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Saddle and Paddle 2003

Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue was contacted to help out with a "Saddle and Paddle" event in the Blue Marsh area.

The event was essentially and ECO-Challenge. This is where people push themselves against the environment in a combination of challenges.

This one included biking, kayaking, land navigation, climbing, running, hiking, and more.

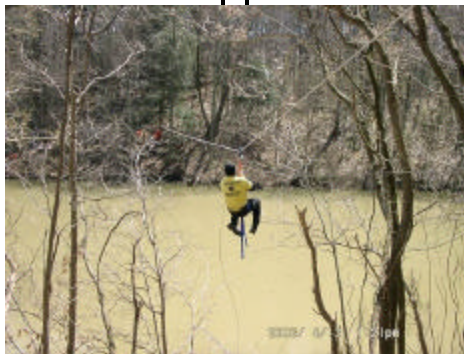
GPSAR provided medical and SAR support for everyone involved in the event from including the staff and over 30 teams.

It was a long trying day for everyone involved and many of our systems and methods got tested, challenged, and adapted to meet the needs of the event.

All in all everyone that got lost was found and put back on course safely and all injuries were addressed.

A unique challenge was given to our Communications unit as the location of the main CP was at the bottom of a ski slope. After some rigging were able to cover the entire area .

Thanks to Bryan from NJSAR for asking us along and thanks to Middle Creek for their help.



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Product Review—Cobra Cam

The CobraCAM features a camera with LED lamps on the end of a 3 foot flexible handle and a color LCD monitor. The flexible handle allows the camera to be angled in any direction yet is rigid enough to support the camera while extended. The camera will fit through an opening as little as 2" and focus from 4" to infinity. The LEDs can light a totally dark area allowing visibility of over 10 feet away. The CobraCam system also includes a hard-shell padded carrying case.



The system is powered by a rechargeable battery pack carried on a belt strap. The battery pack can run the system for 2½ hours of continuous use. It can also be powered from an included DC adapter plugged into a standard AC outlet.

H i t t h e R o a d , J a c k



It's time to formally announce the leaving of our Assistant Chief Jack Corri-gan. Jack's wife's job is changing and he is moving out of area due to that.

Jack has been with the team for while and seen it through some rough times. Jack served as Chief for a transitional period of time where the team went through a lot. Without his time and devotion things surely would not be like they are today.

I'd personally like to thank Jack and his wife, Amy, for all that they have done for Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue. The bar has been raised on what we expect from ourselves and Jack was a big part of raising that bar and the overall professionalism of the team.

**The team and Cyber
will miss you!**



What Have We Done Lately

In the midst of it it's tough to notice how busy we've been. When going through things for the newsletter the picture becomes clearer.



We've been busy. With over 1600 training hours in and several hundred detail hours



(still calculating) we've been all over the place speaking and training.

We've spoken to the Scouts, various schools, planted trees at Ft. Washington Park, helped clean Ft. Washington Park, did the Pet Expo for the 7th year or so, spoke at the Delaware County Emergency Radio Club, and spoke at the Eastern Montgomery



Emergency Managers group, did an hour long show on Berks Cable TV, spoke at the Vets association, did an interview on WXTV, taught CERT in Delaware County for the Red Cross, and more.

Thanks to everyone that helped us pull these and the things that I forgot together. Your efforts are appreciated.

There is more to come as we go into our busy presentation / detail season so we'll be seeing many of you as we make the rounds.



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CERT in DELCO

GPSAR was requested by the Chester Wallingford Chapter of the American Red Cross to assist them in offering a FEMA Community Emergency Response Team class for the local RSVP group and others.

GPSAR was happy to oblige. The class, despite some circumstances beyond our control, turned out great and was enjoyed by all.

Our classes always try to represent the diversity of the communities they are addressing. This one

did a very good job.

The class was a mix of Red Cross, SAR, Fire, Military and more.

Our thanks to the authorities in the community that helped make this class happen.

If your community should want a CERT class please let us know. We'll be happy to offer whatever support and guidance that we can.



**Congrats on 1700 + training
hours up to now team!**