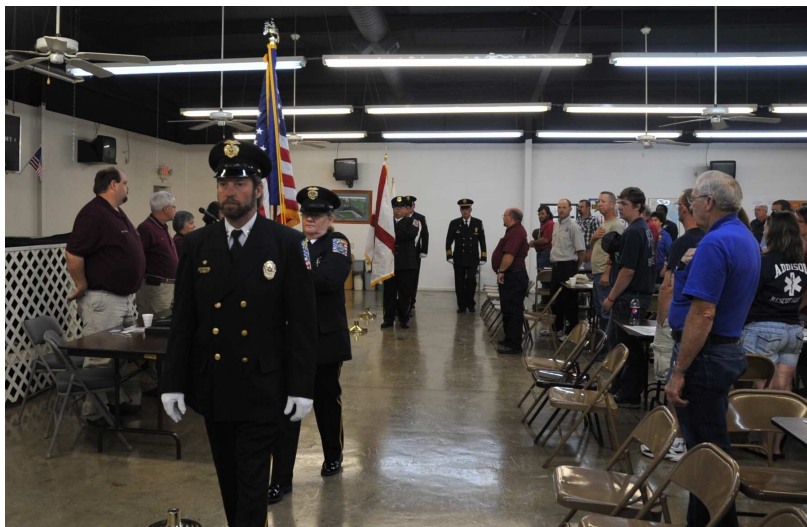


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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

Hello fellow squad member! August is here already and the summer has been hot again. I would like to thank Athens-Limestone for hosting a good meeting in May. We had lots of squads there and got some business done.

We would like to offer our very deep condolences to Jason Heard and his family on the loss of his father. I personally want to thank Desoto Rescue Squad for providing coverage so the Ider Rescue members could attend the funeral. Arthur Baker of Union Rescue also passed away on June 29, 2012 he will be missed by his family and squad. As always we have some good to report and some bad. The Tax and Surplus bills are a done deal and now we are going to look at some other was to get things done for the AARS. It seems we do all we can do and take the promises of help but it seems WE the AARS does the helping. Chauncey has worked very hard for us in Montgomery and I do thank him for the work. I wrote in my 2nd quarterly letter that I would be looking and inspecting squads which I have done, seems all so far has what is required. I was asked about boats again, it is not a requirement to have a boat if you do not have water in your area you serve. Now if the area you have has water, you need to get a boat then by all means get one or have one that you may use.

As you all know this is the August, 3rd quarterly meeting and we will have nominations of officers for 2013. I will not be able to serve again since my term will expire this year. It has been an honor to serve as your President and as an officer. If you have a person in mind for office get with the Nominating Committee. Brian is putting together the classes for Conference this year and be warned, if we schedule a class and we have nobody to sign up for the class it WILL BE cancelled. We have had hot days and probably have more ahead so please stay cool in this heat. If you don't take care of you then who will? I will see you in August so please be safe!

Danny Butler
President

From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Wow summer has hit and man is it hot! I hope everyone is staying as cool as possible. It's hard to believe it's nearly time for the third quarterly meeting. Things have been slow as far as training goes. There is still time for your squad to host a class this summer. If you know of a class your squad would like to host let me or Brian know. I would like to personally extend my thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, visits, and texts during the sickness and death of my father. It's friends like you that helped me get through this. Thanks again. Remember it's not too early to start thinking about conference and the classes you want and your teams for the competitions. We are looking forward to another great conference. Hope to see everybody in Arton for the August meeting. Till then stay safe, train hard, have fun and spend time with your family.

Jason Heard
1st Vice President

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

It has been a sad couple of months since our last meeting. Mike and Corrine Hardy lost a grandson and Jason Heard and David Baker both lost their fathers. Please keep them in your prayers. On training, the Cave Rescue classes will be August 23rd through the 26th, you can sign up online at the fire college website. Fall training is September 18th hosted by Lake Martin which will be diving and land search exercises. We will have more information at our 3rd quarterly meeting. We have a lot of classes in store for the conference. If you have any ideas let me know. Hope to see you at the meeting in Arton! Remember to keep the AARS Families in your prayers.

Brian Bailey
2nd Vice President

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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Alabama Association of Rescue Squads

2nd Quarter

May 19, 2012

Athens AL

Colors posted by the Honor Guard.

Guest speakers: EMA – Rita White and Tourism – Casey Lee

Meeting was called to order by President Danny Butler. Opening prayer by Hoyt McCaghren. Roll was called with 61 squads represented. Due to several different activities going on with the Coosa Valley Rescue Squad it was discussed excusing them. Motion made by Anniston Rescue Squad. Seconded by Choctaw County Rescue Squad. Motion carried. Motion was also made to excuse Altoona Fire and Rescue Squad due to activities with their squad. Motion was made by Etowah County Rescue Squad. Seconded by Ider Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Randolph County Rescue Squad. Seconded by Detroit Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the financial report by Randolph County Rescue Squad. Seconded by Daphne Search and Rescue. Motion carried.

