

*that others
may live*



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Welcome Class of 2005, LCSAR's new S-1s



BASART

The BASART final was held at Lory State Park on June 3rd, moving it there from the original site we planned was due to the wet weather. Mother Nature came through at the last minute and actually cleared the rain for the night and the temperature was quite nice. The BASARTs approached the problems in the usual fashion...excitement, eagerness and a willingness

to dig in. The 2 lost people were Jane and Bill, who met earlier at a bar and got into a discussion with one of the old-timers who let drop that a long lost geode cache was hidden in the Lory State Park area. Jane and Bill decided to go looking for it, but apparently both became quite greedy wanting to be the only person to find it, thus splitting up and each getting lost. Jane was found rather early during the search process, as her dog became quite excited as one of the teams

approached. Despite Jane's attempts to quiet the dog (and keep a potential geode find all to herself), the dog was so happy to see her friend, Kathy Shepard that she could no longer contain herself as the team closed in. The happy bark gave them away. Apparently Jane must have been getting cold, tired or hungry, as she followed the team willingly back to the staging area.

Bill figured the geode cache had to be high on the mountain, and went up toward Arthur's rock. He had a coughing fit so violent he lost his balance and tumbled down a ravine, injuring himself badly enough that he was unable to walk. He was found much later in the evening when one of the teams heard him calling out. So the search became a rescue, and the first team went to render aid while notifying OPS of their find. Other teams were dispatched to obtain equipment or proceed immediately to the scene depending on their current location. Tom McCroskey handled the majority of the medical evaluation, being relieved by Tom Shandley and Orlando Batlle for respite.

Due to the slope angle, a scree haul was necessary to get Bill upslope to the landing zone and waiting helicopter. Although I never saw it, the helicopter must have been there, because our patient was taken out of the litter, "loaded onto the bird" and Bill Young appeared to help us carry the equipment back down. What a night! A great time was had by all, despite the seriousness of the situation.

BASART review led to the consensus that we had an excellent BASART class and all should be promoted to team membership and receive their pagers. Congratulations to all our new members.

For those who were not able to join us at graduation on Sunday, June 12th at Anissa's the following awards and nominations were announced:

Miss Congeniality:

Nominees: Chuck Akins, Keith Black, Bruce Boevers, Stacy Gardner, Craig Greenwell, Lynette Harper, James Kavalec, Jeannie Mounts, Fred Nickel, Jen Nolte, Mark Petty, Dave Roof, Tom Shandley, Erin Williams

Winner of the Crown was Erin Williams

Best Dressed:

Nominees: Orlando Batlle, Barbara Cook, Lynette Harper, Tom McCroskey, Jeannie Mounts, Jen Nolte

Winner of the top hat and bowtie was Tom McCroskey. Jeannie Mounts was runner-up and was given a fan so that she would be able to remain cool and not have to dress down to her orange underwear.

Best Knots:

Nominees: Denise Alvord, Keith Alvord, Eric Bratrud, Barbara Cook, Thad Hoff, Donna Ickes, Fred Nickel, Jen Nolte, Mark Petty, Dave Roof, Tom Shandley

Winner was Mark Petty who was given a knotted rope for his child, a 4-legged dog

Safest:

Nominees: Charles Akins, Bruce Boevers, Eric Bratrud, Stacy Gardner, James Kavalec, Paul Michaud, Fred Nickel, Mark Petty, Dave Roof, Tom Shandley, Jake Udel

Winner of the hardhat was Jim Kavalec

Worst Jokes:

Nominees: Chuck Akins, Tom McCroskey, Mike Murray

Winner of the Best Effort ribbon and clown nose was Charles Akins

Best Goodies:

Nominees: Orlando Batlle, Bryce Griffin, Lynette Harper, Mike Murray (applauded for bringing pop), Jen Nolte, Jacob Udel, Scott Evans, Janice Weixelman

Best Packaging: Orlando Batlle, Thad Hoff, Jim Kavalec, Tom Shandley, Erin Williams, Dave Hake, Scott Evans, Janice Weixelman, Liz Caldwell

BASART Winner was Orlando Battle (water bottle)

SAR Winner Scott Evans (sliding flute in case he should ever lose his horn)

Most Helpful:

Many Nominees - Ken Klein, "Everyone", Dave Hake, Dutch Flahavan, Don Davis, Scott Evans, Tom Chapel, Brian Walsh, Norland Hall, Janice Weixelman

A variety of awards were handed out to all nominees (if you have not yet received them, let me know)

Best Class:

Nominees: Rescue, Tracking, Navigation (esp night nav), Knots, Dog, Janice's extra classes
All nominated classes were acknowledged

(And the results of the survey are available and will be released unless the new S1's can offer me something better!!)

Other Honorable mentions were:

"Warrior Heart Award" to Keith Black - "He is a rock star when it comes to just digging in and doing it"

"Chuck is Uber supportive, hell he cheers you when you screw up"

"Tom McCroskey gets the 'Logical' Award for sure. He could think his way out of the bowels of hell...and perplex the devil while doing it!"

Janice, BASART Coordinator



And finally, BEST HOSTESS goes to Anissa and her family for putting up with us and allowing the graduation celebration to take place in their very fine home and yard...Thanks Anissa.

And thanks to all members, both old and new, for a great BASART year!!



I'll see your drainage and raise you two high points.



Did someone lose a contact?



You put your thumb right here and you turn it all around, you do the Hokey Pokey and...

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Note: if you are receiving this copy of LCSTAR by mail you should know that you have another choice. This newsletter is published electronically, in vivid color, on the team's web site. If you would like to be notified of this, rather than wait on the vagaries of snail mail and printing, then email me, wjpowers@frii.com. Just put LCSTAR in the subject line and I'll add you to the list of those notified when electronically published. Jim

TRUCK FUND STATUS

As of July 13, 2005 EB meetin:
Estimated TOTAL \$110,000.00



From the President:

Hello Team,

Well the hot days of summer have arrived and with it missions have picked up a bit.

Welcome to the new S-1 and congratulations.

There seems to be a bit of confusion from the new S-1s so I hope this letter will simplify some of those items for you.

When we are called for a mission and need to respond "direct", say, up the Poudre River Canyon, there is a desirable trend to car pool and meet at Ted's Place. Please do not park by the business building. There are plenty of parking spaces in the outlying area. The business owners have been very tolerant of us parking there and I'm sure they appreciate the fact that we do not take away close in parking for their paying customers.



Another item is the team e-mail. The team e-mail is not to be used for selling, or renting of items such as cars, houses, or any non-SAR related goods. Any SAR item that you have for sale or to give away can be displayed and/or announced at a team meeting. Recently there have been mailings dealing with someone wanting to give their dog/s away for SAR search dog training. This is a SAR related notice and, most often, will be allowed to be forwarded to the team.

