

Nicolet Search Team



Always Ready, So That Others May Live

Meeting Reminder

March 11th, 2006, 9:00am At the Mountain Ambulance Station

Meeting & Training Calendar for 2006 Set

There has been one change to our 2006 calendar and that is the fund raiser in August has been changed from the 12th to the 11th, a Friday. Mark the change.

Team Web Site

Matt has been working on updating our web site. Check out what he has got done so far. Give him some suggestions. All the newsletters are posted, you will need to get a user name and password from Matt.

www.nicoletsearchteam.org

Another web site to check out is NASAR's at <u>nasar.org</u>. Matt has included a few links to various teams around Wisconsin. If you have not taken the time to check out their web sites, now is the time.

Search Missions

All has been quite for a while. No Wisconsin team's have been busy as far as we know.

New Members

We have several new members, Robert Runge, Chuck & Janine Keuhn, so please give each a big hello when you see them.

We also have three other potential members looking to join, so please plan on being at the meeting Saturday to vote them in.

Uniforming for all Team Members

Remember to contact Jess on how to order team shirts and such. The Team will provide you with a T-shirt and hat. If you would like other items such as a vest or jacket, please contact stop in to Top Notch in Mountain and talk with Connie. We have found that individuals seem to get better service than when we place a big order for the Team.

If you have other clothing items that you would like have the Team ID sewn on, she will also do that.

SARTECH II Testing, May 12th & 13th 2006

If any Team member wishes to attempt the SARTECH II or III certification test, be sure to let one of the officers know. You do not need to take ISAR, FUNSAR or ADSAR to attempt any of the certification tests, but it sure does help. We am not sure of cost just yet, but I think it is around \$35 - \$50. Any Team member who wishes to take the test may do so, but will have to pay the cost up front for each test. If you pass the test, the Team has agreed to reimburse your testing fee. If you have taken and passed the FUNSAR course in the past year, you do not need to take the written portion.

The SARTECH II Certification test is scheduled for May 12^{th} & $13^{th},\,2006$. Please contact Andy for more info.

Information to Report to Planners after a Search

- 1. Estimated forward search speed of the individual or team while searching.
- 2. How long the individual or team searched (excluding rest breaks and such).
- 3. Field measurements of average maximum detection range (AMDR).
- 4. Other field-observable measures identified and requested by search planners prior to the assignment.
- 5. A qualitative description of how well the team did with the search.
- 6. A qualitative description of the search conditions.

Safety Note

A GPS is a very precise and beneficial tool but has limitations outside of the control of the user. Therefore, A GPS unit should never be considered a substitute for map and compass skills.

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