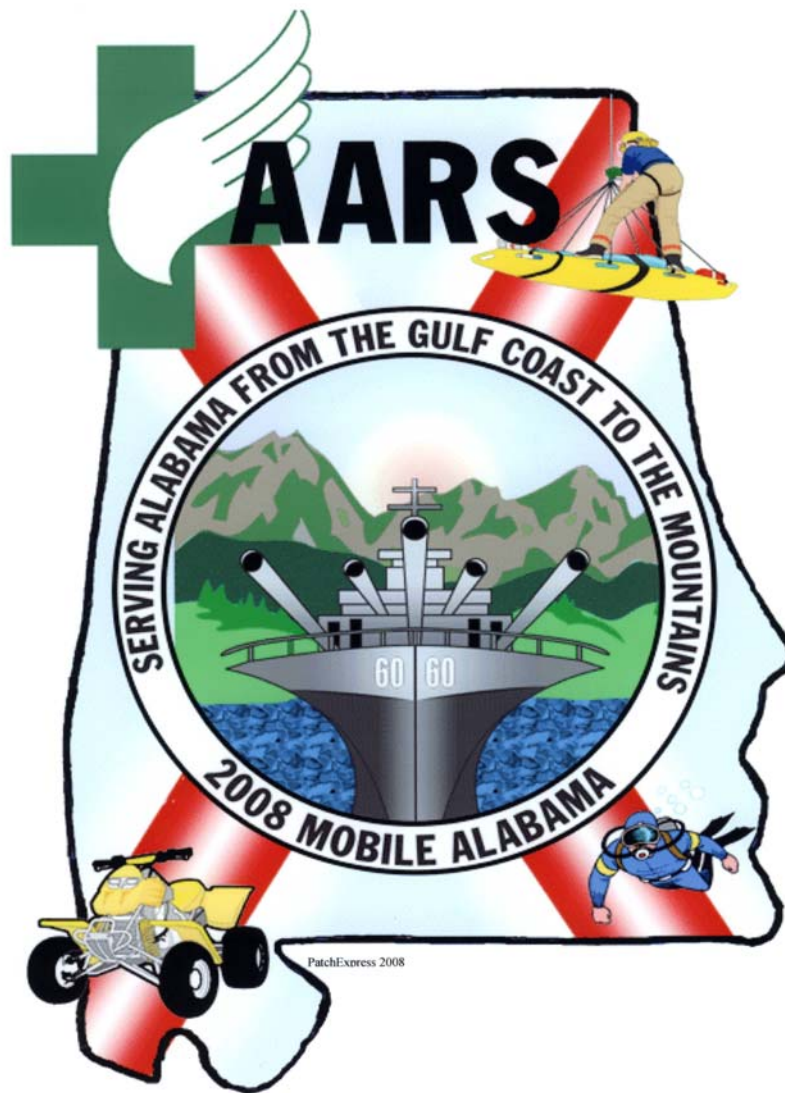


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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

Hello to all my fellow squad members! I can't believe it is time for another **conference**. This year has gone by so fast, since our last one. We have some classes that we are going to put on this year that will be quite interesting. We were contacted by the state EMA about NIMS training. As you may or may not know, the NIMS training is required if you are deployed through FEMA and you must have this training to be reimbursed your money. The classes ICS-100, ICS-200, IS-700 and IS-800 are the classes which I have been told everybody must take. You can take these classes on the Internet or through your local EMA. The two newest classes out are ICS-300 and ICS-400, which are for supervisory personnel, such as captains or presidents. ICS-300 and IS-400 are classroom settings only. We are lucky to have a handful of instructors within the Association. We will be offering the ICS-300 class at the conference, but the only dates that we can get these in are Wednesday and Thursday. I know that this is not the most opportune time for most people but it is the best for the Executive Board. The class is limited to 25 people, so if you are interested call me (Danny Butler) to register for this class **ONLY**. I know this is late notice and we will post details on the website as soon as possible. Again, this class is for officers and supervisors only.