This next item applies to all LCSAR members. If you have a problem with how things are handled or are having a problem with a member of LCSAR, don't sit around and complain about it hoping to get support from others. I strongly suggest that first; you attempt to solve the problem with the individual one on one. If you do not get resolution then it's your choice to bring it to the board. If you are have a problem with matters that concern the board, please bring it to the attention of the Executive Board. I have made many blunders as a first year president and have had it brought to my attention with what I am assuming is resolution for both parties. I hope I am getting better at serving the team as your president. Time will tell.

There seems to be a question surrounding Janice Weixelman and her profession and LCSAR. Although Janice is a physician she is not the team physician. I'm certain that if a team member were to be injured while at a practice or during a mission, Janice would render aid just as any team member would. The injured party is still responsible to see there personal doctor. **ALSO**, the injured member has to fill out a workmen's comp form / injury report and have it in ES hands within 24 hrs. of the injury. I know the form has 72 hrs written on it but, that is not correct. 24 hours is the max time given for the report to be filled out and turned over to ES personnel, and that includes weekends. Now for another injury report item, if you are not properly clothed during a mission, say you were wearing shorts and not pants, and got some heavy scratches from sage brush and they got infected, or you came in contact with poison ivy and developed a serious rash, you may not be covered by workmen's comp. due to the fact that you were not properly attired during the mission. It's something to think about.

One last item before I get off my soap box and stop preaching, it seems that our neighbors to the north, (Wyoming), are starting to enforce an old law. This one concerns the display of emergency lights on personal vehicles. LCSAR has been advised by Emergency Services that any member that have emergency lights on their vehicles to either cover them or remove them before going to / through Wyoming.

At the MRA conference in Vail, which I attended in June of this year, we had three team members recognized for their years of service to LCSAR and Larimer County. Those members have a combined

service time of 76 years. I was happy to receive the awards in behalf of George Janson, Doug Grimm, and Mike Fink. When you next see them, please congratulate them for this accomplishment.

Well...That's all for now

Dave Frank, President

Let me get your attention by making a public apology: Sorry, guys.

Now, why would a proud guy like me make such a gesture? Well, it's because I am guilty of not doing my due diligence when it came to running for and accepting your vote to be Vice President. I was flattered to be considered to be someone who should run; I did read the Policies and Procedures, the By Laws, and even talked to Dutch. You remember Dutch, the former VP? He's the guy that ran on the platform: I don't know anything about anything (I think his language might have been a little more colorful), vote for me (paraphrasing somewhat).

Ah, but in the true tradition of our team there have been energetic and intelligent people that have "invented the wheel", that is to say they thought about and wrote up job descriptions, duties and responsibilities documents, which I did not try to find. Instead I reinvented the wheel. This, of course, has created confusion and frustration, feelings that can be burn out factors for volunteers.

O.K., so what's my point? As you know being a volunteer can be tough. First, you subject yourself to the leadership of other volunteers. And second, you support your efforts financially and time-wise on your own. The most effective vote for change that you have is with your feet...but is it effective? I submit that it is a wholly unsatisfying and unproductive methodology.

Most of us have an agenda when we join a volunteer organization. Potential new members tell us during their interviews that they want to help others and give back to the community. We see ourselves performing in certain rolls where we are doing important and heroic things. Now, fast forward a little. We take on some team responsibility, voluntarily. Then there is a surprise, some duty we didn't anticipate. And maybe we are not particularly skilled at that part of the job that needs to be done. Are those the jobs that are overlooked, or put on the back burner? Maybe we don't want to know about certain aspects of the job, and we certainly wouldn't search them out, would we?

We train for hours in technical and medical skills, practicing, discussing, and improving the procedures we use in the field. But, most of us were not trained in administrative skills for SAR. We don't have a TNT on being President or Vice-President. I think there

may be a Terrifically Nice Treasurer class given by Leigh Rhynalds; I'm not 100% sure of that.

Let's make this more personal! I need your help, President Dave needs your help! Being on the administrative side of the team is far from the heroic image that led us to join the team. And, sometimes we miss things.

There is a management tactic that works: if you have an idea or a criticism about how things are being done then you should point the issue out and then offer two well thought out solutions. Just pointing out the "problem" becomes just a way of snipping at each other. Our job should be to support one another, in the office as well as in the field. If I help make you a success in what you are doing for the team then I benefit, and vice versa. When we don't have very many missions that challenge us then all our unused and pent up energy can become destructive. We can't let that happen. If things aren't working then let's attack the systems that may not be effective, not each other. If I'm not doing my job as it needs to be done then help me, teach me, coach me. And, I'll do my best to do the same. [This was written before the last couple of busy weekends, ed.] And, it is policy and really productive to discuss any problems you are having with the person you are having them with...best way to resolve something quickly and without the drama. Let's protect each other's back not find a place to stick the knife.

Again, what's my point? Let's not kill the spirit of volunteerism...it is needed and we are needed!

Last Fall Mike Fink responded to something along the same lines. It is very well thought out and said by someone who has clearly seen it all in LCSAR:

Just one comment on an excellent point that Sarah Babbitt made in a recent (October 2004, ed.) Team e-mail that I think people use as an excuse rather than it being valid, and that is... this is EVERYONE'S Team. If people aren't getting involved in the process, they have no one to blame but themselves and they give up all rights to complain about decisions that they chose to be absent for. Our over-abused and under-paid/under-appreciated folks on the Executive Board and in the SAR Manager ranks must be trusted to make the final decisions. Team members must respect and support that decision, or use the processes we have in place to change them. It serves no purpose, except to be divisive, when members whine and complain secretively to each other about such-and-such or so-and-so.

You Sarah , and every President before you, has had to constantly encourage and remind folks to get involved with THEIR TEAM. -- Mike Fink

Thanks Mike for you comments of almost a year ago!

Jim

We were the lead article in the Poudre Valley Hospital Foundation newsletter, *Generosity in Action*. With a team photo of a mid-face medical practice and information provided by Mike Fink of several missions, our story was told. Ask an EB member for a copy or pick one up at PVH.

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It may seem like old news, she has been so busy upon her return it appears she never left, however Lisa Lilly's is back and has stepped up to be the PSAR Coordinator. Glad you're back! Thanks for the great job.



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[Our very talented past president, Sarah Babbitt, has written a story that reminds us that there are more than technical skills, more than politics, and more than mission success to what we do. Immerse yourself in the story, see what you think and *feel*. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Ed.]

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I was a happy woman, enjoying the rhythm of the curves of Poudre Canyon, singing to the best album ever recorded (Joni Mitchell's "Blue." It's a known fact.) It was a Thursday night in June, and the moon was playing the game it always does on this drive: just a glow silhouetting the hills for a while, then as I rounded a turn it was

suddenly in two places at once----a bright half-circle in the sky and rippled silver on the water of the Poudre.

