



SCENT ARTICLES

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Meeting of the Minds in Summit County. The new executive board and standards committee had their first meeting January in Frisco. The minutes are available on the SARDOC Yahoo site and will soon be available on the SARDOC website.

Letter from the President

Welcome to a new year and to hopefully a rebirth of our SARDOC newsletter "Scent Articles." A big thank you to Don Morrison and Shannon Young for volunteering to take on the task of creating, editing and publishing our newsletter after it has been on hiatus for over 2 years due to lack of interest in its editorship. Thank you also to the out-going Board and Standards Committee members - your time and commitment was greatly appreciated!

Many things happened during the last 2 years. I would like to take the time to say a heartfelt "we miss you" to our four-legged partners and two-legged friends alike, that sadly are no longer with us, had to retire, or moved on to other things:

In August of 2002, SARDOC unexpectedly lost one of its longtime members, Klaus-Dieter Hoffmann (Larimer County SAR). As a matter of fact, Klaus was one of the founding members of SARDOC way back when. Klaus trained four dogs to air scent certification, all of them German Shepherds. Well, Klaus was German after all. At Klaus' funeral, representatives of SARDOC were able to present the Hoffmann family with a plaque that celebrated Klaus' commitment to the SAR community in general and to SARDOC specifically. Part of the

inscription on the plaque is a quote by Albert Pine which reads, *"What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal."* A very fitting testament indeed to a life spent helping others. Ruhe in Frieden Klaus; Rest in Peace.

Unfortunately, in 2002 and 2003 we also had to say "good dog" for the last time to too many of our trusted canine partners and companions:

~ Hasty ~ 12 year old Golden Retriever, air scent and avalanche certified, handled and loved by Patti Burnett (Summit Rescue Group).

~ Miriah ~ 13 year old black Labrador Retriever, air scent, water and evidence certified, handled and loved by Jayne Zmijewski (Larimer County SAR).

~ Marne and Aspen (2004) ~ 16 and 9 year old black Labrador Retrievers, air scent certified, handled and loved by Gayle Humm (El Paso County SAR).

~ Lenzbe ~ 9 year old Bernese Mountain Dog, air scent certified, handled and loved by Ina Bernard (El Paso County SAR).

~ Pager and Skadee ~ Golden Retrievers, 6 and 12 years old, avalanche and trailing (Skadee) certified, handled and loved by Andrea and John Reller (Summit County Rescue Group).

~ Isis ~ 13 year old Malinois, trailing certified, handled and loved by Angela Eaton-Snovak (Alpine SAR).

~ Klapatche ~ 13 year old German Shepherd Mix, air scent certified, handled and loved by Shannon Young (Mesa County SAR).

~ Ginger ~ 3 year old Brittany Spaniel, in training to be air scent certified, handled and loved by Kim Veitch (El Paso County SAR).

"If there are no dogs in heaven, then when I die, I want to go where they went." Will Rogers

On a much lighter note, I am happy to add that each dog's legacy is living on in the exuberant enthusiasm of a new pup in training or in the already established wisdom of another canine SAR family member.

Other SARDOC dog team news: Cheryl Kennedy (Larimer County SAR) retired her Golden Retriever Apache from Wilderness air scent work, but they are still active with Evidence and Urban Searches. Jim Vail retired his Border Collie-Cattle dog Mix Pepper from air scent work, but they are still active with avalanche and water searches, and Rita Stern (Larimer County SAR) retired her black Labrador Retriever Bounty from Wilderness air scent work. Many milk bones and belly rubs to Apache, Pepper and Bounty for well-deserved semi and full retirements respectively.

Lastly, in 2003 it was also time to bid farewell to three SARDOC members from Colorado Springs (El Paso County SAR). Barbi Atkins moved to sunny Florida this past August to be closer to her family. Barbi was very active in SARDOC, having held numerous positions over the last 8 years, including SARDOC Coordinator in 2002. Barbi hopes that her canine partners, Deegee and Mocha, both Weimeraner-Labrador mixes and air scent certified, will be able to help the local Florida SAR teams on searches – watch out for those alligators. For Helen Freeman, a long time SAR volunteer, a little word called "work" finally made her decide to hang up the SAR shingle. Since last year, Helen has been busy travelling all over the State of Colorado for the Colorado School of the Deaf and Blind. But you never know, once in a while the SAR bug will bite her and she will be helping us out at one of our training weekends – we always love to see you Helen. Helen started her SARDOC career when Paddie, a rambunctious mixed breed of unknown age and heritage, entered her life one fateful Thanksgiving weekend. Paddie and Helen were a certified Wilderness air scent team. Celia Milligan also had to make the hard decision to leave Search and Rescue behind, going from a family of 3 to a family of 7 this past summer in as short a time as you can say, "I do." Celia's canine buddy is Copper, a Bloodhound certified in trailing - who undoubtedly now has his paws full making sure all 5 kids are present and accounted for. Thank you Barbi, Helen and Celia for having made SAR and especially SARDOC a part of your life, it takes a special person to seek out such a rewarding yet demanding "job." Good luck to all of you in your new endeavors.

