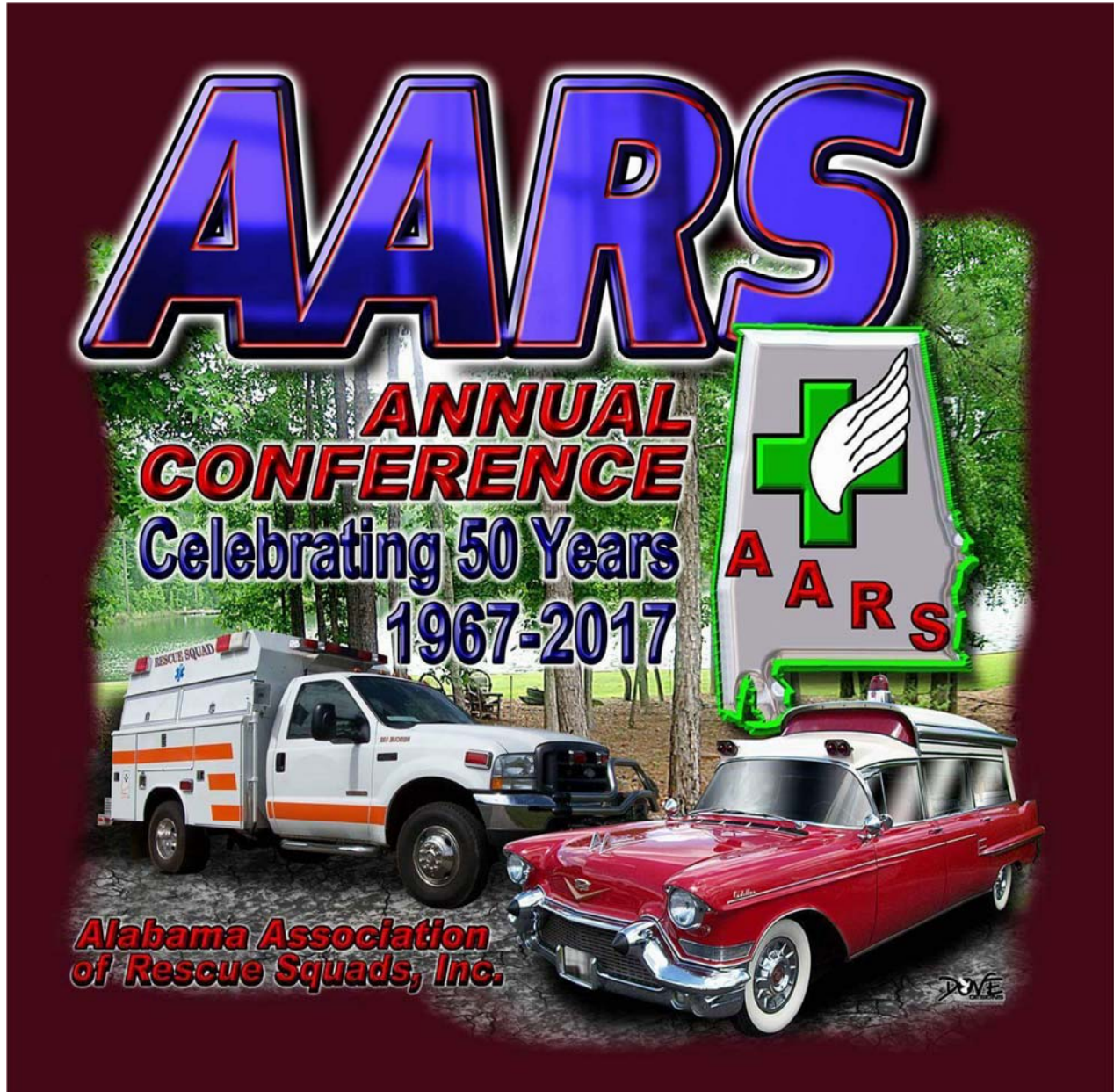


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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

Thanks for the great job Desoto Rescue Squad did at the last quarterly meeting. It was great seeing everyone, we had a great turnout. I want to thank all the Squads in DeKalb County that participated with the State Meeting.

With the Conference fast approaching make sure you get everything turned in to Debbie in a timely fashion. Classes are posted and in the packets that were sent out. I know this is a short deadline for all but we need to know the numbers. I do not do short deadlines well either. There are no elections at Conference this year as the present officers will go back into their respective positions.

