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at the end of a rope
2: to captivate with a
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THE NEWSLETTER RETURNS

WELCOME TO THE RETURN OF THE DCSAR newsletter, a vehicle for intra team communication, entertainment, and information for the public at large. With your help, we hope to produce this on a quarterly basis. Our purpose is not to instruct (we get enough of that in our 20+ hours of training each month) but to inform.

For example, most members are not aware of the monthly award where each month an incentive is awarded to the team member who has done the most to encourage car pooling amongst the team. The same person has won this award every month for two years now. Amazing!

Each issue will feature information from our president and field director along with selected skill reminders, upcoming training dates, reports from committees, and anything else you suggest or submit. Most importantly, we plan to expose the awards committee ... get them out of the closet, so to speak.

In this edition you will learn how to keep the field director happy, how you can help with the Devil's Head Red fundraising event, and learn more about the mystery of who is WB.

A regular feature called "Waypoints" will include a portable memory aid

you can take with you. This month the topic is litter commands.

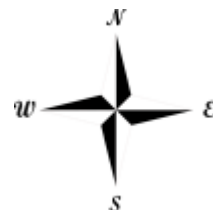
These articles come from you! Please submit ideas or articles for future newsletters to Eric Mott at email_eric@comcast.net, or Bill Barrett at mydogmoose@mac.com. If we ask you to submit something for the newsletter there is no excuse, you simply must submit.

There are numerous newsworthy items floating around out there that are of interest to our members. Will the newsletter stick around this time? Can the anti-car pooling, gas-guzzling Jeep owner coexist on the same editorial staff as the Mini Cooper king of car pools? Disinterested minds want to know.

Keep those suggestions coming in and don't forget our news hotline—names will be kept confidential upon request.

Thanks!

—Editorial Staff



Fatherly Advice

Field Director Scott Walker

LET ME START BY SAYING THANK YOU TO BILL BARRETT AND Eric Mott for taking on the task of publishing this newsletter. Let them know what you would like to see in this letter and don't be afraid to contribute.

My plan for this column is to keep everyone up to date with the team; of course, the best way to do that is to attend meetings and trainings, but I know that's not always possible. I will do my best to keep everyone up to date on behind the scene happenings. I will also try to point out what we are doing well in addition to things we could use improvement on.

Some cleanup from the January administrative meeting:

I introduced the Personal Medical History as recommended by our medical director. We need all team members to complete the form and turn it into me. All information collected will remain confidential. This information will only be used in case of an emergency or accident.

If you have not completed the form and given it to me, please do this soon. You may get the form from the Yahoo site (Files/Medical), fill it out, and E-mail it to me (walkerscott749@gmail.com) or complete the hard copy and give that to me. If you have any questions or concerns let me know.

Please keep our minimum attendance requirements in mind: meetings, fifty percent; field trainings, fifty percent; missions, twenty-five percent.

I also talked about out-of-county mission qualifications. If you have questions about your

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“710 Call Dispatch”

President Bruce Fosdick

2010 Annual Statistical Summary

THE NUMBERS FOR 2010 WERE GREAT - 107 MISSIONS WERE the second highest since the team was founded in 1998. Even more amazing were the total activities of team members. There were 407 different activities that team members reported.

The 107 missions included eighty-four searches, twenty-one rescues, one recovery and one county disaster assistance call for weather operations. These activities covered 122 days and two thousand seven hundred nineteen hours. In addition we maintained a presence at 14 emergency service standbys including holiday weekend standbys in May and September, two poker runs, a horse marathon and a back country marathon in Highlands Ranch - these events included one thousand three hundred forty-four hours. Team members reported other medical calls of 2.

The busiest months were July (16 missions), April (15 missions) and September (12 missions). The busiest days were Sunday (23 calls) Saturday (22 calls) and Wednesdays (17 calls). We went after 120 subjects.

We were paged to 12 counties - with 83 being here in Douglas County (78.3% of the calls). The longest mission that DCSAR participated in was a mission to Fremont County in the Town of Florence, which lasted for five days. We were paged to El Paso County for 11 calls.

Our busiest in county call location is what we call Patrol District 8 - the Pike National Forest with 26 calls, followed next by in-town calls in Highlands Ranch with 19 calls.

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CODE 1

Member Spotlight: Bill Clendenning

IT'S TRAINING DAY, SATURDAY MORNING AT 8:55 AM, AND you're huddled around your cup of coffee, trying to stay warm and dry at the trailhead in a freezing downpour with a bunch of people in yellow shirts. Then a manic voice rings out in the wilderness, "Woo, hoo! Happy day!" Who could that be?