Let me finish with the good news that has transpired over the past two years:

The SARDOC membership voted to bestow Lifetime memberships to Cheryl Kennedy, Julie Weibler and Patti Burnett for all their hard work and commitment that they have expended towards SARDOC for the last 15-20 years. Thank you ladies!

Further, SARDOC proudly welcomes several new operational support members and operational dog teams to its ranks. Please congratulate Kim Veitch, Ed Fowler (both El Paso County SAR), Natalie Ray (Larimer County SAR), and Paula Bindrich (Alpine SAR) on successfully completing the needed tests to become Wilderness Support certified.

Also, the following dog teams passed the tests for their respective discipline to now be able to actually go out and field on real missions – Congratulations go to:

- ~ Barbi Atkins and her Weimeraner-Lab mix Mocha, air scent (formerly of El Paso County SAR)
- ~ Roger Matthews and his German Shepherd Loki, air scent (Park County SAR)
- ~ Don Morrison and his German Shepherd Sherpa, air scent (Park County SAR)
- ~ Shannon Young and her Australian Shepherd Maggie, air scent (Mesa County SAR)
- ~ Wyman Bontrager and his Australian Shepherd Dundee, air scent (Garfield County SAR)
- ~ Jayne Zmijewski and her yellow Labrador Retriever Lakota, trailing (Larimer County SAR)
- ~ Scott Havener and his yellow Labrador Retriever Duke, trailing (Routt County SAR)
- ~ Kathy Shepherd and her Golden Retriever Ember, air scent (Larimer County SAR)
- ~ Natalie Ray and her German Shepherd Falcon, air scent (Larimer County SAR)
- ~ Dennis McLaughlin and his “red” Labrador Retriever Grits, air scent (El Paso County SAR)
- ~ Dennis McLaughlin and his yellow Labrador Retriever Kiowa, water (El Paso County SAR)
- ~ Marcia McMahon and her Newfoundland Yeti, water (Park County SAR)
- ~ Sue Purvis and her black Labrador Retriever Tasha, water (Gunnison County SAR)

Well, that’s it for this time around. Please forgive me if I have forgotten to mention someone. We will make sure to then include them in the next newsletter.

Search safely,

Ina Bernard
SARDOC President 2004

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SWISS SAR DOG TRAINING

By Patti Burnett

On May 2002, Dan and I (no – Sandy didn't get to go) fulfilled a life-long dream that I have had to visit Switzerland. My desire to go there had started as a small seed that was nurtured from the time my Dad had gone there to visit my grandfather who was in a hospital in Zurich. Each time Dad returned with dolls with porcelain faces and steam engines for my siblings and me. I knew that some day I would go there.

When Dan and I became interested in avalanche dog training, the intrigue of this beautiful land became even more enthralling. After all, these were the people who first used dogs for avalanche search. My understanding was that they had written the book.

Chris Utzinger, a Montana SAR dog handler and Swiss citizen, hosted an avalanche dog school two winters ago and somehow an e-mail advertising the school made it into my computer. So began much correspondence regarding the Swiss method of training. Chris was bringing over to the US two Swiss handlers named Axel Budde and Marcel Meier. While I knew that getting to Chris' school in the middle of the ski season was impossible, it seemed wise to try to glean as many jewels as I could from these Swiss resources. Our e-mail conversations were interesting but not nearly as valuable as actually spending time with them in person, talking and training.

I cannot say enough about the hospitality of these two Swiss gentlemen. They graciously set up both wilderness and avalanche training so that we could see first hand some of their methods.