As we approach the last of summer it has been a very deadly time for the people of Texas and Florida. With that being said, I did offer our services to FEMA and they turned us down in a NICE way. I know we had people wanting to go and help. This is a where they needed resources and yes, we have them. They wanted us to be self-supportive for up to 2 weeks. I told them we could be if needed, but again we were turned down. I did talk to EMA of Alabama and let them know we were welcomed to be deployed if needed, but that call never came.

There will be some by-law changes at the conference so look over them and give us your opinion. This conference will mark the 50th year anniversary for the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads so join us in making this a special one.

Hope to see all of you at the Conference in Orange Beach. Thank you all for your continued support.

Danny Butler
President

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

Are you ready for our 50th convention? I am, I can't wait. We have lots of great classes lined up so make sure you sign up now before they are full.

There will be lots of great vendors and plenty to do and see. See you at conference.

Luther Peebles
2nd Vice President



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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

3rd Quarterly Meeting
August 19th, 2017
Mentone, AL

Colors were posted by the Honor Guard. Opening prayer by Hoyt MacCaghren. Meeting was called to order by President Danny Butler. Michael Edmondson, Chief Deputy with Dekalb County, welcomed everyone to the area. Special speakers were: Representative Ledbetter, Connie with SouthernLinc, Jimmy Carter, Constable, Brad Gregg, Police Chief of Mentone, Art Faulkner State EMA Director, Johnny Johnson and officers with the Wildlife Freshwater Fisheries.

Danny Butler presented Art Faulkner with a plaque for 29 years of service and the Association made Art and his wife Honorary members of the AARS.

Roll was called with 63 squads in attendance. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Geraldine Rescue Squad. Motion was seconded by McIntosh Rescue Squad. Motion carried. A motion was made by LASAR to count Rocky Ridge present due to sickness. Motion was seconded by Daphne Search and Rescue. Motion carried. Motion was made by Huntsville Cave to count Scottsboro-Jackson present at the 2nd Quarterly meeting due to be on a search mission. Motion was seconded by Geraldine Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geraldine Rescue Squad to dispense with the reading of the financial report. Motion was seconded by Daphne Search and Rescue. Motion carried.

There was a man tracking class held at this meeting.

Danny Smith spoke about the ad Valorem monies. The ways and Means committee met to establish guidelines...ref amount to be granted and how often a squad can apply. There will be an application process and the applications to be presented at the 3rd Quarterly meeting and disbursed at the Conference. The application will have a narrative to explain what the money will be used for. Any equipment purchased with this money must stay in the squad for 5 years.

Danny Butler reminded everyone that this is the Association's 50th Anniversary.

Danny Butler spoke about all squad members that operate a boat must have a vessel licenses, we will have class at conference.

Motion was made by Daphne Search and Rescue to pay Chauncey Wood \$5000.00 and Jimmy Looney \$1500.00 for their work in the legislature. Motion was seconded by Ider Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Matt spoke about the EMS conference and the SEMCC committee meeting.

Luther spoke about the classes for the conference. Need to pre-register for classes to make sure that we have enough to conduct the class.

Rescuer of the Quarter was presented to Debbie Tidwell.

Meeting was turned over to the nominating committee: No names were presented to the nominating committee so the committee recommends leaving officers as they are.

Floor was opened for nominations for president. No nominations from the floor. Motion was made by Daphne to close nominations.

Motion was seconded by North Lamar to close the nominations. Motion carried.

Floor was opened for nominations for 1st vice president. No nominations from the floor. Motion was made by Coosa Valley to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by East Colbert to close the nominations. Motion carried.

Floor was opened for nominations for 2nd vice president. No nominations from the floor. Motion was made by Ider to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Geraldine. Motion carried.

Thanks to Dekalb County for hosting the meeting, look forward to seeing everyone at the conference.

Honor Guard removed the colors and the meeting was adjourned.

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2017 Conference Schedule

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2017

0800 - 0830	Welcome and Orientation
0830 - 1700	NIMS/ICS-400 Patient Simulation for Emergency Providers NASAR SAR Tech III
0830 - 1500	Boater Certification
TBA	ITLS PALS ACLS First Aid for Kids

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2017

0800 - 1700	NIMS/ICS-400
0800 - 1200	NASAR SAR Tech III Man Tracking Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS) Patient Simulation for Emergency Providers
1300 - 1700	Lost in the Water EVOC
1400 - 1800	Early Conference Registration
1800	EMS Competition
1845	Rescue Challenge
1900	Seafood Boil
1930	Cart Race Corn Hole Competition