At this time we do not have any more information about the boat bill. As before, it is an ongoing saga.

Thanks to all of our members for your continued support of the Executive Board and for your vote of confidence in voting us back into office. We still need your continued support to follow through with what we have set out to do. Congratulations to Matt Knight for moving into the chair of President. I know Matt will make a great President. The training day was held September 13th at the Fire College. This was the first time that the Association has held training at the Fire College. Thanks to Huntsville Cave Rescue and all others who helped or participated. From what Jason told me, the Fire College was very, very impressed with our Association. As you know, we are entering into an agreement with the Fire College to have classes that will be taught by AARS members, but will get credit through the Fire College for training. We will be going down on Sept 25th for a meeting with them to finalize the necessary paperwork for our agreement.

Please check the website for the conference information, if there are any changes we will post them as soon as possible.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the hurricane victims and thanks to all those who have participated in any way in helping out with the recent disasters.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Mobile,
Danny Butler

FROM THE DESK OF THE 1st VICE PRESIDENT:

WOW!!!! Is it time for the conference? Where has this year gone? It has been a great year. Our dedicated members and squads across the state always continue to work very hard to provide the BEST to our friends, family, and citizens of Alabama. You always PRIDE yourself to be members of the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads. I think we have missed another year in the Tropical Season that has really spared Alabama. Fay came at a real good time and provided some much needed rain. Gustav was a real scare and where many communities may have received evacuees, the state as a whole was spared (I won't get into this letter my experience with the evacuee's,

but I would love to share my experience if you ask). With the destruction and aftermath of Ike, we should be so thankful and blessed that we were spared.

Jason has worked very hard on getting a very diverse schedule of training classes aligned for the conference. Thanks Jason!! I am anxiously awaiting the conference to see how the conference committee has put together a great time for our members. November 6 can't get here fast enough for me.

I want to thank the Nominating Committee and the members of the Association for putting the trust in me to serve as President of the Association. This is such an honor and as I look at some of the experiences that God has allowed me to be involved in, I look forward to the challenge. Now I am asking for a lot of help from you all. I have had the opportunity to learn many of you as cherished friends, there are many more of you that I don't know and I beg each of you to call me, e-mail me, or seek me out at any of our meetings to make sure I know our members.

As I close I want to thank Daleville, Peckerwood, and South Lamar for hosting our Quarterly meetings this year. Your hard work, dedication, and hospitality continue to make the Association strong and proud. See you at the Conference!

Matthew C. Knight
1st Vice-President

FROM THE DESK OF THE 2nd VICE PRESIDENT:

HELLO! I hope to find everyone doing well and I understand some of the squads did get busy during hurricane Ike. We have all been busy getting everything finalized for the conference, I think it will be a lot of fun this year. We will have some good classes which I hope everyone can get involved in. Hope everyone gets a cart in the cart race even if it is a helicopter. We had three enter last year and had a great time with all the fun. I expect many more this year. (**Don't expect the race to be straight.**) The rescue challenge will also be a lot of fun but you better come ready, **challenge** is the name for a reason. I really hope everyone will be down Friday night for karaoke. I was told to make a request for Mike and Andy to sing Elvira for some unknown reason (LOL). We are thinking of doing a spring training day so let me know now what you think about it and if there are any specific classes you want to request. Also, we may do one in the north end and one in south end next year. With gas being like it is, maybe this would make it easier for everyone to attend. I would also like to let everyone know that we need you all to start working on your NIMS classes so that we can get all squads up to date on the incident command system so that we can receive funding when available. We had a great time at the single rope class at the Fire College. I would like to thank everyone who attended this year. I also would like to thank the Fire College for hosting the class, it was a great facility for the class. Also a big thanks to Bull Conner for making us all feel at home and to all who helped us get this set up. I hope to see all of you at the conference in Mobile. I will be coming down on Tuesday of that week so if you have any idles for training day let me know.

