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WELCOME TO 2023

This year we will celebrate 50 years of service to the SAR community. Take a look at the historical newsletter we are providing this month. I look forward to sharing some of the high points of our history with you in future e-newsletters.

JANUARY IN-PERSON BOARD MEETING

The Board met in person the weekend of January 20th. I am proud and honored to have been elected President for 2023. I am also excited that Jason Tartalone is our Secretary and Rob Brewer is our Treasurer.

The Board continues to review and manage the Association's finances with care. NASAR finished 2022 ahead of budget. This was the result of constant review and discussion of all aspects of our programs by the Board.

The Board reviewed and adopted the 2023 budget which includes implementing a new membership management system, replacement of the aging online store that we have been using for the past 10 years, and better integration between our member database and our online education database.

The Board also approved SARCON 2023, a virtual conference in October. Be sure to look for the call for papers coming out soon.

50 SURPRISING YEARS

NASAR has been here supporting its membership and SAR response in general since 1973. That first meeting of the state SAR coordinators must have been exciting. The SAR leaders for the states that had them, federal cooperators like the CAP all in one room for the very first time. I wonder who made the first suggestion for the structure or goals? The debate and collaboration between these leaders must have been remarkable to witness.

NASAR has accomplished much over the past 50 years. We have tried to learn from our mistakes as well as our successes. We matured from a state SAR coordinators association to the leading SAR education and certification program in the nation.

We look forward to serving you for another 50 years.

B.C. Search and Rescue refutes study that 10 essential items not necessary for hiking | Globalnews.ca

A study published in 2021 has resurfaced online, sparking debate about what is needed while hiking in the backcountry in B.C. The study, dubbed "Rethinking hiker preparedness: Association of carrying 10 essentials with adverse events and satisfaction among day-hikers," says the majority of adverse events day hikers are likely to experience can be addressed with food and water, a rain jacket, a small medic kit, and a charged cell phone.

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What Makes Mount Baldy So Dangerous

Outside's long reads email newsletter features our strongest writing, most ambitious reporting, and award-winning storytelling about the outdoors. Sign up today. So far in 2023, 15 people have been rescued from the slopes of Mount San Antonio (also called Mount Baldy), two people have died, and actor Julian Sands remains missing.

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Space saviors: NOAA satellites helped rescue 397 people last year

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is best known for its scientific research on oceans, weather and climate, but the agency's network of low-earth orbiting satellites sometimes also plays a critical role in responding to emergency situations.

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New solution for DJI drones finds missing persons faster

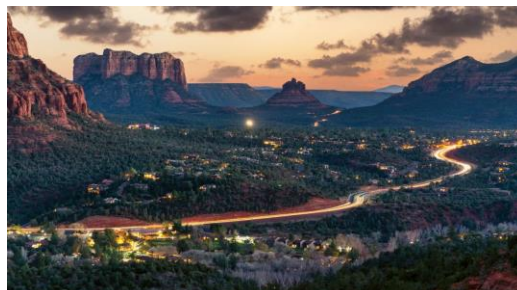
There's a new tech start-up on the block, and it's armed with a patented drone solution that can help locate a missing person in just 30 minutes within a 50-meter radius. New York-based Flyhound Corporation, which has just graduated from the NEC X incubator program, says it has developed a drone-mountable module that uses radio signals to expedite the search for missing people.

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Emergency SOS via Satellite - What happens after the two years of free service?

Apple's Emergency SOS via Satellite service got a lot of time in the keynote, with the company proudly announcing that the service is free for the first two years. What Apple hasn't told us is what happens at the end of those two years. There's one obvious answer, of course, but there are other possibilities [...]

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Rock climber stuck at 200ft rescued using a squirt of dish soap

A rock climber whose leg got stuck in a gap was rescued thanks to some quick thinking and a squirt of ordinary dish soap. On January 8, the Coconino County Sheriff's Office received a call about a 25-year-old woman who had become stuck while climbing Queen Victoria Spire in Sedona, Arizona.

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Julian Sands: Family thanks California authorities for 'heroic' search

California has been battered by deadly storms, and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's department said it had responded to more than a dozen calls on Mount San Antonio, known locally as Mount Baldy, and in the surrounding area over the last four weeks. It warned hikers to "stay away" from that area.

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American Climber Dies From Exposure on Aguja Guillaumet, Patagonia

Enjoy unlimited access to Climbing's award-winning features, in-depth interviews, and expert training advice. Subscribe here. American graduate student Cassandra "Cassy" Doolittle died over Christmas, while on a climbing trip in El Chaltén. Doolittle had just finished a solo of the Comesaña-Fonrouge (IV 5.10d; 1,300ft) on the northwest arete of the 8,500-foot spire Aguja Guillaumet in the Fitz Roy massif.

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Emergency hiking gear repairs you need to know - plus useful items to pack

Setting out for a hike or other adventure, we all hope for a trip that goes as smooth as butter. However, there are times when things might not go well and you need to call on a few hacks to get you safely back to the trailhead, or to make a night of camping a bit more comfortable.

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Saved by a Trail Line! Lessons Learned from a Rappelling Mishap and a 150-foot Fall

Originally published on Rock and Ice in 2017. Republished here because some lessons can't be overstated. Climb long enough and you'll have a close encounter ... or several. Mine was in 1986 at Arches National Monument, five minutes up the black-top north of Moab.