I was on my way for a hike on a trail I'd not been on before, meeting a group of people at the trailhead----some of whom I've known for a few years, some of whom I've only recently started to get to know. But, luckily, they're all people who are delightful to be around. What a great hiking group.

Upon arrival at the Mummy Pass trailhead we got organized easily and quickly and started moving up the trail. Now that we were away from the light pollution from the cars and city the sky was deep, velvety blue, and the billion or so visible stars had the clarity they only have when viewed from a high altitude. I mentioned to someone near me that we were really lucky----there are many people in this world who never see a sky even remotely as spectacular in their entire lives. And we see it on a regular basis.

“You're in my blood like holy wine,
Taste so bitter, and so sweet—“

The night was relatively warm for spring at that elevation, and I was comfortable hiking in my t-shirt without a jacket. The trail went from almost flat to a more steady climb, but nothing too taxing. Everyone was moving well and chatting sociably, or silent with their own thoughts, enjoying the sounds of the night woods and the footfalls moving up the trail.

We took a break after a couple of hours, still well below treeline and the lingering snowdrifts. We cooled off rapidly, so coats, mittens and hats came out of packs. Now puffy (from our added layers) people leaned back against their packs with a contented, peaceful look on their faces, or sat in groups and chatted in the greying light. Headlamps were put away as we realized morning was approaching and they were no longer necessary. The growing light was almost a surprise-----I'd been enjoying myself so much that I hadn't noticed the hours going by. What a cliché! But I smiled as I realized the cliché was true..

It was time to turn around. The sounds of backpack zippers zipping and the crisp, satisfying click of fastex buckles buckling joined the sounds of song birds who were waking up in the woods.

Then we were on our way back down the trail, and the sun began rising directly in front of us. Again I thought about how lucky we all were, to be experiencing sunrise in such a stunning place. Not everybody is so fortunate.

Everyone's helping one another down the trail. Various interesting and entertaining conversations are going on around me, the mood light. Joni Mitchell's still singing in my head and I feel refreshed, elevated from my night up high in the woods with all these wonderful people.

Breakfast together, everyone tired and smiling. And oh, yes, our patient walked out under her own steam and will likely be fine. A marvelous night, indeed.

“Oh, I could drink a case of you, darlin’,
And I would still be on my feet,
I would still be on my feet.”



←Night Nav class for the Big Elk Volunteer Fire Dept.



Paul's 1st rescue? →
2005 Duck Races Estes Park
another fund raising
success

Brian Walsh and Sarah Babbitt taught a navigation class to the Big Elk VFD on June 18th. There were 14 students that Brian said, “Many (students) said they had learned navigation in the past but didn't really understand it until that night.” Credit was also given to Dave Hake's “wonderful” Power Point presentation. Interagency support, at it's best. [the brownies alone are worth the trip] Thanks Brian and Sarah.

STUFF:

It's not too soon to start thinking about your contribution to LCSAR in 2006! There is no question that we want, no need you to be technically proficient in search and rescue, however what keeps our boots in the field is what happens behind the scenes. You could take a position on a committee, become a Coordinator of a committee, be on the Executive Board, all are open to anyone on the team. If you are not sure where your best “fit” is yet then start coming to Training Committee, Executive Board, or Ways and Means Committee meetings. You will find that your contributions are welcome and appreciated.

Don't forget to take the IS 100 and IS 700 classes, they provide important information for you to have and they are required.

FYI: At the team meeting there was a discussion about whether the page that comes saying that there are enough team members fielded and that if you are not on scene or en route you do not have to go into the field, is confusing or

helpful. It was almost unanimous that this was a helpful page. So, if you are on your way, have called the counter or dispatch/900, then continue. If, however, you have not left then you do not have to. Also, please, PLEASE respond to the first page rather than waiting to see if a second or third page comes in order to see if “they” mean it.

Kevin Johnston, from Emergency Services, has given us a summary of what we are to do if injured while on a mission or at a scheduled training:

Immediately report the injury, no matter how small, to the Search Manager or Rescue Leader, and to Emergency Services, no later than 24 hours from the time of the injury.

Report to the designated provider (see below) for medical care. Identify yourself as a Larimer County SAR member. Where you report depends on the seriousness of your injury.

Complete the Workers’ Compensation Injury Report and give it to Emergency Services within 24 hours of the injury.

Note: if you choose to use an unauthorized physician or medical facility without prior approval then you will assume payment for the services rendered. Your Workers’ Compensation Insurance will not pay for this injury.

Emergency Care

Use the nearest hospital emergency room

Walk In/Urgent Care, Non Limb or Life Threatening

Concentra Medical Center

2620 E. Prospect Rd., Suite 160

Fort Collins, CO

Follow Up Care/Appointments

Concentra Medical Center

2620 E. Prospect Rd., Suite 160

Fort Collins, CO

(970) 221-5811

Hours: 8 am to 6 pm, Monday-Friday

These events fall under the County’s Risk Management division, and are the rules established by them. I know there have been multiple emails about these things however seeing it again may prevent future confusion.

Your Executive Board has voted to take advantage of a generous offer by Emergency Services that allows us to be on additional insurance that will cover us for injuries where the Workers’ Comp. does not: PSARs, Fair Parking, other fund raisers, team functions like that. The additional cost is minimal considering the coverage.

Jim



← You can tell by the hat and the DaveCo “stick” it’s Tracker Dave.

Then there’s Wyoming’s Keith, another guy looking for “lug” →



Here is a picture of Bear, Tracer, Lakota, Ember and Murphy at the Canine Wellness Expo that was on Saturday, July 9th. The Canine Wellness Expo was to benefit the Larimer County Humane Society. SARDOC did a demonstration on the training of a Search Dog.



Toss and Robin Anderson passed all Air Scent testing and are now fully certified.

We welcome all LCSAR members to come to our trainings and get to know the dogs and watch them work. When we have missions each dog handler needs a support person to go with them to take notes and navigate. By coming and watching the dogs work at trainings, when a mission comes up and a dog team needs a support person you can then be that person.

