



Tucson Orienteering Club

June, 1992

Come on down to the Huachucas!

A new site! The inner basin on the north slope of Carr peak, above Carr Canyon, is our new summer area. The elevation is 7000 feet and we have reserved a most excellent group camp site with good water and new facilities. Carr Canyon is 2 hours from Tucson, so camping on the site on Saturday night means you won't be late and you will be acclimated (though perhaps only psychologically) to the elevation. It also means you can participate in a Night-O. Too much fun!

The site is easier to orienteer in than Bear Wallow. Recent burns provide interesting vegetation variations. Long sleeves and pants are recommended for the intermediate and advanced courses. Lots of firewood lies about the campsite, so bring marshmallows. For more information, call Mark Parsons, course setter, at 432-2507 (Bisbee) or Peg Davis, meet director, at 628-8985 (Tucson).

The Night-O: Saturday, June 20
Time: 8:00 PM
Cost: \$2
Score-O, 60-minute time limit

The Meet: Sunday, June 21
Time: Start between 9:30 AM and Noon
Course closes: 2:00 PM
Beginner's clinic: 9:00 AM and on request thereafter
Cost: \$4/individual, \$6/team, \$1 discount for TOC or SAHC members
Cross-country with basic, intermediate, and advanced courses.

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Calendar

June 21	*	TOC Meet	Carr Canyon
June 15	*	Business Meeting	5755 E. River #201
July ??		TOC Meet	To Be Announced
August 16		TOC Meet	Palisades

* See article elsewhere in newsletter

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Next Meeting: The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15 at Wilkey Richardson's, 5755 E. River #201 (near Craycroft and River). The meeting will start at 7:00. Pot-luck dinner at 6:30.

Has your membership expired? Look at your mailing label, it shows your membership expiration date. If the label says EXPIRED, you're not a club member and are in jeopardy of being removed from our mailing list. Please renew now!

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Directions for both days: Take I-10 east from Tucson to Arizona Route 90 (exit 302). Follow Route 90 south to Sierra Vista. Follow AZ 90 signs around Sierra Vista on a high speed bypass route. You'll pass two large shopping centers for last minute considerations. Eventually Rte. 90 will turn left toward Bisbee and Rte. 92 will continue south. Continue south towards Palominas on Rt. 92. Go about 7 more miles and turn right on a road marked Carr Canyon. It is one mile beyond Ramsey Canyon Road. You now have 5 miles and a 2000 ft. climb to reach the Reef Townsite Campground. The road, though well maintained, is narrow in places. Low clearance vehicles can easily make it. Carpooling is suggested (call Peg at 628-8985).

Considering the distance of the meet from Tucson, you might want turn this into a weekend excursion and spend Saturday visiting other attractions in the area. Historical sites include Old Fort Huachuca and the town of Bisbee. The San Pedro River riparian area is beautiful as is Ramsey Canyon. (Ramsey Canyon is operated by the Nature Conservancy. If you're planning to visit Ramsey Canyon call ahead to reserve a parking spot. This is necessary on weekends during birding season. The last time we were there we met people who'd driven in from Canada to see the hummingbirds and add them to their lists.) The Coronado National Memorial nearby is also worth the visit. Bring road maps.

Support your course setters, **ATTEND MEETS.**

Tentative Meet Schedule for the rest of 1992

Month	Site	Course Setter	Meet Director
June	Carr Canyon (new)	Mark Parsons	Peg Davis
July	in town, TBA	Peg Davis	Wilkey Richardson
August	Palisades	Mike Kessler	Mary English
September	Dragoons (new)	John Maier	
October	Catalina State Park	Roy Parker	
Nov	Fort Huachuca	Mark Parsons	
Dec	Bajada Loop	Pat Penn	

Volunteers are still needed for any open slot or early 1993.

Want More Info About Orienteering? Try These Sources

United States Orienteering Federation. P. O. Box 1444 Forest Park, GA 30051. TOC is an affiliate of the USOF. USOF promotes orienteering, sanctions national meets, sends teams to international meets, etc. Membership is \$25. (individual), \$30. (family) for members of a chartered club (like TOC). You get O/NA (see below) with your membership and are eligible to run in A meets and be "nationally ranked" if you can make your way to enough meets.

Orienteering/North America. An almost monthly (10 issues/year) magazine about Orienteering. Heavy on national/international competitions, but with lots of instructional articles, humor and color maps. You get O/NA with a membership in USOF. There may be a back issue lying around at a meet for your inspection.

Books: (reviews condensed from an article by Bob Reddick in O/NA, November 1989)

Land Navigation Handbook, the Sierra Club Guide to Map and Compass.

The first half of the book is devoted to an excellent discussion of maps and compasses. Illustrations are frequent and helpful. The last chapter captures a lot of important tricks and strategies of cross-country navigation, including thumbing the map, pace-counting, time estimation and creative route-planning.

Be Expert with Map and Compass, The Orienteering Handbook, by Bjorn Kjellstrom

This is the ideal first reference book for any new orienteer. It covers the basics of orienteering courses and how to plan and organize simple meets. Materials include a practice compass, and a sample of an orienteering map. Quizzes are included. The sections on map-reading and compass use are excellent.

Cross-Country Navigation, by Rod Phillips, Neil Phillips and Graham Foley

A new book by three "Aussie" rogaining champions. In addition to being a text on Rogaining, the book is a thorough and readable cross-country navigation text which covers map-reading skills, compass use, celestial navigation, and includes tests on material covered. For the rogaing competitor, the book is useful in planning, training, and equipping yourself for your mini-adventure.