This issue's subject is known by all of us, but just how well? Here are a few hints: He drove to Woodstock in a VW bus owned by a woman named *Crimson*; he used to be a professional skydiver; he has summited several peaks in Nepal, including Lobuche, Imja Tse, and Mera Peak; he was once held hostage in Ecuador (that's another story); and finally, he wasn't given a chance to make the team after missing the first month of training, including the infamous FIRST WEEKEND.

Who can we be talking about other than Bill Clendenning—Wild Bill?

Where were you raised?

I was raised in Bartlesville, OK and spent my childhood fishing, boating, SCUBA diving, and chasing tornadoes.

How long have you been in Colorado?

I followed my future wife, Sara, to Colorado in 1985. You can blame it on a woman.

Describe your family.

I live the American dream in Lone Tree with my wife, children, dog, and a bird. My wife, Sara, is the director of human resources for Vital Signs of Colorado, a subsidiary of GE Healthcare. My daughter, Serena, is in her third year of college majoring in Criminology. My son Brad just started film school at Colorado Film School.

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Upcoming Events

March 13, 2011

Annual Gear Inspection Day – see article

May 22, 2011

Devil's Head Red kickoff event at Elk Mountain Brewing – see article

June 4, 2011

Summer kickoff party at Karl Kline's house

April, 2015

MRA Re-accreditation weekend; please block off that whole year on your calendar.

Probability of Detection

Who are these people? Welcome the training class of 2010-11

- Paul Ashton
- Aaron Bandell
- Andy Christensen
- Adam Derito
- Morris Hansen
- Katherine Jensen
- Michael Marino
- Becky Mueller
- John Roth
- Darrell Summers
- Dylan White



Code 1 (continued)

How did you find out about DCSAR?

I became interested in search and rescue after assisting Summit County Rescue Group with a carry out on Quandary Peak in 1998 and making friends in the Civil Air Patrol. I saw a recruitment flyer for DCSAR, applied, and was part of the initial training class that formed the new team in the fall of 1998.

What do you do outside of DCSAR?

I work in my retirement from the wireless telephone industry for Highlands Ranch Metro District Parks and Open Spaces. During ski season I am Saturday team lead with Copper Mountain Ski Patrol. Both DCSAR and Ski Patrol give me a great feeling to help people who are in need.

Why are you obsessed with the weather?

Growing up in Oklahoma I learned to 'enjoy' extreme weather like thunderstorms, funnel clouds, lightning, and big snow. I like those things better if they happen right before the pager beeps. Woo hoo!

How did you get your nickname, Wild Bill?

Might have something to do with chasing tornadoes as a kid, or going to the hospital after test jumping a parachute deployment system; actually, it's another story...

2011 TRAINING SCHEDULE

March 2	Wednesday	HRLETF	New Member Meeting
March 9	Wednesday	HRLETF	Technical Rope Work
March 12	Saturday	El Paso SAR	Practice - rappel, lock off, knot pass, ascending
March 23	Wednesday	HRLETF	Introduction to Abduction Search Response
March 27	Sunday	T B D	Urban Search and Dogs
April 6	Wednesday	HRLETF	New Member Meeting
April 13	Wednesday	HRLETF	Radio Operations - Do's & Don'ts
April 16	Saturday	T B D	Low Angle Rescue Operations
April 27	Wednesday	HRLETF	High Angle Rescue Operations
May 1	Sunday	Castlewood Canyon	High Angle Rescue Practice
May 4	Wednesday	HRLETF	New Member Meeting - DCSAR Exam
May 11	Wednesday	HRLETF	Medical for the SAR Professional
May 14	Saturday	T B D	Search
May 25	Wednesday	HRLETF	Utilizing Dogs in SAR Operations
May 27 -30	Weekend	Rampart Range	Memorial Day Weekend



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DEVIL'S HEAD RED

Changes are Brewing

WHAT'S NEXT FOR A SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM ENTERING maturity after being in existence for 13 years and twice passing MRA accreditation with flying colors? Our performance in the field, ambassadorship in the community, and participation in the MRA Rocky Mountain region has earned DCSAR the respect of many. But what would take us to the next level?

How about a building, for starters—a place to gather and train that we can call our own? Jim Carpozi believes the time to take responsibility for providing for our own funding for just such a purpose is here and now. He has put that belief into action by organizing a beer microbrew fundraiser, art auction, and reception with Elk Mountain Brewing of Parker. The big event is scheduled for May 22, 2011 and the fun will last all summer.