Kathy and Ember

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Wilderness Medicine Conference	7/23-27	Aspen, CO
SAR Management Academy	7/29-31	Gunnison, CO
International Technical Rescue Symposium 2005	11/4-16	Ft. Collins, CO

Find out more at <http://www.nasar.org/nasar/conferences.php?id=146>

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Missions:

LCSAR Missions – first half of 2005 – compiled by George Janson, Senior Mossback

Sunday 16 January 2005 – Big Elk Meadows – Paged at 18:48 with report of a 43 year old female, Vicky, overdue from taking her dog for a walk on the trails in the area. 16 members and 4 dogs responded, and with assistance from members of the Big Elk VFD, searched many of the local trails. Vicky is a resident of that community, her husband is on the VFD, and he was assigned to accompany one of our search teams. In addition, we had other VFD members accompany each of our teams, as they are very familiar with the local terrain. Also assisting were several members of Rocky Mountain Rescue Group and Boulder ES, as the Big Elk Meadows area straddles the county line. RMRG searched the southern segments of the search area. One VFD team volunteered to use their ATV to get north as far as possible, then continued on hiking. Vicky is familiar with the area, and takes her dog for walks on the trails most every day. Our initial strategy focused on the probability that she was injured, and the dog was staying with her. As it turned out, Vicky had become disoriented as darkness descended, and finding herself in an area that looked vaguely familiar, continued hiking, thinking she was on the trail she started out on. Hours later she realized she was lost, and huddled with her dog in some shrubs beside the trail she was hiking. The VFD ATV team ultimately made voice contact with Vicky at about 03:00 – she was by then at the west end of Lions Gulch, about 3 miles north of the Big Elk Community. Our closest teams responded, and Vicky walked out with them, as the ATV team had to walk a different route back to their vehicle. A few months later, we had a training day with them, to review the mission and exchange ideas on how to better handle future searches. They also had a similar training day with RMRG and Boulder ES. Commentary from Dave Hake: “Tracking played one of the roles in the search that helped direct teams in. We were able to determine her print from where she left the house and handed each team a drawing of it so when they came across it, they would know it was her instead of the many other hikers out there. Dog teams were able to confirm their dog’s alerts by finding her identified prints. Operations was able to send teams in the right area after getting reports from other teams of confirmed tracks in multiple locations which drew a line of direction. That’s why we do what we do! Trackers will very seldom “find” the subject but we can do our part in helping to direct the search!”

Thursday 20 January 2005 – Longs Peak in Rocky Mountain National Park – Reported by Scott Evans: Thursday morning a 28-year-old solo climber was climbing Longs Peak via the Keyhole route when he was struck by falling ice. He was past the Keyhole near the trough when the falling ice struck him in the head and sent him down the mountain, freefalling over a “100” foot cliff and landing in snow, badly hurt and alone. He had two large lacerations on his head

and an injured knee. It was 10 am and he knew that any search effort would not begin until at least after dark. This is when he decided that he must get himself out or die on the mountain. He spent the next 8 hours limping and crawling back through the Keyhole and down through the Boulder field and down to Chasm Junction. It was now nearly dark when two other climbers found him. The climbers, a guide and his client, had just finished Kiener's route on Longs when they heard the cries for help. The guide gave his warm clothing to the injured man and while the client stayed with him at Chasm Lake junction, the guide ran down the trail to get help. It was 9 pm when the Park Service started the rescue effort. Larimer County was called to assist the carryout at 10:30 pm. Nine LCSAR members decided they could not miss the chance to spend a winter's night out making a difference. (Tom Chapel, Mac Durgeloh, Becky Egley, David Egley, Scott Evans, Justin Fox, Tara Henderson, Ken Klein, Jose Negron). Like all Park Service rescues, we met at the Rescue cache, got briefed and loaded with O2 bottles, hot packs, and rescue gear to be brought up to Chasm Junction. Just before leaving we heard that the rangers on scene were talking about a possible helicopter at first light. The patient was stable and the time out would be about the same). With this knowledge, some of the older members added some extra bivy gear. The LCSAR crew left the trailhead after 1 am and was told that the Park Service had decided to wait for first light to fly our subject out, but that they would like us to continue in case they needed "plan B". Hours later, we would find out that the B in plan B is for Blustery. Hiking at a "Scott don't sweat" pace we arrived at Chasm Junction around 4 am. The Park Service crew of nine had sent some of their personnel over to the emergency cache at Chasm Lake and brought back sleeping bags for bivying. We were advised to try to get some sleep, as the helicopter would be coming at first light. It was not too long in a bivy sack, with the 40 mph gusts, that plan B was becoming obvious. After two hours of not sleeping, we all got up to start the long haul down. Mac was not feeling well (either altitude or flu) so David Egley walked him down to "thicker air". Our patient was packaged in a snow litter, but we had a long way to go before we could find snow to slide him on. This is when we were reminded how important the wheel is for the litter. It was back breaking for 7-8 people to carry the litter more than 200 yards. We used the Park Service technique of adding a strap over a shoulder to help with the lifting. Everyone pitched in and did an incredible job of helping carry our subject out. Travel on snow was easier but the litter did not track well on the crusty trail (crampons were helpful). We often "post holed" whenever we stepped off the trail. By the time we got down to the trailhead (about noon), this subject had spent more than 24 hours trying to get off the mountain. His wife and family met us at the trailhead and thanked us for our effort. This was an epic for all involved. The Park Service personnel thanked LCSAR for our professionalism and let us know that this was one of those times that we truly saved a life. LCSAR – we made a difference. (There was much media coverage of this event in the following days.)

Sunday 20 February 2005 – Timnath – Paged at 15:44 with report of a missing mentally disabled 34 year old female, last seen in the Timnath area. This was an assist to LCSO deputies, who were handling it as a 'missing person' case. In addition, FCPD was assisting, and they ultimately located the subject at a friend's house in Fort Collins. Commentary from Dave Hake: We had a tennis shoe print heading north from the house and worked it in spots we could but it ended up not being the same as what she was wearing. I tried to get a print from the floor by her bedroom but they cleaned the wood floor after the deputy showed up! So we really had nothing solid to go on for a shoe print. She left the house around 8:30 or 9:00 in the morning so the ground may have been frozen or hard enough to not show her print in the driveway?? The Deputy first on scene thought he saw her in Timnath while he was responding which was to the south so most of the focus was south. Dan and Bear left the house and went north but evidently lost interest at the first road intersection. He was on it but for some reason got thrown. Better luck next time for all of us! It was a great practice anyway! We learned again to take all information in but think 360 until proven otherwise.

Sunday 20 February 2005 – Timnath – CSRB request for assistance to Alpine Rescue Group for a missing snowshoer who was supposed to return Saturday evening. Alpine was notified at 14:30 on Saturday of the situation. Two LCSAR members initially planned to respond, but ultimately did not. The subject was found alive and OK by an Air National Guard helicopter crew on Monday afternoon.

Sunday 20 March 2005 – Poudre Canyon – From the LCSO press release: "Larimer County Sheriff's Office is responding to Highway 14, Poudre Canyon Highway, to investigate human remains found near mile marker 104. Emergency Services and Larimer County Dive Rescue believe those remains to be human and that of Gloria Nelson, who was lost in the Poudre River after a motorcycle accident in June of 2004. Positive identity will be determined by the Larimer County Coroner's Office. Further details will be released as they become available." Several LCSAR members assisted LCDR and ES with the recovery of the remains, which had been found by family members. The coroner later positively identified them as those of Gloria Nelson.

