

# SAR COORDINATES

**March 2008**

**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**

### **Mission Summaries:**

Once again, it was a slow month for SAR activity. There was only one callout, and that was cancelled within a few minutes. The callout was for a dad and 14 year old daughter who had gone out for some sledding and could not find their vehicle. It was getting dark, and cold, so they called for help. Thanks to all who prepped and were out the door when the cancel came through. I hope no one missed the cancel.

State SAR is putting on the SAR 2008 Conference in Heber in April. I sent an email out with registration information and conference schedule. This is a very worthwhile event with a lot of education opportunities condensed into 3 days, not to mention vendors with gear for purchase. The board has decided to cover \$20 worth of registration costs.

One particular education opportunity I want to mention: We have been trying for a while to put together some kind of wilderness medical class that would be accessible for TRSAR members. The problem with many of them is that they are typically 7 or 8 days worth of class time which is very difficult to fit in for volunteers who also work. SAR 2008 has a 2 day Wilderness First Aid (SOLO Certification) class. You can google it to see what it is about. While not a full blown Wilderness Medical class, this would be a great opportunity to get some very useful education that is otherwise difficult for us to provide. It requires advance registration, and is limited to the first 24 students who apply. The cost is \$125 for the class, and TRSAR will reimburse the class fee on completion.

Stay safe and stay prepared.

Bill Pitterle – Commander, #500

# Planned Fundraising Events for Raffle Ticket Sales

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\*International Sportsmen's Expo - University of Phoenix Stadium - Glendale AZ

Friday, March 7th - Time 0930 - 1900

Saturday, March 8th - Time 0930 - 1900

Sunday, March 9th - Time 0930 - 1830

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Emergency Response Preparedness Show - Church of Jesus Christ of LDS - Ponderosa and Aero - Payson

12 - April - Saturday Time 0900 - 1200

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Business Showcase - Mazatzal Casino Gym. - Payson

19 - April - Saturday Time 0900 - 1500

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KMOG Live Radio Remote - D J's Bed and Bath/ Dan Good Floors - Payson

25 - April - Friday Time to be determined

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Payson Wildlife Fair - Green Valley Park - Payson

10 - May - Saturday Time to be determined

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Aero Fair - Payson Airport - Payson

17 - May - Saturday Time (Set up 0600 - 0700) Show 0730 - 1400

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Pine /Strawberry Arts & Crafts Festivals - Pine AZ

24 - May - Saturday Time 0800 - 1700

25 - May - Sunday Time 0800 - 1600

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Pine /Strawberry Arts & Crafts Festivals - Pine AZ

4 - July - Friday Time 0800 - 1700

5 - July - Saturday Time 0800 - 1700

6 - July - Sunday Time 0800 - 1600

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Pine /Strawberry Arts & Crafts Festivals - Pine AZ

30 - August - Saturday    Time 0800 - 1700  
 31 - August - Sunday      Time 0800 - 1600  
 Drawing will be held on this day, Aug 31 at the Pine A&C Festival

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

## **March 2008 Training & Events Schedule**

8-Mar (Sat)	Basic Tracking Introduction – Place: Squad building – Time: 0900 – Les Hulse in charge
15-Mar (Sat)	Rope Training – Time: 0900 – Place: Rye Bridges – Roger Miotto and rope instructors in charge

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

5-6 Apr (Sat-Sun)	SAR Academy – Place: Squad building – Time: 0800-1600 – This is a mandatory training for squad members who haven't taken it – Any member can also take it again.
16-Apr	CPR – Time: 1700 – At Ira's House
14-May	First Responder
18-Jun	CPR
16-Jul	First Responder
13-Aug	CPR
Planned	Navigation Training – Compass and GPS
Planned	Mock Mission
Planned	ATV overnight ride - 120 miles
Planned	ATV Ride/GPS Training

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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

**Squad Web Site: [www.trsar.org](http://www.trsar.org)**

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## Guest Article



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

submitted by Jack Quinn and Les Hulse

As we continue to look at digital cameras, let's investigate different camera types.

I am occasionally asked: Which digital camera should I buy?

This question cannot be answered because there will be certain options that will be very important to the purchaser and there are many options that are not important. Unless we have the same wants, recommendations cannot be made.

As an example, I prefer the digital single lens reflex (DSLR) style of camera and my wife prefers the compact digital camera. I like the weight and lens changing capability (probably from the days of my 35mm photography) and find that I get photos that are not as sharp when I use a compact camera (I have a tendency to move the camera more because it is so light). My wife would not even consider a DSLR simply because of the weight. See what I mean about options?

However, I can give you a brief rundown of the different camera types so you can at least start your consideration of a new camera.

Ultra compact digital cameras:

Ultra compact digital cameras are lightweight, easy to use and convenient to carry. They can also easily slip from a pocket and be lost or damaged (consider some type of safety cord like we used to use with our pagers). They are capable of

taking high quality images. These cameras may not have as many controls that are found on compact cameras (a viewfinder for example). I find that the control buttons are a little small. The costs range from moderate to high.

Compact digital cameras:

This type of camera is marketed as a consumer-level digital camera. They are generally the easiest to use featuring point-and-shoot photo-taking. They have settings for a variety of scene modes. Some models will offer both semi-automatic and manual controls. The higher priced models will offer very good image quality. Depending on features and number of megapixels, the costs range from low to moderate.

Advanced digital cameras:

This type of camera is for the person who wants both point-and-shoot capability and advanced controls for taking creative photos. The cameras will have lenses of high quality with either long telephoto zooms lenses or wide angle lenses (including the capability of making panoramic photos). This camera will allow the user to add accessories like filters, lens converters, and external flashes. Some of the cameras will have image stabilization. The costs for these types of cameras will range from moderate to high priced.

Digital Single Lens Reflex cameras:

This type of camera is normally used by photo enthusiasts or professionals. They are considered top-of-the-line and feature excellent optics, interchangeable lenses, and an array of high quality accessories. They weigh the most and are the largest sized cameras. They feature an extremely large resolution range (different models take photos varying from 6 to 22 megapixels). They can function in automatic mode, but also have a full range of manual controls. This camera may not come with a lens, which must be purchased separately. These cameras are generally high priced to very expensive.

So there you have it – a brief round-up of camera types. Before buying any camera, check reviews and user comments on the Internet – you will find many tidbits of information which might be useful in making a selection.

A tip for this month (if you use a computer to play with photos):

When taking a photo, always take a little more picture than you want.

Why? When you use almost any computer photo software, you can crop your photo to make it look better. But it is impossible to add more to the outside edge of your photo. It might be rather expensive or impossible to return to the photo spot to “add a little more” to the photo.

## 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>**

## **Humor Me**

George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi, was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" and he said "no". Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available.

George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again "Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them." Then he hung up.

Within five minutes three police cars, an Armed Response Unit, and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George: "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"  
George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"



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