Jim got the idea after becoming friends with Tom Bell, the proprietor of Elk Mountain. He says the idea has been *brewing* for a while, with ideas coming from other events he had seen, and the concept just “popped into his head” while helping Tom lift a keg into his truck. He presented formal proposals to both Tom and the DCSAR board of directors with both groups enthusiastically welcoming the idea.

Elk Mountain has agreed, in addition to hosting the reception on May 22, to sell the special brew throughout the summer and share the proceeds with DCSAR. The beer will be an Irish Red, which Elk Mountain patrons have been clamoring for. And the name will be—you guessed it: Devil's Head Red.

Jim has put many hours into planning the event already and done a great job with things like permits, websites, marketing ideas, and organizing publicity events with local merchants. We as a team have the opportunity to step up and honor Carpozi's initiative by helping him out with the following:

- Staff the publicity events
- Provide content and articles for the fundraising website
- Help design, print, and distribute flyers.
- Spread the word however you can, word of mouth, Facebook, etc.
- Attend the Event on May 22 and bring your friends back often to share a Devil's Head Red.
- Recruit artist and graphic designers to participate in the logo design contest and art auction
- Recruit local business to donate door prizes and other promotional items

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Avalanche Probe Line Training, Feb 2011



WAYPOINTS

Things to remember along the way.

Sequence of commands spoken during technical rescue

Command	Given by	Given to	Meaning
"Quiet!"	Anchor captain	Everyone	Quiet.
"Anyone not ready?"	Rescue Lead	Team	Asking if everyone on the team is ready
"On your command"	Anchor captain	Litter captain	The haul / brake team is ready – next command should be from the litter captain
"Up rope"	Litter captain	Anchor team	Asking for rope to be pulled tight
"On belay?"	Litter captain	Anchor team	Litter team is ready to start and needs to know they are going to be on belay
"Belay on"	Anchor captain	Litter team	Anchor captain letting litter team know they are on belay
"Anyone not ready to load litter?"	Litter captain	Litter team	Asking if team is ready to pick up the litter
"Loading litter"	Litter captain	Everyone	Litter team is going to lift the litter off the ground – possibly weighting the system
"Lift on 3"	Litter captain	Litter team	Prepare to lift the litter on the count of 3
"1-2-3"	Litter captain	Litter team	Lift litter on 3
"Down"	Litter captain	Anchor captain	Asking for system to be lowered
"Down (color of) rope"	Litter captain	Anchor captain	Asking for only one rope to be lowered
"Switch to uphaul"	Anchor captain	Everyone	Notifying everyone that the system will be changed from lowering to uphaul
"Up"	Litter captain	Anchor captain	Asking for system to be raised
"Up (color of) rope"	Litter captain	Anchor captain	Asking for only one rope to be raised <i>May not be able to raise only one rope – know your system</i>
"One – five"	Anchor captain	Litter captain	Amount of rope (in feet) remaining before system must stop
"Stop to reset"	Anchor captain	Everyone	Stop to reset the system
"Set prusiks"	Anchor captain	Prusik minder so everyone can hear	Set the prusiks
"Prusiks set"	Prusik minder	Everyone	Prusiks are set
"Reset"	Anchor captain	Everyone	Reset the uphaul system
"Reset ready"	Pulley minder	Everyone	Pulley is reset and ready to continue up haul
"On your command"	Anchor captain	Litter captain	Anchor captain letting litter team know that the system is reset – waiting for their command
"STOP!"	Anyone	Everyone	Stop all movement – now
"#%&*" or unknown	Anyone	Everyone	Stop all movement – now
"Stop—why stop?"	Litter captain	Anchor captain	Why have we stopped? – use only when the reason is not obvious and after waiting a short time
"Down on 3"	Litter captain	Litter Team	Lower the litter on the count of three
"Off Belay?"	Litter captain	Anchor captain	The litter is safe and you can take us off belay
"Belay Off"	Anchor captain	Litter captain	You are off belay
"Off Rope"	Litter captain	Anchor Captain	The rope is clean



Please cut out this training aid and stuff it in your backpack somewhere.



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TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

The training committee meets twice a year to create the team's training calendar. For the most part, a years' worth of training topics are developed to present a well rounded schedule.

While the lead trainer is responsible for their training they are not required to conduct the training. If you have ideas for a specific training topic or want to volunteer to assist with a training, contact that lead trainer.