Thanks to all
Jason Heard

FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

3rd Quarterly Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2008
Millport, AL

Johnny Rogers, Probate Judge of Lamar County welcomed us to their county.

Meeting was called to order by President Danny Butler. The Honor Guard posted the colors. Doyce Bobbit opened with prayer. Roll was called with 62 squads represented. Motion was made by McIntosh to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Union. Motion carried. Financial report was read. Clayton made motion to accept, seconded by Sartec. Motion carried. Danny showed the members the design for the conference shirt, designed by Rick Miller. Motion By Lillian to accept shirt design, seconded by Carbon Hill. Motion carried. Danny told the members that Chauncey Wood was elected President of the AAVFD.

Bill Warren from the Alabama Fire College spoke and read a letter from Allen Rice. The Alabama Fire College has adopted a resolution for training to be allowed for AARS members. Bruce Patrick from South Lamar spoke about the fuel tax and getting a bill passed to allow rescue squads to be reimbursed for all taxes on fuel. Motion was made by South Lamar to pursue this, seconded by Ider. Motion passed.

Danny spoke about creating the Infraction committee, members to be announced at the Annual Conference. Danny turned the microphone over to Chauncey, he told us that Ray Hogan had been awarded Fire-fighter of the Year. Chauncey spoke about the Executive Board and himself going to Randolph County and meeting with Richard Laird about our boat trailer bill, and also that the AARS also still has a state rescue officer. The State Attorney Generals office is checking into this for us and we will let the members know as soon as we know.

Chauncey then called all members of Colbert Rescue up to the podium and the Captain of Colbert Rescue proposed to his girlfriend, Kayla Adams, she accepted his proposal. This is the first time that this has ever happened. He also presented a certificate of Appreciation to Joshua Staggs. The squads in the state need to send a letter to their County Commission to ask them to support our bill, we will type up a form letter and send to all squads. Motion was made by Lillian, seconded by Peckerwood. Motion carried.

Danny said that the only one from our Association that would be going to Tennessee to their convention would be Jason Heard. At this time Danny turned the microphone over to Matt. Matt told us that Southwest Panhandle K-9 and Emotional Response Team had withdrawn their application. Matt also spoke about testifying at the First Responder Congressional Hearing held at Fort McClellan.

Jason talked about our association with the Fire College and being able

to get more training.

Jason presented Rescuer of Quarter to David Walker from Fischer Rescue Squad.

Plaque for High Attendance for 2nd Quarter to Autauga County Rescue Squad.

High Attendance for 3rd Quarter is Peckerwood Rescue Squad. Debbie spoke about having someone come in to do pictures at our conference. Debbie also spoke about everyone sending in recipes so we can do a cookbook to raise money for the Association.

At this time the nominating committee presented their nominations for officers. Candy stepped down as Chairman, the position will be replaced by Danny Smith at Conference.

2nd Vice President-Jason Heard. Motion made by Ider to close nominations, seconded by Carbon Hill. Motion carried. 1st Vice President-Danny Butler. Motion by Calhoun County to close nominations, seconded by Anniston. Motion carried.

President-Matt Knight. Motion by Anniston to close nominations, seconded by Sartec. Motion carried. There will be no election at conference.

Danny presented a certificate to South Lamar for hosting the meeting. Motion to adjourn by Union, seconded by Autauga County. Colors were retired. Meeting was adjourned.

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If you squad is phasing out a boat or the above items and would be interested in donating or selling it cheap (not much of a budget ☺) please give us a call. Help us help you.

Thanks, and Safe Searching.

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Can't I have just ONE cup of coffee??
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Incoming 2009 President, Matt Knight.
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AARS Honor Guard in Class A uniform presenting the Colors.
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Good food provided by South Lamar Rescue Squad
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The North Alabama Search Dog Association and the Guntersville Rescue Squad will be hosting a NASAR **Managing the Lost Person Incident Course.**

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Or check out our website at www.nasdak9.org and click on the MLPI info link.

