

March 2023

How Do You Not Talk About The Weather

That groundhog! He really called it for the folks in the Sierras, Rockies, Cascades, Appalachians, and oddly enough Disneyland ! All those sites have received snow (some more than others) in the past week. The Sierras have beaten a 50 year snow record, which could mean skiing into July and snow at altitude most of the year. We have seen a lot of avalanche activity with some unfortunate deaths this year, and probably more to come.

In the quantities we have had snow this year, it may impact hikers, making trail finding more difficult and surprise folks that don't bring over-snow footwear through most of the summer. Expect a lot of overlap between ski patrol and SAR volunteer needs this spring.

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The Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference is on the East Coast this year. We look forward to seeing you in Orlando, FL on May 8th through the 11th. NASAR members receive a registration discount, and you can click on the ad towards the end of the newsletter for more information.

Upgrades To Our Systems

The customer relationship software we have been using the past 10 years is aging and the vendor is sunsetting support for it. This means that between now and June we will be moving our website, member portal, online store, and some financial stuff over to a new system called YourMembership.

This move will be an upgrade for us, providing a better experience for our members, a new online store that will have better photos and descriptions of our products. It will also help us serve instructors and lead evaluators better. One of our goals is better integration between The SAR Academy (thinkific) and our member portal. We want to provide you a more seamless educational experience and getting these two programs to talk to each other is critical to that goal.

The new system will cost about the same as the old system to run, and it will save us money in other areas. We will be able to use email to send out dues notices instead of sending printed versions in the mail. That is a lot of time, paper and postage monthly that we will save.

Skiers Race to Escape Avalanche at Tignes in France in Harrowing Video

Skiing has its own set of unique dangers. There are tree wells, cliffs, and avalanches. Of these three, avalanches are the most elusive, often striking when the cameras aren't rolling. While it's common to see the aftermath of avalanches in the backcountry or on road shoulders, catching these forces of nature in action is rare.

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Second Hiker in a Month Dies at Arches National Park

For the second time in the last 30 days, a hiker has died at the popular Arches National Park in Utah. This time it was a 56-year-old man who died on Devils Garden Trail, which gives access to Landscape Arch, Double O Arch, and Dark Angel.

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Dwindling Supplies, Downed Power Lines, Exploding Homes: Inside the San Bernardino Mountains' State of Emergency

The Southern California mountain region of San Bernardino County is still recovering after the big winter storm. Many citizens are stranded and snowbound.

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Take a Wilderness First Aid Course: Someone's Life Could Depend On It - The Trek

TRIGGER WARNING: The following story contains events of Paul Classen's (Grandmaster's) fall from McAfee's Knob. My deepest condolences go to his family and friends. This article is for informational purposes only. Photos of medical procedures (leg splints, patient transportation, etc.) are of practice wilderness first aid sessions. %

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Do not 'push a slower friend down' if you encounter a bear, National Park Service warns

 "Seeing a bear in the wild is a special treat for any visitor to a national park," the agency wrote in another tweet. "While it is an exciting moment, it is important to remember that bears in national parks are wild and can be dangerous."

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Ultra marathon runners told not to post online about emergency rescue

Participants of an ultra marathon race that led to a mass emergency rescue this week were told not to speak to media or post on social media about what happened. Eight people were flown to hospital with mild hypothermia and eight were told to sleep on towels on the kitchen floor at Arrowtown's campground after they were pulled out of the Southern Lakes Ultra at 1am Wednesday.

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Avalanche slams into occupied three-story apartment building in Olympic Valley

CBS San Francisco OLYMPIC VALLEY -- Tons of snow roared into an occupied three-story apartment building in Olympic Valley near the Palisades Tahoe ski resort Tuesday evening, forcing evacuations of nearby dwellings. According to a Placer County sheriff's office Facebook post, the avalanche struck around 7 p.m.

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Man's first words to police after finding body in Nicola Bulley search

A man who found a body close to the River Wyre where Nicola Bulley disappeared told police: "It was the body of a woman", a witness said. As Nicola's family wait to discover if the body is the missing mum-of-two, a local resident said a helicopter and a drone were deployed to assist in the search.

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Prolific Yosemite climber Zach Milligan dies at 42 after fall

Zach Milligan, a prolific free solo climber who lived in a cave at Yosemite National Park for 13 years and was one of the first to descend its globally-recognized Half Dome on skis was found dead after an apparent fall in the Canadian Rockies earlier this month, officials confirmed with Grippid.

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5-year-old boy missing from ski school; parents claim ski patrol, local law enforcement not immediately notified

PARK CITY, Utah - A Park City father wants a review of safety protocols after his 5-year-old son went missing from ski school at Deer Valley for more than an hour and a half. "He was stuck in a tree well, in the trees by himself, and had to self-rescue and crawl out of deep snow by himself and reminder - he's 5," Karl Persson said.

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March 21 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

[Managing the Lost Person Incident \(MLPI\) with SARTOPO](#)

Pittsburg Pittsburg, PA

This MLPI class is intended for emergency responders in Pennsylvania and the surrounding area. It covers the latest development in search theory and virtual search planning. The majority of the class will be conducted remotely using SARTop and Google docs. An in-person mock search will be conducted on the final day, March 13 in the Pittsburgh, PA area. Contact Chris Ruch (ruch@amrg.info) for more information.

[Find out more](#)

March 23 @ 8:00 am - March 24 @ 5:00 pm

[Introduction to SAR \(ISAR\) Course](#)

[1295 Weaver Thomas Road](#) 1295 Weaver Thomas Road, Henderson, TN

This is a Introduction to SAR (ISAR) Course to be held in Henderson, TN. This course prepares the student to take the non-wilderness responder SARTECH III Examination. To register or for more information contact Alfred Felker.

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March 25 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

[Basic Wilderness First Aid \(BWFA\) Course](#)

[1295 Weaver Thomas Road, Henderson, TN](#)

This is a 8-hour Basic Wilderness First Aid (BWFA) Course that is being held in Henderson, TN. Please contact Alfred Felker to register or for questions.

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March 25 @ 8:00 am - March 26 @ 5:00 pm

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

[1295 Weaver Thomas Road, Henderson, TN](#)

This is a 16-hour Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course to be held in Henderson, TN.
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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 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.

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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.

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