2017 Conference Schedule

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2017

0800 - 0900	Conference Registration
0800 - 1500	Exhibits and Vendors
0915 - 0930	General Welcome
0930 - 1000	Guest Speakers
1000 - 1600	Scrapbook Viewing
1000 - 1130	Board of Directors Meeting
1130 - 1300	Lunch
1300 - 1430	General Business Meeting
1900	Awards Banquet (Doors open at 1830)



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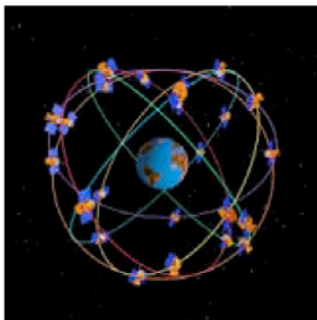
Introduction

We live in a world full of exciting tools that make our lives better. None have affected our lives more than the ever present smartphone. Smartphones have all but eliminated the need for handheld GPSr's (Global



Positioning System receiver) with apps that leverage the built in GPSr and access to the interweb to acquire the map data for the area you are in.

Smartphone Mapping



There are many mapping apps out there available for iOS and Android. Android has the most but some of them are...

- Google Maps
 - Backcountry Navigator
 - Avenza
 - Google Earth
 - MapQuest
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These are the ones that I have used in the past but that do not have all the features I need for SAR.

Locus Map

Locus Map is the one that I have come to depend on the most for all my smartphone navigation. There are two versions of Locus Map. One is the free version that has ads in it and is called Locus Map Free. It is fully functional except that you have ads that take up space at the bottom or top of the screen. To get rid of the ads you can upgrade to Locus Map Pro by paying a small fee (\$7.50 currently). Believe me, it is worth it.

Features

Maps are available in either online or offline versions in all the formats you will ever need such as Nautical, Orthophoto, Planimetric, Topographic, etc.

Online Maps - are maps that require an internet connection and are live. This means that the portion of the map that you are looking at is downloaded as you need it. Typical sources include Google, Bing, Mapquest, etc.

Offline Maps - Most mapping apps use mobile data to access maps on the internet as you zoom and scroll. But, there are places you go that do not have a mobile data connection and if it is not on your phone, you ain't gonna get it. So Locus has a feature that allows you to download and save a portion of a map to your phone so that you can use it when you don't have mobile data.

This is great for two reasons. One, you have the map to use and two, you can put your phone in airplane mode and save on battery usage. If you don't have *any* cell signal where you are at, "Airplane Mode" is best because your phone will use your battery faster trying to find a weak signal. Or just turn off "Mobile Data" to keep your ability to make and receive phone calls but still prolong your battery.

Offline Maps can be purchased directly from the Locus Store for little or nothing, and you can create and use your own (Google it) or you can use outside sources to download and save them on your phone.

Track Recording

In SAR, we use recorded track files of all searchers in the field to verify search efficiency. These track files are downloaded, stored and displayed on a Planning Section PC based map. This information is useful to determine if the same area needs to be searched again.

LOCUS track recording can be set up for differing styles of travel and trackpoint accuracy. For SAR you will most likely set it up for "Foot" travel. So you would set the "Recording Profile" for "Foot" and then set it to record trackpoints based on distance, time or both.

Points / Waypoints

In Locus, waypoints are just called "Points" and are easily created and can be sorted into folders for each search. When you create a new point, you have the option to select the format you want to enter it in. This is a great feature because not everyone gives coordinates in same format on a search. As an example, suppose you are out searching and someone calls you and says you need to go to (31° 00.54495', -87° 56.4004'). Your default coordinate system is dd.dddd (or better yet, UTM) but you can enter it in the format they give you by selecting that format in the Location field of the new Point on the fly. You don't have to change your default units in settings and then create a new point and then change your setting back. What a time saver!

Easily Send Your Current Coordinates

One of the features I really like is that your current position is displayed on the main map screen and you can click on it to copy it to your clipboard. This is nice because you can send your position back to the ICP quickly via text if you need to report your position or find a clue. You can also do this via the share button but it does take more keystrokes.

Add Ons, Helper Apps and Other Features

Locus has some pretty good add ons and helper apps that can help you like “Maps Tweak” that increases the number of different map providers available to you.

There is the ability to create search areas on your map using the “Add New Route & Measure” feature. You can draw an outline of each of your search segments and label them. You can then share them in GPX format via email to the team that is tasked with searching it.