Our wilderness day included approximately six dog teams. It was interesting to see how much the Swiss do with treats, specifically sausages. This particular day I think that they were focusing on teaching the dogs more structured ranging and alerts. Bark and brinsel alerts are big for the Europeans. I did not see any of the "body slams" that we employ for re-finds. The Swiss are very calculated and methodical in their training progressions, not moving ahead until they feel that their dogs have a bomber range, alert, re-find, etc. They taught ranging by initially placing buckets with pieces of sausage at various distances from where the handler and dog started. From there, they progressed to placing subjects with the required sausage treats in backpacks.

I was also surprised by how many Swiss handlers employed "floppy eared" dogs, as Axel likes to call them. I had read and seen almost exclusively shepherds used for SAR by the Europeans. They explained that only in the last ten years had they started to move away from just using German Shepherds.

For the avalanche training, we rode a tram along with about a dozen other teams to the top of a glacier on the Urner Boden Pass. The area was large and had some actual avalanche debris, always the best location for training drills. Once again the sausages were center front. In some drills they buried only packs with sausages in them. In some drills they buried people who had packs with sausages in them.

For both wilderness and avalanche, I found the drills to be very elementary. Perhaps this was because we had such a limited amount of time to train. However, I do believe that we are much more creative in seeking training methods that keep our dogs from becoming bored and increase their "scentabilities."

SAR dog competitions are one of the ways that some of the European handlers hone their skills. For avalanche it is not unheard of to work as many as five or six teams on a site that has many burials. However, I got the impression that the handlers we met were not as involved in the competitions. Axel and Marcel shared many mission stories. I loved hearing about live avalanche finds, since the Swiss have far more live success stories than US handlers. They have a system with a national helicopter SAR service where designated handlers are on call and must be within a predetermined distance of an LZ and always prepared to respond within a minute's notice. Helicopters are an important, essential tool to their avalanche deployment protocols. The winter before we arrived there had been 40 avalanche fatalities and that was considered a bad season for them. I do not know how many people were located and unburied alive.

Each Swiss handler must complete a training booklet before he can be considered for certification. I could see the value of having each training record signed by qualified handlers and having such documentation replace the confi-

dence statements that are currently required for SARDOC certifications. I like that idea.

One of my more memorable events occurred after our glacier field session. The Swiss are famous for their socializing, and SAR dog handlers are no exception. They spend at least as much time eating and drinking together as they do training. The weather may also have been a factor that was calculated into the shortness of their training sessions – May is really wet there; I would call it monsoon season relative to Colorado’s dry climate. As we got off the tram, all of the handlers circled around Dan and me and thanked us for coming to visit them and then they gave us some gifts; i.e., chocolate, Swiss wallets, SAR dog patches, and Swiss bandanas. After that we went into the restaurant, of course, and had Raclette. At the end of the meal, Marcel and one of the other handlers treated us to a yodeling song. My trip could have ended at that time; it would not have mattered if we did not have one more Swiss experience.

We got a good lesson in SAR dog hospitality. Fortunately, Dan and I had an opportunity to reciprocate when Marcel and Axel visited us this past winter. I think that they enjoyed our soft Colorado powder and the blue skies. We also spent some time training with them at Copper Mountain.

Overall, I left the amazing land of Switzerland grateful for the experience. I also left with the overwhelming impression that we American SAR dog handlers are on the right track. I did not have any “ah ha” moments where I felt that we were missing a major piece of the puzzle. Oh, and did I remember to mention the Swiss Alps, they are spectacular but so are the Colorado Rockies.



SEARCHING FOR INPUT...

This is the first publication of Scent Articles in a long time. It will be published quarterly to get the mission reports out in a timely manner. This is an important means of communication for our growing organization. In future issues I would like to include area news and upcoming trainings. To make this successful, I need your input. Area news can be anything happening in your area you would like to share with everyone such as new additions to the family, human or canine, humorous stories, specialized trainings attended, or outstanding citizens. The training info section can include any trainings you are aware of that people might want to attend. Just remember there will be lag time so I will need to know about them well in advance. In addition to the above, please send articles, pictures, suggestions, and anything else that will help. If something you send me doesn’t get published immediately, don’t get discouraged as I will keep it in a folder for use at a later date. Please send all correspondence to Don Morrison – email address colodon@hotmail.com.