No incidents in April ...

Sunday 15 May 2005 – Coyote Ridge – Report from David Egley: We had a call-out at Coyote Ridge today, but were stood down 4 minutes later. Initial reports stated that a male had crashed his mountain bike high on the ridge, and had sustained multiple fractures. The RP reported he was about 2/3 mile past the nature cabin, which is about 1 mile from the parking lot on a gated road. Med 4 arrived on scene just as the PFA brush unit was opening the gate to the road. The ambulance and brush truck drove to the cabin, and then the brush truck four-wheeled about 300 ft. along the trail above the cabin. After an additional 1/4 mile traveled on foot, we met the patient walking down the trail in the initial valley that the trail climbs after turning west. He had his arm in an improvised jacket-sling, accompanied by a hiker

who had helped him and was presently nursing his bike. (He is a competitive cyclist and obviously had a high tolerance for pain). After a SAM splint/sling of his arm we walked him down to the brush truck for transport back to the parking lot. The patient's family was waiting at the parking lot, and the patient was transported by private vehicle to the hospital. Thanks to all who responded; we were concerned that he may have been more severely injured, and possibly on the steeper (west) side of the ridge. If you haven't hiked this trail, it's a great hike and a good one to be familiar with as it's becoming much more popular. Coyote Ridge Natural Area is part of a larger parcel of land called Rimrock Open Space. The trailhead is just west of Taft Hill, about 1/2 mile south of Trilby Rd. For info on this and other Larimer County Open Space areas, visit: <http://www.co.larimer.co.us/parks/ParkAreas.htm> The site's topo map for Rimrock Open Space is not very good. The trail on the map is way off from the actual route.

Friday 20 May 2005 – Lory State Park – Reported by Sarah Babbitt: The initial page for direct emergency response came out at 13:10 today, for a 13 year old girl about one mile up the Arthur's Rock trail in Lory State Park, having fallen about 30 feet. There were a number of school groups in the park that day. Our subject was from Walt Clark middle school in Loveland. Dave Mosier from Emergency Services asked for PFA to help out to get some medical folks up there quickly, and Air Life of Greeley heard this over the radio (they had just finished delivering someone to PVH) at which time they self-dispatched the helicopter to Lory, finding a very good helispot (there are a number) up on the ridge just south of where the girl had fallen. When the first LCSAR members arrived, the flight crew was already with the patient, and the fire fighters were on their way up with a PFA litter. We had 11 LCSAR folks go up the trail, with 2 more extra held back in the parking lot. Kevin Johnston of emergency services also went up. The patient had fallen while on the trail, and tumbled approximately 100 feet down a steep slope before stopping. She had numerous bruises and a couple of small lacerations (including one on her head) but was stable and alert and oriented. Our first folks up the hill helped package the patient and the litter was carried to the waiting helicopter. This all happened so fast that some of our folks didn't even get to the litter before she was at the helicopter. The helicopter lifted-off at 14:33 and all our folks were out of the field by 14:50. Great turnout, folks!! As Dave Mosier pointed out, we may have just 'broken the seal' on the lack of missions, so stay ready, especially with this warm weather. Lessons learned: 1) We're pretty sure our wheel does not fit the PFA litter, though we didn't get a chance to try it. We should try it at the next opportunity. If we'd had to carry her all the way down the trail it would have been worth taking our litter up so the wheel could be used. 2) We should never split up field teams so there is one person alone. This should, as a rule, never happen, but especially if anyone alone does not have a radio. Today one team split up on the way up, and someone (who shall remain nameless but whose initials are KJ) took a wrong turn and headed up a totally different trail, going in the opposite direction from the incident. Anything can happen, and if someone without a radio (in this case, our team member) falls or something, things could get ugly fast. I am appreciative that my first official mission as L-1 was as simple and positive and quick as this!! Thanks, everybody. Follow-up from Janice Weixelman, MD: Our 13 year old subject has a broken bone at the base of her thumb, knee laceration and scalp laceration. She will be discharged from the ER after these items have been taken care of. And later from Don Davis: The family of the girl that was rescued at Lory State Park on the Arthurs Rock trail posted a message on the team's Guest Book on the Team's web page <http://www.larimercountysar.org> Click "View Guestbook" on the index.

Saturday 28 May 2005 – Custer, Park, Douglas Counties – Report from Mike Fink: At about 19:30 LCSO dispatch paged the SARDOC dispatcher with a CSRB request for dogs regarding a search for a suicidal 24 year old male who had been missing for 3-7 days in Custer County. No LCSAR resources responded. Then at about 20:00 a second request regarding another search, this time a lost 7 year old in Park County near Lake George missing since around 17:00. Air scenting dogs were responding from Park and El Paso Counties but they wanted one of the trailing dogs. Dan Fanning was available, planning to leave for Park County at midnight. Then at about 21:00 a third request, for air scenting dogs on stand-by for a search for a missing 11 year old autistic child at Red Dirt Reservoir in Grand County. I called Bill Young to see if we wanted to send any more dogs out of county. We had few in town for this weekend, so the decision was that Larimer could not afford to send any more dogs. At about 22:30 Dan called to say that he just heard from Park County and their subject had been located. A few minutes later I was notified that the request from Custer County had been cancelled. On Sunday, the Grand County 11 year old girl was found alive five miles away on a dirt road.

Tuesday 31 May 2005 – Routt County – Initial page for SARDOC came in at 11:11 from Routt County requesting dogs and support personnel for Wednesday morning. Search is for a 50 year old male missing since 25 May. The subject's car was found parked next to a bridge crossing the Elk River, which was flowing high and swift due to snowmelt. Search area was west of Clark about 4 miles up the Elk River. Mike Erickson with Merlin and Robin Anderson as support searched all day Wednesday, returning to Fort Collins at about 21:30.

Sunday 5 June 2005 – unknown – SAR Manager page at 14:35 for Bill Young to call Justin Whitesell regarding a possible assist mission. No other details known.

Tuesday 7 June 2005 – SE Fort Collins – SAR Manager page at 02:26 for resources to search for a 37 year old female, in pajamas and barefoot, possibly suicidal, who had walked away from the vicinity of County Road 32 and Vantage View Place. About a dozen members responded. At about 04:30 the subject was found alive and OK.