Danny spoke about the C.E.R.T program and also about the NIMS classes.

Danny also spoke about the ID system that the Association purchased. It is in and we have received training on it. The cost of the cards will be \$5.00. All squads that want ID's made need to send pictures and all the information to be put on the cards to the office and they will be printed.

Danny also spoke about upgrading the radio frequency to UHF. The cost is \$500.00. Motion by Florence/Lauderdale to upgrade. Seconded by LASAR. Motion carried.

Jimmy Looney spoke about the bills that were passed...

Danny spoke about the surplus program, have to go sign the papers and get everything setup with the ways and means committee to handle the requests.

Jason had 3 squads to bring before the Association. All three were previous members that failed to renew on time.

Houston County Rescue Unit. Motion to accept by Lake Martin Search and Rescue. Seconded by Ider Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

North Alabama Search Dog Association. Motion to accept by Daphne Search and Rescue. Motion carried.

Talladega Rescue Squad. Motion to accept by Sand Mountain Search and Rescue. Seconded by Lake Martin Search and Rescue. Motion carried.

Brian had Matt Knight come up to talk about the EMR program.

Brian spoke about the fall training; it is scheduled for September 8th.

High Attendance for the second quarter – Union Rescue Squad.

Rescuer of the Quarter was presented to John Smothers from Geraldine Rescue Squad.

Danny thanked Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad, Huntsville-Cave Rescue Unit and Morgan County Rescue Squad for hosting the meeting and also for the meet and greet that was held on Friday night.

With no further business the colors were retired and the meeting adjourned.

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3rd Quarterly Meeting
August 18th 2012
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Board of Directors Meeting9:30 – 11:00
Lunch (On your own)..... 11:00—1:00
General Membership Meeting1:00—3:00

Amazing Rescue at High Falls Park
By Tony Taylor

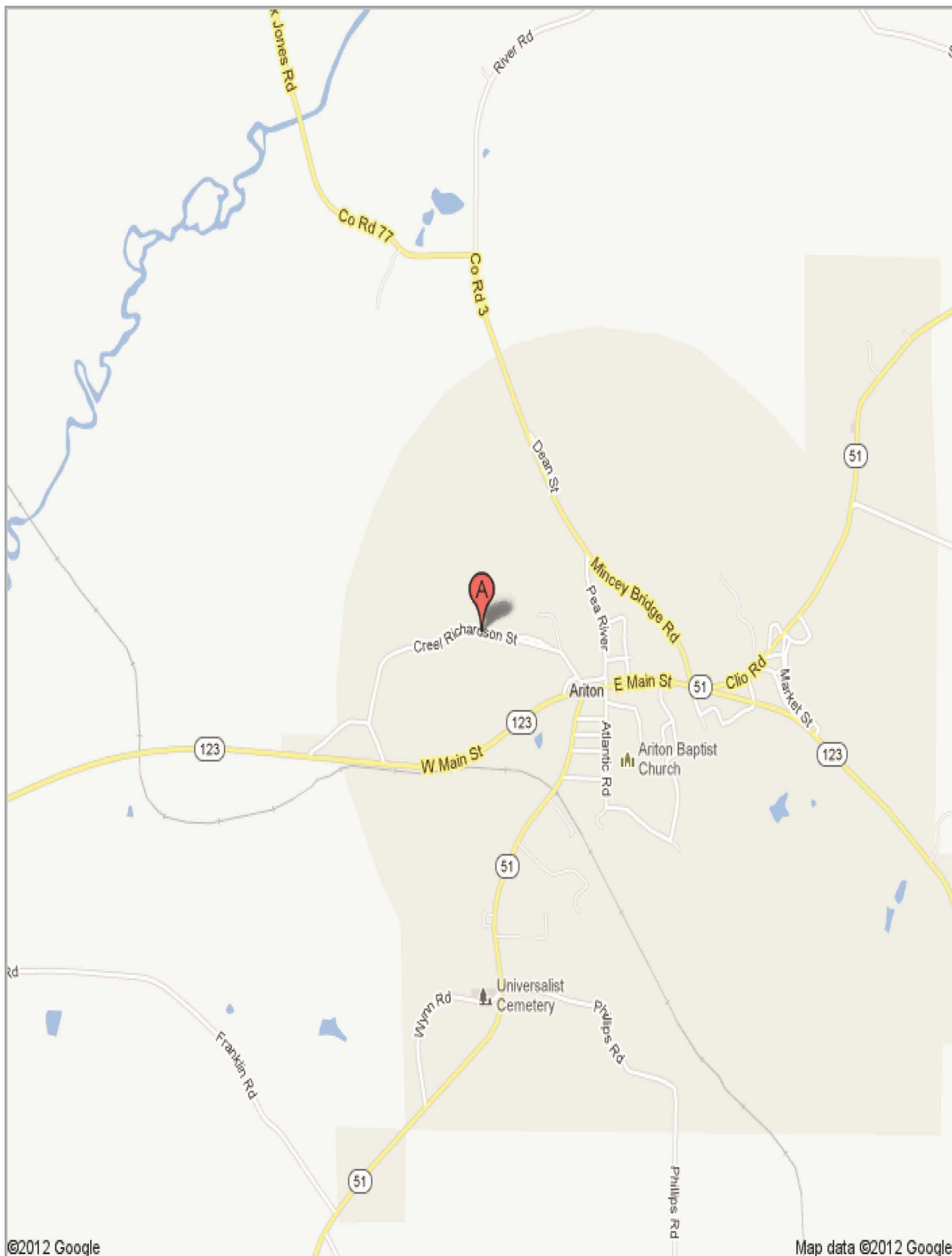
High Falls Park is located on Town Creek between Geraldine and Grove Oak. The 35 ft. waterfall is a popular attraction for adults and teenagers who travel great distances to see the beautiful scenery and to jump off the point rock. The falls span some 300 ft. across at times. It is truly a beautiful place but also a very dangerous place. Visitors are advised to avoid the rough waters below the falls but some still choose to “take the plunge.”