Mission Reports

Handlers, please remember to send in mission reports for each mission whether you were fielded or not (you may not have even made it out the door prior to getting stood down). If you responded to a mission and it does not appear below, either a report wasn't sent in or it wasn't sent to the correct people. Also, if you notice that your dog team is missing from mission reports, it could be that the person sending in the report for that particular mission did not know you were responding, particularly if the mission was stood down en route. Please send in your own reports if you are consistently being left off of the reports. Please send reports via email to **both** the SARDOC Coordinator and to Julie Weibler at jweibler@jdventures.com.

January 3, 2003

Location: Marble, Gunnison County

Subject: missing skier

Mission: Sue Purvis and Tasha (Crested Butte SAR) were stood down prior to leaving home.

May 3, 2003

Location: Montrose, Montrose County

Subject: 60-year-old female

Mission: Sue Purvis and Tasha (CBSAR) were stood down.

May 7, 2003

Location: Monument, El Paso County

Subject: 11-year-old male

Mission: Dennis McLaughlin and Kiowa, Celia Milligan and Copper, and Barbi Atkins and Deegee and Mocha (EPCSAR) were stood down en route. The child had intentionally left the house and was found approximately 13 miles from his home wandering around in a used car lot. Search teams were called to search due to medical issues.

May 24, 2003

Location: North Cheyenne Canyon City Park, El Paso County

Subjects: 14-year-old and 15-year-old males

Mission: Dennis McLaughlin and Kiowa and Barbi Atkins and Deegee and Mocha (EPCSAR) were stood down upon arrival as police had found the boys. The boys had wandered away from the rest of the family.

May 26, 2003

Location: Castle Creek, Gunnison County

Subject: male, possibly suicidal

Dog team used on mission: Sue Purvis and Tasha (CBSAR)

Mission: Dog team arrived on scene with a navigator and 2 support personnel. Dog team searched area of high probability for 2 hours without any success in locating the missing person.

May 28, 2003

Location: Peyton, El Paso County

Subject: 2-year-old female

Mission: Dennis McLaughlin and Kiowa (EPCSAR) were stood down en route. The child had wandered away from the home and the blind caretaker could not find her. The child was found lying down in a hole on the family's 40-acre lot.

May 30-31, 2003

Location: Lake George/Platte Creek Trail, Park County

Subjects: 20-year-old and 22-year-old males

Dog teams used on mission: Marcia McMahon and Yeti, Roger Matthews and Loki, Don Morrison and Sherpa (all Park County SAR). Dan Fanning and Bear and Jaynie Zmijewski (Larimer County SAR) and Dennis McLaughlin and Kiowa (EPCSAR) were stood down.

Mission: The two USFS interns did not return when expected. The search area included rough terrain and cliffs. Yeti searched along the trail the subjects were hiking and showed interest in ground scent. Loki searched the rough area above the trail without any interest. Sherpa was searching a high ridge north of the trail when the subjects were found on a road about 3-1/2 miles from the search area.

June 3, 2003

Mission: Continuation of May 26, 2003 search. Sue Purvis and Tasha (CBSAR) worked under the direction of the Gunnison County Investigator. Dog team worked the hillside and drainage ditch north and west of the last point scene. Dog did not indicate on anything.

June 12, 2003

Location: Silverton, San Juan County

Subject: 5-year-old child who fell into creek

Mission: Sue Purvis and Tasha (CBSAR) were unable to respond.

June 17, 2003

Location: Montrose, Montrose County

Mission: Sue Purvis and Tasha (CBSAR) were deployed to Montrose, CO to help with missing person case upon the request of the Montrose Sheriff's Department.

June 22, 2003

Location: Pinecliff, Gilpin County

Subject: 55-year-old female

Dog teams used on mission: Dennis McLaughlin and Kiowa (EPCSAR) and Laura Jacobs (Gilpin County SAR) and Marcia McMahon and Yeti, with SARDOC Coordinator permission (PCSAR) and Crawford Rainwater (Gilpin County SAR)

Mission: Subject fell approximately 35 feet into East Boulder Creek while hiking on the trail. The creek was running very fast and was all swift, white water. The dog teams searched the inlet area into Gross Reservoir and upstream about 1/3 mile on the north side of the creek. There was a large scent pool in the inlet area. Divers searched the inlet area without finding the subject. It is believed she is hung up on a snag or rock upstream of the inlet.