Friday 17 June 2005 – Sky Ranch – Report from Janice Weixelman, MD: At 00:10 this morning the SAR team was paged to respond to Pingree Park to assist with a 16 year old female with a medical illness. 23 members responded. Staging occurred approximately 15 miles up the Pingree Park road at a camping area just past the Tom Bennet campground turnoff. Jeannie Mounts was stationed at the road to signal people into the correct turnoff. Eric Foster brought Truck 10 up. Scott Evans, Eric Fox, Jim Kavalec and I were among the first to arrive, Kevin Johnson was at the area with one of the Park Rangers. We were told that a 16 year old female from Texas, staying at a local camp (Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp), had hiked up the Mummy Pass trail in a group of 9 people, her feet got wet, she complained of being very cold and she was placed into a sleeping bag at approximately 21:00. She began to become incoherent and was giving odd answers to questions. She then started to become combative with the counselors, she would fight getting her temperature taken, push people away, and refused to take hot liquids that were being offered to her. The counselors (there were 2) considered that she may have low blood sugar and attempted to give her glucose solution by mouth, but this was also fought off, and only a small amount was given. It was noted that her respiratory rate would go as high as 54. Because of decreasing responsiveness, and growing concern, help was summoned (I believe via FRS radios) and 2 EMT's who were counselors at the camp were dispatched to check the situation out. The Sheriff's department was also notified and decision was made to initiate SAR response due to the concern for a necessary carry out or helicopter operations. Scott, Jim and I were hasty medical, and Eric remained at the truck to help dispatch any necessary equipment. We were able to drive Scott's vehicle and Truck 10 approx 1/2 mile further up a 4-wheel drive road and met a locked gate. From there hasty medical departed on foot. Kevin was notified of the lock on the gate and he was able to locate a key for it. The teams following behind us got the advantage of getting another 3/4 mile up the road by vehicle. We were able to keep radio communications with Kevin who relayed to the EMT's ahead of us and counselors at the camp site. When the EMT's arrived to the scene, the subject was awake, vitals were normal (P88, Resp 18 and O2 saturation was 93% before applying O2.) They placed her on oxygen and checked her out. At that time no neurological deficits were noted, she was apparently oriented to person, place, time, but complained of headache and nausea. With the knowledge that we had a patient with an earlier altered mental status, and now complaints of symptoms consistent with high altitude illness, descent was determined to be necessary, and teams behind us were bringing up the litter and supplies. Team 2 - Jose Negron, Jeff Grotenhuis, and Tom Shandley - actually caught up to us as we were approaching the camp. The 2 counselors from the camp left the campsite after the 2 EMT counselors arrived to come down to us and lead us in. They had whistles, Scott had his horn and we were on the trail so this was meeting was accomplished easily. We climbed up to an elevation that had significant snow drifts, and the counselors did lead us off trail for a short period of time, having lost the trail in the snow. The mistake was quickly discovered and the trail was re-located and we reached the camp quickly. As we walked the counselors told us several things that were said and done by the subject that indicated she, indeed, had some level of altered mental status earlier. In the tent I found 16 year old Brittany awake with oxygen, complaining of nausea, and would intermittently deny or complain of headache. She seemed alert and oriented at first, but then had some difficulty describing what happened, or who she was with. Descent was mandated at this point, and the patient wanted to walk but told us she had no shoes or pants, thus I called for the litter. We now had the patient sitting up and starting to move around and her thinking seemed to be getting clearer. We were told both pants and shoes were found for the patient, and we decided to try getting her up. Once up, she became much more clear and had no problems with gait (walking). (EXAM continued to demonstrate normal vitals even after removing the O2, lungs were clear, heart had no murmur, neuro was as noted above with patient having equal and reactive pupils - Thanks Eric for scribing my reports to QRT form) At this point we felt walking her out would be better if it could be accomplished, as getting the litter up through the snow drifts would be tedious. The litter was still on its way up and we did not yet cancel as we were concerned the patient's status could once again deteriorate. After waiting for the patient to say good-bye to all her camp friends (teenagers...) we started down. Brittany did very well on the walk out maintaining a brisk pace with coherent conversation and as we were got back down below tree line, I felt we would likely get her down the trail and asked the litter to wait rest where they were. This pace was maintained, Brittany's status did not change, and I eventually notified the litter team they could turn around. The final team coming up had the last vehicle in line, turned around (thanks to Stacy Gardner) and it was felt they could meet up with us to help transport her back to OPS, which was done. Stacy drove Brittany, myself and one of the EMT counselors who came down with us back to OPS, and from there we were taken to Sky Ranch for debrief. The other teams made it back to Truck 10 to re-load the litter and equipment and were treated to breakfast at Sky Ranch. Kevin maintained communication with medical response but ambulance was turned around when Brittany's status seemed stable and private transport to further medical evaluation was arranged. I don't have a list of all the respondents, but there were a lot more than mentioned above, with many of the new S1's being on scene. Everyone's help was appreciated and needed, as this scenario carried the potential of becoming a carryout. Brittany, herself, was taken to get some sleep. Her mother had already been notified much earlier in the evening, and was told further medical evaluation and further descent were recommended and this was agreed to. I spoke with the camp director and nurse who agreed that Brittany should go down to Fort Collins to get checked out and should stay overnight at that altitude at least 24 hours before attempting re-ascent. Re-ascent was recommended to be done slowly, and it was noted by the nurse that the camp would be moving down to a lower elevation camp on Sunday, thus Brittany could re-join the group at that time. The camp has their own physician advisor, and I told them I would be comfortable with evaluation at his office. My final concern was that Brittany had an event with altered mental status and symptoms of altitude illness. Remaining at that altitude left her very susceptible to repeating her event, and should that happen it would likely be worse. The interview with the nurse and counselor also led to some concerns that there was a potential for something else, and consultation between the evaluating physician and mother could aid in determining if further

tests would be indicated. Thanks to everyone that was there, and those behind the scenes waiting for second ops or other calls.

Sunday 19 June 2005 – Moody Hill – From LCSO press release: At 13:49 Larimer County Sheriff's Communications dispatched Larimer County Emergency Services, Larimer County Search and Rescue and the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department to Moody Hill, which is in the Buckhorn area. A 30 year old female from Wellington and her husband were riding their ATVs up a steep climb when her ATV came onto a rock that flipped her and the ATV over backwards. The ATV apparently landed on her. The Rist Canyon Volunteers, with their Quick Response Vehicle, were able to use the four-wheel-drive road to reach her location. They stabilized her suspected pelvic fracture and transported her to the Air Life of Greeley helicopter at approximately 16:00 for the flight to Poudre Valley Hospital. Follow-up from David Egley: Jay Scarlett and Jim Peterson, crew of Med 11, wanted to pass on their thanks for your response and a job well done on the mission for the ATV patient last weekend. Mary Jo Koschel of Air Life Greeley also said that the call was very well managed, and well timed as they were on the ground for only a short time. She said the only other thing they could have asked for would be to have a second IV in place ... not a SAR problem. Several pelvic fractures were confirmed at the hospital, and the patient is recovering well as far as we know. Great job to all who came to play!