On the afternoon of Monday, April 30, Geraldine Rescue was paged to High Falls Park to rescue a young man who became ill while swimming with friends. Apparently the teenager suffered an asthma attack or other medical problem during or shortly after his plunge from the 35 ft. waterfall. The young man was pulled from the water by a friend but was in serious condition. The two friends remained on a large rock in an area below the waterfall waiting for help to arrive.

One of the first responders was Geraldine Rescue Squad member John Smothers. Upon arriving at the scene, he was alerted that the young man had stopped breathing. Without hesitation, John climbed down the rock bluff at the waterfall and swam across the creek to a ledge at the base of the large rock formation called the arch rock to help the young man. He found that the young man was breathing but was in serious condition. John stayed with the teenager until Fischer Rescue arrived and used their high-angle rope rescue system to get the young man safely from the area below the waterfall to a rock bed above the waterfall where a medical helicopter was waiting to take him to the hospital.

Geraldine Rescue and Fischer Rescue have worked together numerous times at High Falls. On this particular rescue, a rope system, along with a second safety rope, was set up. Fischer placed flotation devices on a specialized basket and floated the teenager across the creek to the point at the base of the rock wall. Fischer and Geraldine squads along with representatives from the Alabama State Troopers, DeKalb Ambulance Service, DeKalb County Sheriff’s Office, and Geraldine Police Department worked together to lift the teen from the bottom of the 35 ft. waterfall to the top. It took about 45 minutes from the time they got him in the basket, across the water and to the top of the rock wall.

This amazing rescue was handled with the utmost composure, compassion, and courage. The personal satisfaction received from such an experience is indescribable. As volunteers we are there when people cry out for help—as human beings we are thankful that we have the ability and the training to help those crying out.



**Cullman County Rescue Squad
Judy Chambers**

Hello again. Well, can't believe it is already July. Summer time is here. Conference is not that far away. Before we know it, it will be Christmas time again. Hope this finds everyone well trained and ready for the Conference this year. We are all looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. Keep up your competitive spirit and go to your training classes.

We have been pretty busy since the last time we was here. We worked Smith Lake Park during Memorial Day and the OHV Park every weekend. Thankfully we have had no severe accidents. We also worked the big "Smith Farms Concert", "Rock the South Concert" with, "Kellie Pickler, Marshall Tucker Band, and Taylor Hicks". They were all very entertaining.

We attended Dive Training class and EVOC class and passed with flying colors. We are always looking for training classes so that we may be prepared when the need arises.

We have had a lot of fun working our firework stand. Lot of hours and hard work went into building and stocking the stand, but it's doing really good this year. We also had a Poker Run, and Car Show which was a lot of fun also.

We finally had to retire one of our oldest members RS1 truck. We welcome into our squad family, a Dodge crew cab 2008 D500. So proud to have found her to help support our County residents.

The Cullman County Rescue Squad has welcomed into our squad several new members that have already been trained and ready for action when needed. Also we have had a new birth and a wedding in the squad so we are continuing to grow. Cullman County Rescue Squad was one of the lucky ones to be picked to come work the Talladega Races. If you have never been there that is like another world. We had so much fun working that.

Well I guess that about wraps it up on some of the things we have been doing. Now it's time to get ready for the fair, football season, Halloween, conference and Christmas. Stayed safe and well trained until next time.



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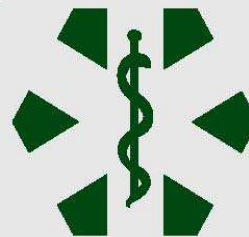
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