

## **NASAR Man-Tracking The First Step Beyond Fundamentals**

This Pre-Conference SAR Tracking Course will introduce tracking techniques of a higher skill set than what is currently taught in NASAR's Fundamentals of Search and Rescue course (FUNSAR) and comparable to commercial courses currently being offered.

We will provide a Certificate of Participation as no evaluation or testing of your skill levels will take place. Will be that we teach to you the most current material that NASAR's Tracking Education Task Group has learned from active SAR Trackers from coast-to-coast.

If you are an in-house SAR Unit 'Tracking Instructor' and wish to be a part of the first wave of potential NASAR Tracking Instructors, you should take advantage of this Pre-Conference event. You will have an influence on the final version of this NASAR course and learn the material as the course is being finalized.

### **Topics**

- Brief history of SAR tracking
- Unique definitions, terminology, and tools a tracker uses
- How the tracker fits into the land search incident and within the SAR team concept
- Detection of 'sign' – how to assist yourself to see
- Interpretation of the 'sign' you see – reading the tracks
- Recording of information and providing a mechanism to communicate to CP and other search teams
- Trailing the lost subject – the value of Step By Step and examining tactics beyond

### **After Completion**

A SAR Tracker student should be able to:

- Understand the history and roots of our skill sets
- Develop a stronger, more universal understanding of terms and tools used by trackers
- Understand the principles of SAR team development and how a tracker fits into that matrix
- Describe ways to improve your ability to discover human sign
- Identify and describe key points of human sign interpretation as to aging and subject sign determination
- Understand the value of recording and communicating track information accurately
- Describing the tools and methodology available to assist a tracker to communicate track information readily to CP and fellow search team members
- Develop objectives, strategies, and tactics to locate a lost subject through the use PLS approach, signcutting, trailing [following footprints to your subject]

## Instructors and NASAR Tracking Education Task Group Members:

### Del Morris

Del Morris is the current chair of NASAR's Tracking Education Task Group [since 2006] - Executive Director of the International Society of Professional Trackers [www.ispt.org](http://www.ispt.org) - [since 2003] - He has previously presented papers on the subject of SAR tracking at ISPT's Annual Symposiums as well as NASAR Conferences. -

Del Morris is fostered by the teachings of Ab Taylor [since 1983] and has been an active volunteer (SARTECH II, Tracker, and Search Manager) in Sonoma County's (California) SAR Unit for 28 years. He is a founding member and an active participant in Bay Area Search and Rescue Council [Bay Area Counties in California].

### Rob Speiden

Rob Speiden began his tracking experiences while growing up on a farm in Orange County Virginia. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Biological Systems Engineering from Virginia Tech. His formal tracking education began with the Field Team Signcutter (FTS) class taught by the Virginia Department of Emergency Services (now VDEM) in 1996. After completing basic SAR training Rob went on to study human tracking from instructors in a variety of tracking-related disciplines, and he is a certified basic tracker by Joel Hardin Professional Tracking Services. Rob is an active member of the search and rescue community, and has been since 1993 when he joined the Southwest Virginia Mountain Rescue Group. He is also an operational member of Commonwealth Search and Rescue and the Search and Rescue Tracking Institute (SARTI). As the VDEM FTS Course Coordinator and through his Natural Awareness Tracking School ([www.trackingschool.com](http://www.trackingschool.com)), he currently instructs SAR volunteers, law enforcement officers and government agents in tracking and awareness skills that enhance search efforts for missing persons. Tracking humans was a start for Rob to get interested in tracking all animals, and he enjoys sharing what he has experienced and assisting others with their learning process.



# Pre-Conference Workshop

## NASAR Man-Tracking The First Step Beyond Fundamentals

**Workshop Dates:** Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

**Prerequisite:** Attendee is to be 'Clue Aware' (taken INSAR or equivalent) and 'Track Aware' (taken FUNSAR or equivalent); and it is suggested to have NASAR SARTECH II Certification

**Time:** Each day will begin at 0800 at the Mid-South Convention Center

**Location:** [Harrah's Casino Resort Tunica ~ Mid-South Convention Center.](#)

**Fee:** \$130 per tracker. Registration will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. All payment must be received at time of registration.

**There is a minimum of 12 participants needed for the workshop to take place**

**Lodging Accommodations:** Lodging will be at the Veranda and Terrace Hotels which are a short 2-minute shuttle ride to the Mid-South Convention Center and a quick 4-minute shuttle ride to the Harrah's casino. For lodging at the host facility, please call **866-635-7095**. The room rate is \$65 per night plus tax.

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Send completed form to NASAR Headquarters by April 16, 2010:

**Fax** 703-222-6277 or **Email** [conference@nasar.org](mailto:conference@nasar.org)

Please note that registration for the main conference (May 13-15, 2010) is **separate from this form and involves a fee**. Visit the NASAR website at [www.nasar.org](http://www.nasar.org) or call us at 703-222-6277 for details.