Summary

While I will not say that Locus is the simplest navigation app out there, I will say that it is one that will do what you need as a planner or searcher. There are some great video tutorials on YT to help you get started <https://www.youtube.com/user/AsammSoftware>

As with all tools, you must use it on a regular basis to stay proficient. Use it as a navigation tool to go to meetings. When someone texts you and wants to know where you are, copy your position from locus and text it to them. Practice, practice, practice.

First Aid Competition Rules

The purpose of this competition is to evaluate the ability of each team to assess, treat, and prepare for transport a victim of a medical or traumatic incident.

Each team will consist of four members including a working captain. One alternate may be selected to substitute in the event a team member is unable to complete the competition.

Each team will be responsible for furnishing their own equipment and supplies.

Judges will be selected by the competition director. The decision of the judges is final.

Scoring of each team will be done based on the team’s ability to do the following:

1. Size up and determine the resource needs of the scenario given.
2. Thoroughly assess the patient(s) presented.
3. Properly address assessment findings.
4. Safely remove the victim to a staging area for transport.
5. Provide a hand-off report that summarizes the scenario, including assessment findings and treatments.
6. Perform all of the above in a manner that emphasizes the safety of all rescuers and victims.

The order in which the teams will compete will be decided at random by the completion director.

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Rambling Rescue Race Competition Rules

Section 1 – Carts

1. Maximum cart length is 6 feet
2. Maximum cart width is 30 inches.
3. Maximum wheel diameter is 18 inches.
4. Maximum cart weight is 300 pounds.
5. No mechanical propulsion devices.

Squads may enter more than one cart, but each cart must have its own designated operators.

Section 2 – Personnel

Each cart team will consist of two people, one driver and one pusher. Personnel may be required to trade positions during the course of the race.

All participants must meet the following criteria:

1. Over 18 years of age.
2. Registered for convention.
3. A member of a squad that is in good standing.
4. Be outfitted in full personal protective equipment to include: helmet, eye protection, gloves, full arm and leg protection, and close-toed shoes.

Section 3 – Race

The layout and objective of the race will be decided by the competition director and will be presented to the participants in a pre-race briefing. There may be timed heats, obstacles, or a combination thereof. Criteria for judging will be clearly defined for each team. The judges will be selected by the competition director and the decision of the judges shall be final. Trophies shall be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Section 4 – Design

Carts will be judged based on originality of design and construction. Judges will be selected by the competition director and the decision of the judges shall be final. Trophies shall be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

This is designed to be a fun competition and all squads are encouraged to participate. Any unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification. All race activities will be conducted with an emphasis on safety.

Conference Classes and Schedule

NASAR SAR Tech III - The Introduction to Search and Rescue (ISAR)/SARTECH III course is designed to provide knowledge concerning the general responsibilities, skills, abilities, and the equipment needed by persons who would be participating in a search or rescue mission. The course is based around rural and wilderness environments but the material is recommended as a base of knowledge for all SAR environments. ISAR/SARTECH III is the first course in a stepping stone approach to higher level NASAR courses of training for emergency personnel. It provides a common starting point in training for the new person to SAR and in many cases, an excellent refresher course for the more experienced SAR worker.

Patient Simulation for Emergency Care Providers – This training will provide initial and continuing education for basic and advanced level emergency medical service providers through the use of scenario-based patient simulation. This will be accomplished through the use of simulation manikins provided by the Alabama Gulf EMS Region (Region 6) and will enable a hands-on real world approach to training. Topics covered will include adult, pediatric, and neonatal medical and trauma scenarios. All provider levels, including non-licensed responders, are welcome to attend any part of this training.

ICS 400/NIMS 400 – This course focuses on large single-agency and complex multi-agency/multi-jurisdictional incident response. The course addresses area command and staff issues, as well as the planning, logistical and fiscal considerations associated with complex incident management and interagency coordination.

ICS 100, ICS 200, and ICS 300 are pre-requisites to the ICS-400 course.

Boating Education and Operator Certification/License - This course will provide potential boat operators with education on the laws and procedure governing boat operation in Alabama. Any and all personnel that may operate a boat for any squad or department should have this training. Minimum age to attend is 12.

Traffic Incident Management System - TIMS consists of a planned and coordinated multi-disciplinary process to detect, respond to, and clear traffic incidents so that traffic flow may be restored as safely and quickly as possible. Effective TIM reduces the duration and impacts of traffic incidents and improves the safety of motorists, crash victims and emergency responders.