Sunday 26 June 2005 – Spring Canyon Dam – Report from Amy Ho: SAR Manager page at 00:53, team page at 01:20, responders: 7 searchers, 3 dogs, 1 SAR Manager, 1 ITC, and a partridge in a pear tree. The request was to respond direct to the Spring Canyon Dam up at Horsetooth. Good thing Mark had a map (or something) telling him which dam that was, because we both thought that Spring Canyon Dam was the damn northern dam, not the damn southern dam! (Sorry, had to get that in once!) Our subject was a 23 year old suicidal male who was not very drunk. Appears he is being evicted from his residence. Subject was last seen at 21:45 by his friends/roommates. Scent articles were not on scene yet, but were in the process of being acquired. Request was for dogs, searchers, truck and trailer. Mark thought that an initial response of about 10-11 people was appropriate. For the five minute mission - from the time the page went out to the team to the time it was stood down - my phone stopped ringing for about four seconds. Great response, people! Those calling in to respond were: Janice Weixelman (truck/trailer), Dan Fanning & Bear, Jenn Nolte, Jose Negron, Robin Anderson & Toss, Allen Weaver & Rosie, and Jeannie Mounts. Stand down page was then sent out, as the subject was located at his residence. (Dude, tell your friends when you are going home!!) We never did get a description on the fellow. Again, thanks for the great response-see you on the next call-out!

Monday 4 July 2005 – Rawah Wilderness – Report from Sarah Babbitt: **First paged at 10:57:** SAR please respond for assist near MM5 on Laramie River Road. Carry out on trail. 18 year old male unconscious/not breathing/CPR in progress. A church group from Aurora had been backpacking in the area for a few days, and were 3-4 miles up the West Branch Trail when the subject collapsed. He'd apparently had a headache for a couple of days, and had been coughing (for which he'd been given cough medicine.) There were no other known medical issues of which we were made aware. We headed up the canyon, with 18 responding initially. The initial callout was for emergency response. While we were on our way up the canyon, a couple of EMTs (and one paramedic, possibly?) from Jackson County had headed in to the subject from a different direction. They established that the subject had not had a pulse for over two hours by that time. They stopped CPR and declared the subject dead. At this point our response was lowered to a non-emergency response. The coroner was notified, and it was established that we were not to move the subject until the coroner and investigator had done what they needed to do at the scene. Also while we were driving up the canyon (it's over an hour to the Laramie River Road turnoff,) Emergency Services responded to a search in the area of Dowdy Lake in Red Feather Lakes. A couple of children had wandered away. ES specialist Justin Whitesell was checking out this issue, and when Dave Hake heard about it he happened to be right around Rustic so he asked Sergeant Griffith if he could divert to Red Feather as a tracker for that developing search. That was OK'ed and off he went. A bit of confusion about "Chambers Lake Road" on a subsequent page led me to turn into the Chambers Lake Campground (with others following.) As I wandered through there and established that it was not, in fact, where I wanted to be, Eric Ackerman and his wife Kim flagged me down asking what I was doing wandering around their part of the campground. So they followed me to the correct turnoff and we met Sergeant Griffith at the north end of Chambers Lake. We then carpooled up the road about two miles to a jeep access road, which connects with the ditch road up the mountain. More and more team members kept arriving, and I hated to quell the energy at all (everyone had their packs on and were ready to go) but we knew it was going to be a couple of hours before the coroner and investigator arrived and had gotten to the subject. So we entertained ourselves by swatting at some of the largest, most voracious mosquitos any of us had seen in a long time. Meanwhile, the search in the Red Feather area had resolved itself, and Dave Hake joined us on the Laramie River Road. Lenore Arevelos (from the Forest Service) had procured the ditch rider and his jeep with a small trailer, as well as two other Forest Service men and two ATVs, with which to ferry us up the jeep trail. This was chosen since the jeep trail could get us to within a quarter mile or so of the subject, instead of hiking 3-4 miles up the West Branch trail and having to carry the subject back that whole way. The litter and wheel were secured to the trailer and Ken Klein headed up with the coroner, investigator and ditch rider (I wish I'd gotten his name.) Radio coverage was not good between the subject's area and our staging area, so Jim Powers and Liz Caldwell drove up the road to the Tunnel Campground/West Branch Trailhead area to be our radio relay. This worked very well. At around 15:20 they had gotten to the subject so we started others going up on ATVs and walking up the jeep trail, with the vehicles coming back to ferry them up after dropping off their first passengers. A total of 11 SAR members went up.

The coroner and investigator put the subject into the body bag while Ken went back through the woods to meet the others coming up and flag the way in to the right area. They started moving the litter at 16:31, through the dense woods and across two streams, one of which was small and shallow and the other of which was deep and strong. The team got creative and slid the litter across the latter on two narrow logs which were acting as a footbridge, and only a couple of people got very wet helping it across. At 17:13 they got to the jeep and were securing the litter to the trailer, and the subject was at the road (where we were now all heavily slathered in neurotoxins but still being bitten by mosquitos) at 17:52. The last of our folks were out of the field at 18:25. A total of 29 SAR members had responded to this mission. Thanks for a wonderful turnout, and good attitude and professionalism in the face of difficult circumstances. From the LCSO press release: A seventeen year old male collapsed near the West Branch trail, northwest of Chambers Lake in Larimer County at approximately 10:30 Monday morning. Thirty volunteers and staff from Larimer County Emergency Services, Sheriff's Office, Search and Rescue, Coroner's Office, United States Forest Service and Colorado State Forest Service responded. The young man was apparently camping with a church group when he became ill. He collapsed and CPR was administered for a considerable length of time. The Larimer County Coroner's Office determined that the cause of death was high altitude pulmonary edema (HAPE) with some indication of high altitude cerebral edema (HACE).

