mile carry-in of litter and medical equipment via Bray Creek Ranch, evacuate subject to DPS helicopter which was able to land ¼ mile away from scene.

- 5) 18-Aug-07 – Carryout of injured hiker at Tonto Natural Bridge
- 6) 19-Aug-07 – Carryout of heat-stressed and dehydrated subject at bottom of Fossil Springs trail. Subject was evacuated to the dam along the trail through Fossil Springs.
- 7) 01-Sep-07 – Dehydrated and heat-stressed subject part way down Fossil Creek trail. Subject was cooled down and rehydrated, and was then able to hike out.
- 8) 3-Sep-07 --It was another ankle injury at the springs. It was originally reported as being above the waterfall, so we lugged 100+ lbs of rope gear plus litter, etc most of the way to the falls before it was determined he wasn't there, but up by the dam where we could drive to via the APS road. Lugged the gear back out, and drove in and picked him up where he was hobbling out along the APS road. It's difficult to pinpoint location when working with spotty phone coverage, 3rd party information, etc.

Fund Raising:

The TRSAR raffle for 2007 is complete and winners selected over the Labor Day Pine Arts and Crafts Festival. Though not as successful as previous raffles, it did make money for TRSAR. We will have numbers for the next meeting.

The Raffle Winners are:

- 1st prize - \$1500 travel voucher: K. Quanimptewa, Hotevilla, AZ. Hotevilla is about 25 miles SE of Tuba City.
- 2nd Prize - \$1000 Cabelas Gift Certificate: Kurt Hartung, Mesa, AZ. Mr Hartung has a cabin in Pine and purchased a ticket at 1:00PM on Sunday, 2 hours before the raffle drawing. We really, really did shake up and mix the tickets.
- 3rd Prize - Golf for 3 at Chaparral Pines: Heather Topic, Tempe, AZ. Heather also has a cabin in Pine, but I did not determine when she bought her ticket.

We are gearing up for donation letter mailouts. We will have more information on this in the next meeting.

Other:

Things to think about – TRSAR elections are coming up in December. Up for election are Commander, Secretary, and one Board Member slot. Please consider serving your squad – there are a number of members who could serve any of these positions very well.

Bill Pitterle – Commander, #500

September 2007 Training & Events Schedule

15 Sept. (Sat) Rope Training – Time: 0800 – Place: Flowing Springs – Roger Miotto and rope instructors in charge
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Planned Training Sessions

(Coming this Year)

Planned	Navigation Training – Compass and GPS
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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

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* 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 Tips, Techniques, Rants, Raves, and Netiquette submitted by Les Hulse

This month, let's take another look at SPAM.

How to prevent receiving spam

How spammers grab addresses

Basically, spammers will start sending you junk email as soon as:

1. You list your email address on a public web page (your web site, forums, etc);

2. You subscribe to various newsletters and you confirm to their agreement without reading it (for example, you confirm to receive promotional emails);
3. You received an email from someone who you don't know and you open the message. If the email message is using the HTML format, once you view the email, the spammer will know for sure that your email account is real and so he will keep sending you junk emails;
4. Your browser security level is set to accept various cookies and controls, or simply you manually agreed to deploy/install such files;
5. You clicked on a link or attachment from an incoming email message, although you didn't know who the sender was; and
6. You don't permanently use an anti-virus program.

13 rules on how to avoid getting your mail account on spam lists

Theoretically it's simple: just don't do the above actions and you will stay away from spam. Practically, it isn't so easy. You need to communicate with people, after all this is why you got an email address. So you want to use it, not to hide it.

1. Get yourself at least **two email accounts**. Use one for public communications (forums, communities, business cards) and keep the other one only for trusted contacts. Use only the public one for registering for Internet services/accounts. Indeed, you will still get spam, but this way at least you have a clean account.
2. If you have to list your email account on public pages, **try to cheat spam spiders**. Instead of writing your address as "john@domain.com", write it as "john_at_domain_dot_com". People will understand how to read it, but robots will not. As an alternative, you can make a transparent image with your email address and instead of writing it on a web page, just link the image to it.
3. **Read Terms & Conditions pages**. Whenever you have to subscribe to a newsletter or to create a web account on a site, make sure their Terms & Conditions page doesn't give them the right to send you unsolicited emails. Do not select to receive promotional offers by email.
4. If your email client can do it, then make it to **receive and display incoming emails as plain text**, not as HTML.
5. When receiving a spam mail, **do not attempt to unsubscribe**. If you didn't subscribe, then why unsubscribe? Most of spammers are using it to validate your email address, for further spamming purposes. It's simple: if you unsubscribe, it means your email address exists and someone (you) is reading the emails.
6. **Do not use auto-responders**: an auto-responder is a clear signal for the spammer that the junk mail arrived at a real email address, which gives him a "good" reason to keep sending spam.

7. If your email client is able to do it, then **use auto-preview functions** and erase junk email before you download it on your computer. You can also use a separate program for this.
8. **Do not click/open links, images or attachments** coming from not trusted sources.
9. **Do not confirm** or trust applets, plug-ins or ActiveX components **not signed or signed with invalid certificates**.
10. Set your browser security so **it doesn't accept 3rd party cookies** (at least the Medium level on Internet Explorer).
11. **Use live updates**: update your operating system, Internet browser and email client software as often as possible. Spammers, as viruses, often take advantage of your security holes.
12. **Use an anti-virus program** and check for updates daily. Spammers and worm viruses go hand in hand.
13. **Report spam**: no, it will not stop spam, but you will help the experts on making better software. Reporting spam will make you feel better.

Website

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>**

Thanks to those who contributed to this issue of the newsletter.
Bill 500