ACLS Refresher - The Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support Provider Course provides students with concepts related to advanced cardiovascular life support. Content areas include acute myocardial infarction, stroke, cardiovascular pharmacology, electrophysiology, various rhythm disturbances, and techniques of management of cardiovascular emergencies.

PALS Refresher- This course provides students with theory and simulated case studies in pediatric care. Content areas include recognition of pediatric pre-arrest conditions; shock; basic life support; oxygenation and airway control; newborn resuscitation; essentials in pediatric resuscitation; dysrhythmia recognition and management; vascular access; and use of medications.

ITLS Refresher - This course provides students with theory and demonstration in advanced trauma care and management. Content areas include mechanism of trauma, trauma assessment, airway -breathing-circulation, management, trauma to various portions of the body, multiple system trauma, and load-and-go situations.

Lost in the Water: Developing a Last Scene Point-Learn what questions to ask, how and where to interview a witness and how to determine exactly where a missing victim will be located.

Course will cover the search strategies and techniques needed to ensure that water searches last only hours instead of days or weeks. The success of an entire operation depends on what questions are asked and what actions are taken by those arriving first to the scene.

Man Tracking – Throughout a Conservation Enforcement Officer's career the skill to track an individual through rural terrain is learned and constantly reinforced. For our officers, this ability helps them to detect those who are violating the law. Those same skills can be easily taught to search and rescue personnel and utilized when attempting to locate a missing child, Alzheimer's patients or those suffering from dementia. The man tracking course currently being taught to rescue squads personnel across our state involves the principles of detecting tracks and disturbance in rural environments and using those detectable elements to locate the missing.

EVOC with EVOC Simulator-The Emergency Vehicle Operator Course - Ambulance provides the student with training as contained in the current National Standard Training Curriculum (NSTC) for the Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) Ambulance. The course provides the knowledge and skill practice necessary for individuals to learn how to safely operate all types of ambulances. Topics include introduction to the NSTC for ambulance operators; legal aspects of ambulance operation; communication and reporting; roles and responsibilities; ambulance types and operation; ambulance inspections, maintenance, and repair; navigation and route planning; basic maneuvers and normal operating situations; operations in emergency mode and unusual situations, special considerations in safety; and the run. Completion of specific student competencies, utilizing NSTC guidelines, are required for successful completion of this course.

Scrapbook Contest Rules

1. All entries must pertain to the squad or squad members and must be neat in form.
2. All scrapbook material must be for the current year.
3. Scrapbook must be bound. No entry will be accepted with the pages just stapled together.
4. All photos must be identified as to who is in the picture and what activity is shown. **PICTURES OF VICTIMS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.**
5. All entries must be displayed by 10: 00 A.M., November 4th and remain until 4:00 P.M. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
6. The decision of the judges will be final.

If you have any questions Please contact Gwen Stone at (256)364-0150 or email at editor@alars.org **ANY CHANGES TO THESE RULES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE ALABAMA RESCUER.**

Attention Alabama Rescue Squads and Members:

As historians for the AARS, we are working on updating the records. We are asking for your help by submitting pictures. At conference, we are going to have a slideshow continuously running of the pictures that are submitted. These pictures can include quarterly meetings, conference, training, or squad's functions.

When submitting pictures, we are asking for each squad to send a maximum of 20 pictures per year. These pictures can be submitted by e-mail, rvrs2015@gmail.com, mail, 5684 County Road 78 Pisgah, Al 35765, or you can turn them in at conference. When mailed or turned in please have them digitized, so this will be a faster process. We also need to know who is in the picture, what year the picture was taken, and please include the squad name with the pictures. If you turn pictures in at conference, we cannot promise they will be included in this year's slideshow. This will be an on-going process that we hope to keep going for years to come.

We are also needing each squad to e-mail us a list if they have had any members that has received the Wendall Price Award, GB Casey, Citizen of the Year, Glenn Paris Award, and Rescuer of the Quarter. Please include the year with each name.

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How the process works:

1st the individual squad must contact their sales rep and have a SouthernLinc account created. Once a squad has an account, they can add members to their account and they will be assigned an AARS fleet ID. The request must come from the Squad Captain to the SouthernLinc rep for the new radio ID. The SouthernLinc rep will then forward the request to me or Debbie for approval. Only AARS Members will be approved! Once this approval is given to the SouthernLinc rep, the radio ID will be activated with the proper talkgroups assigned.

The territory map and sales rep list is posted on the AARS website at the bottom of the main page for reference. If you have any questions, please contact me via email: webmaster@alars.org or by cell phone 256-755-1023.

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