Training Day, September 13, 2008
By Jason Heard

We had a great training day September 13th at the Fire College, it was a warm day with a light breeze blowing making the day comfortable for this class. The class was on single rope technique, which consisted of learning the safety aspects of rope and climbing and rappelling and was taught by instructors from Huntsville Cave Rescue Unit. We all learned a lot about the correct techniques to use; we also had a good time just getting to be together with our fellow rescue squad brothers and sisters. We got to rappel off the five-story training tower, which worked out great. This was the first time the class was done at the Fire College and I would like to thank everyone there for helping set this class up and making us feel at home. We would also like to thank Bull Conner of the Fire College, for taking time to hang out with us for the day. I think he enjoyed his day by doing a little bit of rope climbing himself. I would like to thank the instructors from Huntsville Cave Rescue, Brian Bailey, Jeff Burns, Jack Fischer, Nick Huskinson, Dan Mattle, Ed Nicholas and Michelle Ortega-Edwards for taking the time to teach the class. If anyone has ideas for classes or locations for next year, please let me know.



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**NIMS 300.....8:00am-8:00pm
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Thursday

**Training Programs Registration.....7:30am-8:00am
NIMS 300.....8:00am-5:00pm
ACLS.....8:00am-12:00pm
24 Hour Refresher Course.....8:00am-12:00pm
PALS.....8:00am-12:00pm
Basic EMT Instructor Course.....8:00am-12:00pm
LUNCH.....12:00pm-1:00pm
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Extrication Instructor.....1:00pm-5:00pm
EVOC.....5:00pm-9:00pm**

Friday

Training Programs Registration.....	7:30am-8:00am
NIMS 100, 200, 700 & 800.....	8:00am-Finish
ACLS.....	8:00am-12:00pm
24 Hour Refresher Course	8:00am-12:00pm
PALS.....	8:00am-12:00pm
Extrication Instructor.....	8:00am-12:00pm
EVOC.....	8:00am-Finish
Airway Management.....	8:00am-12:00pm
Lunch	12:00pm-1:00pm
ACLS.....	1:00pm-5:00pm
PALS.....	1:00pm-5:00pm
Search Operations & Planning.....	1:00pm-3:00pm
24 Hour Refresher Course.....	1:00pm-5:00pm
Urban Search & Rescue Operations.....	3:00pm-5:00pm
Convention Early Registration.....	2:00pm-6:00pm
Captains Meeting for Ramblin Rescue.....	5:45pm
Hamburgers & Hotdogs.....	6:00pm
Hospitality Room.....	7:00pm
Karaoke.....	8:00pm

Friday night at the Conference By Michael Hardy

Friday night will feature Karaoke so bring your singing voices. The Honor Guard will be raffling off a Karaoke machine on Friday night, also. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Proceeds from the raffle will go to help the Honor Guard with the expense of going to the National EMS Memorial Service in May, 2009 to be held again in Roanoke, VA. Please help support your Honor Guard! (We will also accept any donations with thanks). This Karaoke machine would make a great Christmas gift for the talented singer in your family!!

If you have a favorite CD for Karaoke or music for the Saturday night dance please bring it along but be sure to put your name on it. We will have over 11,000 song titles available for Friday night Karaoke and the Saturday night dance. Music to please just about any taste in dance music, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, Rap, Blues, Country, etc. We will also do Kamikaze Karaoke at least once. For those unfamiliar with the term, in Kamikaze karaoke the DJ picks the song and the singer does their best to sing it. Those who want to sing Kamikaze will have to sign up for it.