June 22, 2003

Location: Goodell Corner, Red Feather Lakes, Larimer County

Subject: adult female

Mission: Subject was overdue from a hike. Subject returned while search teams were en route. Dan Fanning and Bear, Jen Mackler and Chara and Jaynie Zmijewski (all LCSAR) were stood down.

June 29, 2003

Location: Conejos County

Subject: missing backpacker in southern San Juan Mountains

Mission: Sue Purvis and Tasha (CBSAR) were stood down prior to deployment.

July 5, 2003

Mission: Continuation of May 26, 2003 search. Sue Purvis and Tasha (CBSAR) were deployed to work a small mountain pond. Dog teams had negative findings in the pond.

July 14-15, 2003

Location: Mosquito Pass, Park County

Subject: adult male

Mission: Marcia McMahon and Yeti and Don Morrison and Sherpa (PCSAR) were stood down. The subject and his brother had been 4-wheeling in the area and got stuck. The subject set out on foot and did not return. A deputy found the subject walking on the Leadville side of the pass.

July 19, 2003

Location: Vedauwoo, Albany County, Wyoming

Mission: Human bones had been located and the sheriff's department wanted assistance in searching the area for more remains/clues. Due to the size of the area (bones had been found spread over 9 miles), dogs were not sent.

July 20, 2003

Location: Cascade, El Paso County

Subject: 14-year-old male

Mission: Subject had run off intentionally into the woods following an argument with his parents. The parents located the subject while Dennis McLaughlin and Kiowa (EPCSAR) were en route.

July 23, 2003

Location: Crystal Park, Manitou Springs, El Paso County

Subject: 50-year-old male

Mission: The subject was hunting for crystals when he became lost. He called his wife on a cell phone to let her know he was lost, had slipped down a scree slope, and was out of water. Later, his cell phone battery died and he could not be contacted. While one of the dog teams was collecting a scent article in town, a hasty team made voice contact with the subject. Dennis McLaughlin and Kiowa and Ina Bernard (EPCSAR) and Marcia McMahon and Yeti (PCSAR) were stood down.

July 27, 2003

Location: Creedmore Lakes, Larimer County

Subjects: 2 adult males

Mission: The two males left their campsite in the dark to scare other family members at another campsite. They had pelted the tent with rocks and then got lost on the return to their own tent. At dawn they found their way back to their campsite. Allen Weaver and Rosie, Jen Mackler and Chara, and Dan Fanning and Bear (LCSAR) were stood down.

August 4, 2003

Location: east of Loveland near I-25, Larimer County

Subject: 82-year-old male with Alzheimer's

Mission: Allen Weaver and Rosie and Julie Weibler and Zephyr (LCSAR) were stood down. A mantracking team located the subject about 500 yards from his home. They had tracked him to a field then used binoculars to spot him across the field. He was tangled in a fence and had minor injuries.

August 9, 2003

Location: Twin Lakes, 40 miles west of Fort Collins, Larimer County

Subject: 15-year-old male

Mission: Allen Weaver and Rosie (LCSAR) were stood down shortly after being paged out, as the subject had been located.

August 12, 2003

Location: Grey Rock, Larimer County

Subject: 22-year-old male

Dog teams used on mission: 2 dog teams responded

Mission: The subject was found at dawn by a ground team using a horn for attraction. He had gone on a solo hike up to the top of Grey Rock. He got lost both on his way up and then again on his way back down off of the rock.

August 17, 2003

Location: Bishop's Castle, Custer County

Subject: 59-year-old female from Germany

Dog teams used on mission: Marcia McMahon and Yeti (PCSAR). Sue Purvis and Tasha (CBSAR) were stood down.

Mission: The subject broke off from the rest of the group she was with to go mushroom hunting on her own. The dog team was assigned a large area so they had a low probability of detection. They searched drainages trying to take advantage of down slope winds. They worked up drainages once the wind shifted to upslope. Subject walked out to a road approximately 2 miles from base and was picked up and taken to mission base. She had picked plenty of mushrooms while she was missing.

August 17, 2003

Location: Rampart Range Reservoir, El Paso County

Subject: 21-year-old female

Mission: Subject had become separated from others in her party. She had contact with them via her cell phone until the battery died. The subject was located before Roger Matthews and Loki and Don Morrison and Sherpa (PCSAR) fielded, but they assisted on the evacuation of the subject who had some injuries.