While the Training Committee will not meet until later this year to develop the 2012 schedule, feel free to contact one of the committee members with a scenario or training topic you would like to have considered for the schedule.

Your training committee members are Bill Clendenning, chair; Scott Walker; Bruce Fosdick, Jesse Adamy; Mike McDonald; Jim Carpozi; Paul Miller; and Josh Cary.

Annual Gear Inspection Day Set

Here is a date to add to your SAR calendar!

Our yearly equipment inspection will happen on SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH.

This event will be held at the American Humane Association Training Room from 8:00am till noon.

AHA is located in at 63 Inverness Drive East, Englewood, CO 80112.

Yes, the tradition of newbies bringing coffee, juice & snacks will continue - it's not a sign-off but will be taken into consideration - don't let us down.

—WB

A yellow diamond-shaped logo with a black border containing the text "DCSAR Rocks!".

DCSAR
Rocks!

Fatherly Advice, continued

individual qualifications, talk to me.

Enough of the past...here is what's currently happening:

Josh Cary and Debrah Schnackenberg have both been moved to Reserve Status.

I would like to send my personal condolences to Cash and Andy. They both had losses in their family in January. If there is anything the DCSAR family can do to help, let us know.

On a positive note, we have once again seen the smiling face of John Smigel. It's good to have you back, John!

Finally—stay in shape over the winter. It is really easy to sit in front of the TV and watch other people exercise, but it doesn't do much for the fitness level (trust me I've tried). I'm not saying you have to be training with Paul for triathlons, just get out and hike, run, power walk, go to the gym (weight or rock), swim, whatever. Not to sound like a corporate slogan but...JUST DO IT!

Remember, I am always trying to improve as the Field Director. Please come to me with any concerns, questions, or comments.

See Ya!

—Scott

710 Call Dispatch, continued

Members also participated in 58 classroom training, 105 field trainings, 45 meetings other than team meetings, 11 public relation activities and 63 work sessions (includes vehicles maintenance, trainings set up, and administrative tasks).

Total activities recorded were 407 activities which account for a total of 15,870 hours and 124,228 miles. Not bad for a volunteer organization.

As of yearend there were 37 active members, 4 inactive members, 11 members in training, 2 associate members and 3 reserve members.

—Bruce



Snow Anchor, Feb 2011



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Devil's Head Red, continued...

Jim has set up a website to share information about all these items at www.dcsarfunds.org. Visit it often to see what the latest news is, and contact Jim and tell him which of the above tasks you are able to help with. It's going to take lots of teamwork to make this happen. If this event is a success, there is a possibility it may become an annual happening.

Breaking news: The first PR event on Feb 13 was a great success with ten members in attendance. Over 300 flyers were distributed and the SAR dogs were a big hit!

Schedule (team members needed to staff PR events!):

- PR: March 19 11am – 4:30 PM @ Safeway, Parker Rd and Main
- PR: March 20 11am – 4:30 PM @ Safeway, Parker Rd and Main
- PR: March 26 11am – 4:30 PM @ Safeway, Parker Rd and Main
- PR: April 10 11am – 4:30 PM @ King Soopers, Stroh Rd and Parker Rd
- PR: April 23 11am – 4:30 PM @ King Soopers, Stroh Rd and Parker Rd
- PR: April 24 11am – 4:30 PM @ King Soopers, Stroh Rd and Parker Rd
- Reception and Auction at Elk Mountain Brewing: Sunday, May 22, 2011 11:00 AM



Lunch Break training, Jan 2011



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**If you can't find us on the
Rampart Range, you can find
us on Facebook instead.**



About Us

DCSAR is an all-volunteer search and rescue team formed in September of 1998. The team's first mission, for two missing dirt bike riders on Rampart Range, was on February 10, 1999. The missing bikers were located cold, but alive, in near blizzard conditions by team members.

Since then, DCSAR has served Douglas County, Greater Denver, and Colorado with distinction, averaging over one-hundred missions per year. Our 40+ members volunteer over 10,000 man-hours each year in the service of our community.

Donations Welcome

DCSAR is dependent on grants and donations for much of its income. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation; all donations are tax-deductible as charitable contributions. ***DCSAR and the Douglas County Sheriff do not charge citizens for search and rescue services!***

DCSAR enhances our community by saving lives and promoting wilderness education and safety. You can be part of the team and help keep our mission alive. The contributions of you or your corporation will make a positive impact in Douglas County and surrounding areas.

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