Really looking forward to a wild night on Friday and who knows, we may have a prize or two for the best Karaoke talent! One word of caution, NO drinks and NO smokes allowed on or around the sound equipment

Saturday

Convention Registration	8:00am-9:00am
Exhibits & Vendors	8:00am-4:00pm
Extrication Captains Meeting.....	8:00am-8:15am
Extrication Competition.....	8:30am-9:45am
General Welcome	9:15am-9:30am
Scrapbook Viewing	10:00am-4:00pm
Board of Directors Meeting	10:00am-11:00am
Captains Meeting.....	11:00am-11:05am
Ramblin Rescue.....	11:10am-12:00pm
<i>(Must have helmet, boots and gloves for Ramblin Rescue)</i>	
Lunch	11:30am-1:00pm
General Business Meeting	1:00pm-2:30pm
Pre-Seating for Banquet.....	2:30pm-3:00pm
Captains Meeting for First Aid.....	After Meeting
First-Aid Contest	After Meeting
Captains Meeting for Rescue Challenge.....	After First Aid
Rescue Challenge.....	After First Aid
<i>(Must have helmet, boots and gloves for Rescue Challenge)</i>	
Kids Room.....	6:00pm
Awards Banquet	7:00pm

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Search Dogs and The Rescue Squad: What Every Unit Should Know

We have all gotten that call – missing /overdue person and wondered just where do we start and what are we going to do this time. Be it a child, a hunter, an Alzheimer's patient or an overdue boater, they all share a common characteristic- you are now involved in a classic mystery: **Search – Which Way Did They Go and Where are they now?** One of the resources that can be available to any Unit is the use of trained search dogs. However, there are some things that you need to know to help maximize your efforts and the dog team's. Let me preface these remarks by saying some of these reflect the way the SARTEC K-9 Unit works – another team may have different policies and capabilities. This is another good case for preplanning and training with the Team in your area before the callout occurs!

1. Call EARLY and place the Unit on stand-by. This lets the dog handlers start making arrangements – remember you can't carry a dog to work like the rest of your rescue gear!
2. START SEARCHING – DO NOT WAIT FOR US!! If you find the person while we are on the way, great! – We can all go home and back to bed. (This may vary from team to team.)
3. PRESERVE THE SCENE, and the LKP (Last Known Point). Treat this point like an unexploded bomb – keep everybody away and downwind. If a vehicle, keep EVERYONE out, even law enforcement (this can sometimes be real hard to do). Flag off the immediate area if you can. Do not let this keep you from searching for the subject, though.
4. Do NOT attempt to collect a scent article. This needs to be done by a trained handler in a special way to maximize the effective use when using Scent-Specific and Trailing Dogs. We will do this once on scene while the search continues.
5. Set up a staging area for the dogs away and upwind from exhaust fumes – they will "kill" a dog's sense of smell for a period of time that the dog could be out searching. This is another reason why water search boats should have a electric trolling motor or as small an outboard motor as possible Try to keep the fumes down during the water search.
6. Complete the "Lost Person Questionnaire" as soon as possible. This contains vital information for search planning. If you are not using this nationally used form, give us a call and we will see that you get a copy. There is also one specifically for Alzheimer's Patients too. These forms act as "Memory Ticklers" for questions you might forget to ask at first, but may be very important later.
7. Those searches involving known deceased persons (cadaver) on both land and water are usually much more time consuming and require a slower pace and depends upon many variables which need to be worked out in advance so contacting the Unit EARLY really helps managing one of these searches.

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8. Working dogs in Collapsed Building / Urban SAR missions after tornadoes or other disasters can be an effective tool if the handlers are trained to work in that type of environment – remember you will have all the makings of a Haz-Mat incident in addition to an unstable scene.
9. Remember Search Dogs are animals and just like people- they have good days and bad days. Most units will use multiple dogs in their response to maximize effectiveness. Be aware that Nothing in this business is 100 % effective and good handlers know when their dog is working hard or just being a dog. Depending upon one of anything is not a good idea in Search and Rescue.
10. Be aware of some things that the Unit does NOT do – We do not search for those persons who may want to hurt the dog or searchers. These are not police K-9 attack dogs-they are trained to find and lick kids not bite felons. We do not search for evidence of Arson, although we have worked burned bodies (After the Fire is out !) We also do not charge for our services. We are all volunteers just like you, though we have been known to work for food, gas and "T" Shirts....☺