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February 3 @ 8:00 am - February 12 @ 5:00 pm

Fundamentals of SAR (FUNSAR)

Murfreesboro Fire Dept Murfreesboro, AR

This is a Fundamentals of SAR (FUNSAR) course that is being held in February at the Murfreesboro Fire Department, AR. The FUNSAR book should be purchased from the NASAR bookstore at www.nasar.org. To register for this course please email rhsartech@gmail.com. Friday night classes start at 6pm, all other dates start at 8am.

[Find out more](#)

February 4 @ 8:00 am - February 11 @ 5:00 pm

Basic Wilderness First Aid and Wilderness First Aid

1451 East 45th Street 1451 East 45th Street, Shawnee, OK

Take the interesting and exciting Basic Wilderness First Aid (\$130) on 2-4-23 for the eight-hour course or take the Wilderness First Aid (\$230) on 2-4-23 and 2-11-23 for the sixteen-hour course. The Class class will be held on 0900-1800hrs the property (9am-6pm). at [1451 E. 45th St. Shawnee, OK 74804](http://1451.E.45th.St.Shawnee.OK.74804). The optional Wilderness First Aid (WFA) textbook supports an 8 or 16-hour course and is a great resource to read ahead of time to learn all about WF A. The book is also a great reference guide after the class. Also available is the compact Wilderness Emergency Care Field Guide {printed on waterproof paper}. Order from nasar.org or contact me about having the book waiting for you in class. This is a must have class for anyone enjoying activities in the outdoors and goes way beyond regular first aid. Register with James Keck at jkeck911@gmail.com (preferred) or 4053230388 (cell)

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February 11 @ 9:00 am - February 12 @ 5:00 pm

Wilderness First Aid (WFA)

Indiana Department of Homeland Security 5325 N State Rd 59, Brazil, IN

This is a Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course to be held in Brazil, Indiana on February 11 – 12. You must register for this course through the Indiana Public Safety Personnel Portal. The link is <https://acadisportal.in.gov/acadisviewer/>. The course is limited to 20 students, so sign up soon. Cost for the course is \$45.00. Fees must be paid in cash or check opening day of course. Course will be from 9am to 5pm both days. Lodging may be obtained in Terra Haute, IN which is 25 to 30 minutes away, or at the Best Western near the training center.

Questions should be directed to James O'Brien at obrien9766@att.net

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February 24 @ 8:00 am - February 25 @ 5:00 pm

[Wilderness First Aid \(WFA\)](#)

Miller County AR

This is a Wilderness First aid (WFA) course being offered February 24 & 25 in Miller County, Arkansas. The WFA book should be purchased from the NASAR bookstore (www.nasar.org) To register for this course please email rhsartech@gmail.com. Friday night class will start at 6pm, all other dates start at 8am.

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1st Search & Rescue Newsletter Published in 1973

Fall 1973

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Welcome to 2023 the 50th anniversary of NASAR We didn't start in 1973 as NASAR, we started as NASARC

The National Association of Search and Rescue Coordinators. We are celebrating our beginnings with an anniversary shirt, coin, pin, patch and decal that highlight the very first logo for NASARC with our founding year and 50th year on it. These are limited quantity products that are so special, they are only available to life, individual, student and veteran members (through the bookstore). We are offering two anniversary packages. Each package features the pictured t-shirt. One package also has a [anniversary challenge coin](#), the other package has an [anniversary lapel pin](#).

Package 1 Anniv T-Shirt and Coin / \$35.95

This retro shirt and challenging coin package are only available to NASAR members, and only for a limited time. This package highlights the design of our first logo with our anniversary dates. The shirt is 90% cotton and 10% polyester, making it nice and soft. The

Package 2 Anniv T-Shirt and Lapel Pin / \$35.95

This retro shirt and lapel pin package are only available to NASAR members, and only for a limited time. This package highlights the design of our first logo with our anniversary dates. The

anniversary logo is on the front left and on the backside. This is a limited edition shirt that is only available to members - wearing this shirt shows the public and your team members your commitment and contribution to SAR.

The challenge coin has the anniversary logo on the front, and the current logo on the reverse side. It is 1.75" in diameter. Slam this puppy down and put every other coin to shame.

Recommended companion purchases included the anniversary patch and decal.
Shirt Sizes Available: M, L, XL, XXL

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The lapel pin is a sizable 1.5" in diameter, so nobody is going to have to squint to read it. Recommended companion purchases include the anniversary patch and decal.
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NATIONAL MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS CONFERENCE

**May 9-11, 2023
Orlando, FL**

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**FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS:
CAP's New Chief Operating Officer**

Day Four: A rescuer's account of a hiker's baffling survival

By James Mason

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Intelligent Search is Chris Young's second book that takes you into the process of Search And Rescue. This book has been a work in progress for more than 32 years. The subject of investigations and interviewing has always fascinated Chris as far back as 1988 when he performed his first missing-person interview. This text is coordinated with and expands on his first book *Urban Search: Managing Missing Persons Searches in the Urban Environment*. This book is designed to share practical knowledge on gathering and analyzing information into actionable value, during all stages of a missing person investigation

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