The first two books are available at most Tucson Public Library branches, and in most new and used bookstores. According to the O/NA article, the Australian book is being distributed in North America by the Washington State Orienteering Association, PO Box 111977, Tacoma, WA, 98411-1977.

The 1992 Arizona ROGAINE

On April 4, the second annual Arizona ROGAINE was hosted by TOC and John Maier. The area we used this year included our Cave Creek campsite as meet headquarters and start/finish area. The setting was beautiful with snow capped Mt. Wrightson dominating the view. The map went three kilometers south and five kilometers north from camp and extended west for five kilometers. The map had a much easier to read contour line than last year's and got great reviews. The twenty-seven controls were set evenly across the forty square km. area by John and I (Mark Parsons). No control locations came into dispute.

The winning team garnered 80% of the controls in the eight hours of the event. In John's test run, he got all but two in the eight hours. The field did generally agree that it was an appropriate and challenging game.

There was considerable elevation change and several opportunities to soak your shoes in the full creeks. 80% of the controls were placed in areas that TOC hadn't used before, so once again visiting orienteers ran off with half of the awards. We had a 50% larger field this year, with families and kids as young as nine enjoying the seventy degree weather.

There is still enough firewood in the area for at least twenty dozen years of orienteering. A tip of the hat and a big thank you to Mother Nature for that beautiful patch of earth. I enjoyed putting in the several dozen hours to set, hang, and retrieve the controls, and I want to thank all the hardy souls who chose to attend this year's ROGAINE. Thanks to Ann Haber, who lettered the awards for us after doing the event and thank you to all who helped us pick controls on Sunday. I did manage to get home by eight.

It is really not possible to thank John Maier enough for all the time he put into the event. I know it was at least a hundred hours, counting the map. I hope we don't come to expect him repeatedly to do that much work for a one day event. The meet went off without a hitch and we can expect more people than ever at next year's event.

Bear Wallow Results

Results from the May meet at Bear Wallow were not received in time to appear in the June newsletter. They will be included in the July issue.

You'll have to wait another month for your ribbons!

Found In *Lo Que Pasa* (sent in by Peg Davis)

"A lightly reported student gathering in front of the administration building last week protested the new building signs going up on campus.

"Protesters fear the end of one of the most popular excuses for not attending class (number seven as reported on a recent edition of "Family Feud")... "I couldn't find the building."

"They were joined at the protest by a local orienteering club that regularly uses the campus as a competitive timed course. Club members said that their heavy investment in topographical maps of the University would go "down the drain" if buildings become clearly marked. "Then anyone could find them", a club spokesperson said."

(Ed. notes. *Lo Que Pasa* is a newspaper published by U of A that is distributed to UA faculty and staff. This excerpt is from a humor column by Vern Lamplot that appears regularly in *Lo Que Pasa*. (To out-of-towners who get the newsletter and are unfamiliar with the UA campus: A topo map of the campus would be of little use, what wasn't flat to begin with has been bulldozed and is now flat.))

Some Orienteering Euphemisms

Contour Interval

Depression

Pit

Uncrossable

Map

"The mapping of the contours
is inconsistent"

Shallow Re-entrant

Meet Director/Course Setter

Sadism Factor

Place to Hide a Control

Even Better Place to Hide a Control

Crossable With a Little Determination

Artists' Impression of the Terrain

The Contours are Wrong

Imaginary Feature for a Control

Scapegoat

originally from Happy Herts Pacemaker, England, April 1990, #42
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A Day on the Banks of the Strom Thurmond

by Jim Wood

I happened to be in Atlanta last month when the Georgia Orienteering Club was having a meet on the shores of beautiful Lake Strom Thurmond (don't laugh, we may some day be orienteering on Barry Goldwater Peak). There are things about the Georgia club that the Tucson club might envy, imitate and even steal, and Peg Davis has asked me to write a little about them.

The Georgia club is 15 years old, something the Tucson club can hope to imitate, though it will certainly take awhile. One of their members is a professional mapmaker, and it shows. For the meet they provided a four-color map with remarkable details, such as fallen trees, electrical utility boxes, rock piles and clearings. The club has mapped about 15 locations around Georgia in the same way.

Robin and Steve Shannonhouse are active nationally in Orienteering and are long-term members of the Georgia club. They gave me a ride to the meet, which was over 100 miles from Atlanta. The bad part? They'd already read the most recent newsletter of the Tucson club and knew I'd taken 213 minutes to finish the Orange course at the state meet. The good part? They talked my ear off about Orienteering the whole time we were on the road. They looked over the maps for the Reddington meet and the Gardner Canyon ROGAINE, which I'd brought with me, and made suggestions about route choice. Both kept stressing the importance of the map and the relative unimportance of the compass except as an aid to aligning the map properly.

Robin and Steve enjoy the educational side of Orienteering and like to coach beginning and intermediate runners like me. If asked, Steve will follow a runner on a course, observe, and afterwards offer suggestions. He says this is particularly helpful when a runner has reached a "plateau" and is having trouble identifying ways to improve.

At the end of my day with the Georgia Orienteering Club I was left with about a hundred practical suggestions that will help me whittle my 213-minute time to 210 minutes. My trip convinced me that the Tucson club has lots of room to grow and mature, and that it definitely will grow – the Georgia club had beginnings like ours. I look forward to the day when Tucson club members set out with brightly colored and meticulously detailed maps, tailed by a "coach", on their way to the controls on Ev Mecham Ridge and the Fife Symington Minor Re-entrant.

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