In short, trained search dogs can be a great resource for other units. We have worked in all across the state and into adjoining ones with some great Squads and Departments, and are a resource for just about everybody. The SARTEC K-9 Unit does land and water searches with both Air Scent and Tracking/Trailing dogs. Our philosophy has always been "We are there to assist you with your search efforts – We would rather be on site and not needed, than 2 hours away and needed right now."

This has been a real short article on a subject that could take up a whole book. If you have any questions or need any additional information give us a call.(No food required!)

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2008 Conference T-Shirt Design
By Rick Miller

During the 2nd AARS Quarterly Meeting held by Peckerwood Rescue Squad, AARS President Danny Butler and Debbie Tidwell asked Rick Miller of Lower Alabama Search and Rescue to design a t-shirt logo for the 2008 Annual Conference in Mobile. Rick and his business partner Matt Marano of Patch Express located in Woodstock, Georgia came up with the logo design featured on the front cover of this quarter's magazine. The membership at the AARS Quarterly Meeting at South Lamar Rescue Squad was given a sneak peek of the design and the image was approved for use on the conference t-shirts. Hopefully, it will look as good on the t-shirts as it does on paper. Rick is also producing the logo design in a shoulder patch which members will be able to purchase at the conference. Rick and Matt also recently designed a new "Extrication Certified" shoulder patch for Jason Heard, AARS Education and Training Chairman, to issue to those who complete the AARS Extrication Training.



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Etowah County Rescue Squad
A Busy August
David Minton / Mike Bettis

During the month of August 2008, the Etowah County Rescue Squad was busy with numerous missions. On August 1st and 2nd the ECRS was busy working first aid at the Gadsden Boys and Girls Club Rodeo. We were all fortunate that there were only a few minor injuries during the rodeo. One cowboy was taken to the hospital with a possible fractured arm; thankfully it was not broken. On August 2nd during the Boys and Girls Club Rodeo, a storm came through Southside and knocked trees down across many roads and houses. Several members went to help clear the trees off the roads and houses and to provide emergency lighting. During the next several days we continued to help clean up the debris along with the assistance of the Etowah County Sheriff's Department. On August 25th divers searched the Coosa River for a lost item. A friend of one of our members was out with his family knee-boarding and the rope got caught on his arm causing him to lose his Rolex watch, unfortunately no recovery was made. The dive was made very interesting due to the fact this was when tropical storm Fay was moving through the area. Light rain started falling, which soon turned into a downpour, then the tornado sirens started sounding and we ended the dive. August 30th started C.E.R.T. classes for two of our members; this class is being sponsored by Gadsden EMA. They will continue in this class for four more weeks. We also had our road block and the majority of our members were in attendance. We would like to thank several of our retired members for helping with the road block. Also that weekend we worked first aid at the Boys and Girls Club Pee-Wee football jambo-ree. Also on August 30th, Captain Miller received calls from Gadsden EMA and the Red Cross notifying us that our building would possibly be opened for evacuees of Hurricane Gustav. Our equipment was moved outside, and the bay and meeting room prepared with cots. On August 31st, several busloads of evacuees arrived at Gadsden State Community College and Carnes Recreational Center in Attalla. During the following days, many of the evacuees were transported to and from hospitals and doctor's offices. Some of the evacuees had survived Hurricane Katrina and the Superdome. Meetings were held twice daily at the EMA office to discuss the situation. We would like to thank local news for covering the evacuees which were received at Gadsden State and at Carnes Recreational Center. Our prayers go with these people as they return home. We also now have a new training officer and we hope to take advantage of the classes being offered at the fire college. At the end of September we have the Mid-South Band Festival which is always entertaining. Hope to see everyone in Mobile!



