

CA²RS

California Association of Accident Reconstruction Specialists

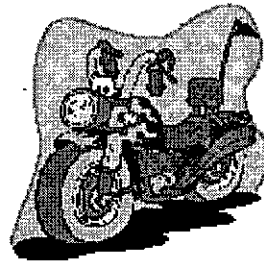
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NEWSLETTER

Our first meeting for CA²RS was very productive. There were a fairly good number of members who had valuable input to offer to help start up the organization. Previous members of C.A.R.S. noted the importance of creating a Board of Directors so that the organization has the support it needs to keep going. We have successfully appointed a Board of Directors consisting of enthusiastic members from several different police departments. The Board has already begun working on training sessions based on our "Training Wish List," which was created at the general meeting.

So far we have had about 20 new inquiries about CA²RS. It is exciting to see the membership grow so rapidly. We appreciate the effort on everybody's part to keep spreading the word!



MOTORCYCLE SPEED DETERMINATION

The CA²RS Board of Directors was able to meet on April 28, 1998 to further discuss the direction of CA²RS as a follow up from our first meeting which was held on April 13, 1998 at the San Jose Police Department. ~~Our~~ Our next quarterly meeting, which will be held July 22 at the San Jose Police Department, will include training on MOTORCYCLE SPEED DETERMINATION. The four hour training session will include an introduction with formulas, a 2 hour field exercise with skid and drop tests, and finally a 1 hour review. *Members are encouraged to bring video cameras and/or still cameras and calculators.* We are looking forward to a great turnout at this meeting!

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NEXT MEETING

Hosted by: Kevin Cassidy
Phone: (408) 277-4654
At: San Jose Police Department, Room 314
201 West Mission St.
San Jose, CA 95110
Date: July 22, 1998
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Please bring your CA²RS binder to the meeting for updated material and also your \$25 annual membership fee to ensure that the training may be provided to everyone.

Blurbs from the Board

Board of Directors as of April 13, 1998

CHAIR: Kevin Cassidy
San Jose PD

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DIRECTORS

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San Jose PD
Jim Willette
Mountain View PD
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We are happy to report that we have already planned our first training session, which is scheduled during our next quarterly meeting July 22, 1998. The session will involve motorcycle skid and drop tests plus review for motorcycle speed determination.

The Board would also appreciate any ideas for developing membership. Please feel free to spread word of our organization at any other traffic-related courses or conferences which you may attend or speak at. We have had inquiries about CA²RS, and applications continue to arrive, but of course we are always interested in expanding our resources and contacts!

Thanks again to all our members for your help and support!

CA²RS Board of Directors

Schedule of Events

June 1998

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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July 1998

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June

- 1-5 Intermediate Accident Investigation Class by Los Medanos College. For information call 925-439-2185 ext. 242
- 15-26 Advanced Accident Investigation Class by Los Medanos College. For information call 925-439-2185 ext. 242

July

- 13-17 Commercial Vehicle Inspection & Accident Investigation course at San Jose Police Department by Texas A&M. For information call 1-800-423-8433.
- 16-21 SATAI Conference in Phoenix, Arizona
- 22 CA²RS Quarterly Meeting San Jose Police Department 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

August

- 3-7 Computer Aided Diagramming Class
- 26-28 SOAR Conference in Colorado Springs



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Please help us welcome our two newest official CA²RS members, David Beals and Kenneth Heichman!

David Beals is the owner of DAVID BEALS & ASSOCIATES, specializing in Accident Reconstruction in the Auburn area, and is also retired from the Roseville Police Department.

Kenneth Heichman is the owner of CALIFORNIA COLLISION ANALYSIS, specializing in Accident Reconstruction in the greater Sacramento area.

We are happy to add these members to our group. Thanks to everyone for helping us expand!



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A special thanks to...

Jim Willette for providing motorcycles and drivers for our training session, and to Kevin Cassidy for providing the trailer for drop tests!