August 21, 2003

Mission: Continuation of May 26, 2003 search. Gunnison County Investigator along with Sue Purvis and Tasha (CBSAR) deployed to Castle Creek to clear an area close to the point last seen. The dog team came up with negative results.

August 28-29, 2003

Location: Glacier View, Larimer County

Subject: 12-year-old male, bipolar

Dog teams used on mission: Allen Weaver and Rosie and Mike Erikson, Dan Fanning and Bear and Robin Anderson, Jaynie Zmejowski and Lakota, Estelle Purvis and Echo (all LCSAR)

Mission: The subject was the same subject as on a previous search in the same area (April 28). Once again, the subject ran away into the forest following a fight with his parents. He intentionally hid from searchers and came out of hiding at 0100 hours when he saw a firefighter he knew.

August 30, 2003

Location: Owl Creek Pass, Gunnison County

Subject: 56-year-old female

Mission: The subject was picking mushrooms when she got lost. A family member found the subject, and Sue Purvis and Tasha (CBSAR) were stood down.

August 30, 2003

Location: Security, El Paso County

Subject: 18-year-old female with mental capacity of a 3- to 5-year old

Mission: Dennis McLaughlin and Kiowa, Kim and Brenda Veitch (EPCSAR), Denise Holloway (Douglas County SAR), Marcia McMahon and Yeti and Roger Matthews and Loki (PCSAR) were stood down. The subject had disappeared overnight. During the investigation, it was determined that the local fire department had run a call at 0600 hours for a female who was knocking on the door of a home several blocks from where the subject had disappeared. She did not know who she was or where she was from. She had been transported to the hospital at that time.

August 30, 2003

Location: Pikes Peak near North Catamount Reservoir, El Paso County

Subject: 25-year-old and 27-year-old fishermen

Mission: The subjects had become lost on the reservoir in thick fog. They self-recovered when they saw the headlights of incoming searchers. Dennis McLaughlin and Kiowa (EPCSAR) were stood down en route.

August 31, 2003

Location: Garden of the Gods, City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County

Subject: 11-year-old male, bipolar

Mission: The subject ran away after becoming upset. The subject was found by Colorado Springs Police Department about 5 miles from LSP as SAR resources were arriving on scene. Dennis McLaughlin and Kiowa and Gayle Humm and Jenna and Aspen (EPCSAR) were stood down on arrival.

August 31-September 1, 2003

Location: Rawah Wilderness, Larimer County

Subject: 46-year-old male bowhunter

Mission: Subject had been missing 27 hours before SAR team was notified. Allen Weaver and Rosie and Jen Mackler and Chara (LCSAR) were stood down en route.

September 29, 2003

Location: City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County

Subject: 15-year-old male

Mission: Dennis McLaughlin and Kiowa (EPCSAR) were stood down. The subject had run off after threatening suicide and cutting himself. The police found the subject west of LSP with a laceration to the neck.

October 10-11, 2003

Location: Jack's Gulch, Pingree Park Road, Larimer County

Subject: 67-year-old male

Dog teams used on mission: Kathy Shepherd and Ember fielded. Dan Fanning and Bear did not field as they were waiting for a scent article. (LCSAR)

Mission: The subject separated from his hiking party to look for the old site of a crashed airplane. The subject was located before a scent article arrived for the trailing dog.

October 12, 2003

Location: Pinewood Springs, Boulder County

Subject: 4-year-old autistic male

Dog teams used on mission: Allen Weaver and Rosie and Robin Anderson and Jaynie Zmijewski and Lakota and Eric Ackerman fielded. Jen Mackler and Chara, Kathy Shepherd and Ember, and Dan Fanning and Bear were not fielded. (all LCSAR)

Mission: The father and the subject were at the end of a 4WD road. The subject wandered off when the father got distracted. After a water bottle was found, a mantracking team was sent to the area. They heard a twig snap, and located the boy who was okay.

October 15-16, 2003

Location: Deadman area, Larimer County

Subjects: 11-year-old and 39-year-old male hunters

Dog teams used on mission: Kathy Shepherd and Ember and one other dog team. Julie Weibler and Zephyr were stood down for second operational period. (LCSAR)

Mission: The subjects realized they were lost late afternoon and built a shelter. They also tied some flagging on the road they were close to in case someone came along. Ember alerted down one drainage south of the hunter's camp. A ground team was sent to the road at the bottom of the drainage. The searchers spotted some flashlights and then the subjects ran out to the road to the searchers.