James Miller of Etowah Co. Rescue Squad with exchange students Francisco Echeverria, right, of Venezuela and David Per Bodestrom , left, of Sweden. Photo by Floyd Guthrie.

Rescue Squad Members Engaged

The 3rd Quarterly Meeting had an unusual occurrence, as far as meetings go. Charles Lash, of Colbert County Rescue Squad, asked Kayla Adams, of Colbert County Rescue Squad, for her hand in marriage in front of all AARS members in attendance. She accepted his proposal with a smile. Congratulations and Best Wishes from all Rescue Squads and AARS Members!



Charles Lash down on one knee for all to see. Photo By Rick Miller.

CLIO RESCUE SQUAD "WE SAVE LIVES" BY: TINA WOOD

UP IN THE AIR

Hello Everyone! It was really great to see such a turnout of fellow Rescuers at the third quarterly meeting in Millport. Max and I really enjoyed everyone. Max really enjoyed the trip, especially playing with the children and eating ice cream!

This past quarter has had us very busy to say the least; we had one of the worst fires in a long time, an 8 unit apartment building to burn, MVA's, seizures, strokes, low blood pressure, you name it, we've had it. Football season has just started, so that means Thursday night JV games and Friday night at the high school in Clayton. Clio mutual aids with Louisville and Clayton Rescue Squads taking turns working the home games.

Captain Alice "Granny" Robinett and driver Freddie Childs attended Southeast Alabama EMS Region's Provider meeting in Troy on Thursday, August 28th. We finally got our child car seat/ restraints. Granny said the meeting was very informative, only SEAEMS should do a little more for the BLS Providers protocol updates in the future.

Still up in the air is our squabble with out going mayor Jack Pelfrey, in regards to "who" owns two of the ambulances, the 1986 and 1993. Clio Rescue Squad claims ownership with bank notes, cancelled checks and Alabama Dept. of Revenue Titles to verify it. We hope to have all this settled by the time our new mayor, David Grice takes office on Monday, November 3rd. The present mayor claims the city owns them and we have the proof that they are Clio Rescue's! It's not enough that we put our lives on hold to volunteer our services, now we have to go to court to prove our provider service is Clio Rescue's. November can't get here fast enough for us.

Chauncey and I are looking forward to seeing you in at the conference in Mobile, November 6-8.

Until then, May God bless you and keep you safe.



Chauncey Wood holding the microphone so everyone can hear Kayla's answer. SHE SAID YES!! Photo By Rick Miller.

The SAR Tech K-9 unit has been busy this year, we have spent a lot of time with a number of squads providing classes on Search Tech, collapsed structures and lost persons. These classes have been well received and Ed Nicholas has done a very good job presenting these classes which are done by Power Point and Ed always allows for questions and discussion.

Our fundraisers have been doing well so far this year. Since we do not receive any funds from Federal, State, County agencies or any local government, not unlike many other squads, we must provide our own source of revenue. This doesn't stop us from responding anywhere, at any time, when we are called. We never self dispatch or show up without being called. To respond uncalled is the worst thing any unit could possibly do, this shows an extreme lack of professionalism. We strive to work with any unit and provide our services without any monetary gain. Our goal is to bring closure to a case and give the victim's family peace of mind. We are not there to boost our egos.

I recently found out that Search Dog Jake of the HEMSI Search Dog Unit had been called to join many other search dogs in dog heaven. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Chip Laymon, his loss is a loss for the entire Search and Rescue community. Jake will always be remembered. I hope Chip will be able to find another dog and that Jake will send his knowledge down to him just as Hoover has done for my Bullet.

Any time you need a SAR dog, we in North Alabama are blessed with three SAR dog units. So don't hesitate to call on all the available resources. That is why we are here, as a resource for any agency in need.

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Accept what fate may be.
Touch these hands, use this mind,
Help this EMT.
— author unknown —



IN MEMORIAM



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