Monday 4 July 2005 – Poudre River – Report from Sarah Babbitt: **Next paged at 18:28:** All SAR units that were at the Laramie River rescue please respond to MM82 on HWY 14 non-emergency, to assist the Dive Team. Three teenage women who had been tubing on the river had encountered rougher water than they'd expected and had come ashore on the far side of the river and couldn't get back across. The Dive Team responded to help them make the crossing safely. Dave Hake was first on-scene for this, and ended up being an anchor for the hand-line the Dive Team put across the river. Other area fire fighters were the 'tensioning system' for it. Two ambulances responded as the subjects were quite cold. By the time most of us got there the first subject had been put into an ice rescue suit (to avoid getting her any colder) and walked across with the aid of three Dive members. At this point LCSAR was released, as there were enough people to help (though Dave and Janice Weixelman remained.) The other two subjects were across in short order, as well. Most of us were back in town by 21:00, in time to see the fireworks. I think a record was set this July 4th, with Dave Hake participating in three missions in one day. Sounds like a challenge to me! Many thanks to everyone for coming out on your holiday. Even though many folks did not go into the field we all know how things can change rapidly, so if we'd needed to carry the patient out the whole way or someone else had gotten injured we'd have needed absolutely every hand present. It's no fun to have to cool your heels for so long, but as Bryce Griffin said before we left, "I can't think of a nicer group of people with whom to spend the day!" And he walked off into the sunset, scratching his mosquito bites. From the LCSO press release: On the Fourth of July 2005, around 17:00, three females were stranded on a small 'island' in the Cache Le Poudre River near Kinikini while tubing. They had apparently encountered higher and faster water than expected and sought safety on a pile of rocks towards the middle of the stream. They were 17, 18 and 19 years old, from Fort Collins and Greeley. The girls were tubing without life jackets. The Larimer County Emergency Services, Search and Rescue and Dive Rescue Teams, along with Volunteer Fire and Rescue personnel from both Poudre Canyon and Glacier View, responded. The estimated 25 staff and volunteers were able to return them to the rest of their church group approximately 18:30. Some of the Search and Rescue volunteers had just come from carrying out a deceased camper from up in the Rawah Wilderness area. Emergency Services Coordinator, Sergeant Don Griffith, advises everyone that the rivers are 'up', meaning greater volumes of water, running higher and faster than normal. Sgt. Griffith and the Larimer County Sheriff, Jim Alderden, ask people to use life jackets, good sense, safe practices and take extra care when in or near the rivers and lakes. This includes scouting the area and being aware of the weather. "We want you to have fun, but please be careful," they said.

Saturday 9 July 2005 – Bellaire Lake – Duty SAR Manager page at 16:52 to call Dave Mosier regarding a search at Bellaire Lake. 17 members responded. The subject was located at about 21:30. Report from Dave Hake: The subject was last seen taking a short-cut to their camp from the lake after fishing and hadn't been seen since. I hooked up with Dan Fanning and Bear after trying to find our subjects print, since we needed to get Bear working and no other dog support people were on scene yet. Bear took off to the north of the PLS and I was picking up some good sign as we were going, so that was promising. Every so often we were hearing what sounded like a girl's voice yelling back when we were yelling "Jimmy". We were continuing to find good sign as Bear wondered back and forth. I would guess that our subject was wondering back and forth also. After the third time of hearing this girls voice and since we were far enough from the lake that it wasn't someone at the lake, we decided to check it out. Wouldn't you know that it was two girls around the age of 12 to 14 who were up on a rock pile and when asked if they were lost, they said ... umm ... kinda! Ends up they went to climb a "mountain" because they heard that some guy was lost and they wanted to see if they could find him. They actually got to the top of one and thought they saw our subject in a meadow (which ended up being him!) but he wouldn't respond to their yelling. That was the case because our subject was hard of hearing. They decided to climb another "mountain" and that's when they became disoriented. They said they could see the lake from this last pile of rocks but they sure seemed happy to see someone ;-) They responded to our calls because they thought their parents had called out SAR for them and one of their names was "Jamie"!!! What a great bonus! On our way to return these kids to their parents, we connected with Jayne, Lakota, Keith and Donna. Jayne and Dan teamed up and continued working the subject's path and the rest of us returned the girls. Their parents were worried sick about them so I'm sure it would have been just a matter of time before we would have had a third mission on our hands! Back to the original search. Kathy and Ember and Lisa Lilly called in some strong alerts on a rockpile/highpoint to the north

of the lake and also found some good prints ... got to love everyone looking for tracks :-). Bear and Lakota were working towards them and still finding good tracks so it was looking positive that the team of Thad and Jim Kavalec that were coming in a big drainage/suck point from the NE would run into our subject. Those three teams were getting very close to each other with no luck and that wasn't good. I thought for sure our subject had turned west and into a larger search area that we didn't have any resources in yet. We were thinking about putting out a page for more resources since we thought the other rescue "should" be over by now since the guy was walking out ... obviously it wasn't! Then came the radio traffic from Thad, "We have the subject and he's OK!" I'll let Thad or Jim fill in the details of the find but it was just to the north of the pile of rocks that the dog teams were converging on. Great job everyone and again, I'm very proud of how you new members are doing! On a side note for the trackers in the group: We did something cool with cell phones that had photo sending capabilities. It was determined by the RP that Jimmy had "CAT" brand boots. I knew I had a Cat brand sole pattern in my tracking presentation so I called my wife and had her take a photo of it on my computer screen with my step daughters photo/phone and send to Lisa Lilly's photo/phone that we had her leave at base for this. It worked and we were able to get a drawing from it.

Saturday 9 July 2005 – Boston Peak – Report from Mark Sheets: At approximately 18:00, SAR was paged to respond to a second mission (the first being a search at Bellaire Lake near Red Feather that was in progress) for a fallen climber on Boston Peak. Six people who were originally responding to the search were diverted to the rescue. The response was non-emergency due to the report that fallen climber had already walked on his own about 100 meters down the talus slope before he could not go any further. When SAR got on scene, we learned that the "climber" was a Master Falconer who was attempting to recover a young Peregrine Falcon from a nest. He was climbing with another Falconer / avian expert with the Division of Wildlife as well as two other Falconer friends. After discovering the nest empty, the subject was rappelling down the face when after passing a knot, he flipped inverted and fell approximately 30 feet. The fall appeared to be slowed as his rappel device was still attached to the rope but he had lost hold of the rope so it was just shooting through the rappel device with 'some' friction although very little. The subject ended up landing flat on his back while wearing a backpack and a helmet. This entire event was captured on video by one of his friends who was video taping at the time. The video was viewed by IC staff to get an idea of the mechanism of injury. The subject was complaining of lower lumbar pain and some pelvic pain. David Egley, the attending EMT, had decided the pelvis was most likely not fractured due to the subject having walked on it 100 meters prior to our arriving on scene. During the evacuation, the subject was only complaining of lumbar pain and coccyx pain. The rescue was a steep scree lower on some pretty bad terrain. 23 SAR members responded to effect this rescue, which concluded at 01:45 Sunday morning. I want to give my many thanks to all who have been eager to respond to our recent missions. It sure is nice to have plenty of people to get the job done. Keep up the good work, everyone!

Thursday 14 July 2005 – Big South trail – Duty SAR Manager paged at 15:50 to call Kevin Johnston regarding a 64 year old female hiker overdue from hiking on Big South trail, last seen at about 13:30, and her car is still at the trailhead. Some medical concern, as she takes lots of pills. Stand down page at 16:06 as the subject had been located and was OK.



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