

# The Year in Review

# 2009

## Central Lakes Search & Rescue

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**Thank you to the following Businesses and Organizations that have supported us over the past year:**

- Granite City Kennel Club  
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### CURRENT NEEDS:

- Boat & Trailer
- Gas cards for Searches
- Flea, Tick & Heartworm treatments



## Unit updates—new members, new dogs and new equipment....

Central Lakes has had a busy year in 2009. Although we had several people express interest in joining our unit, we understood when only one has been able to keep going. It is such a huge commitment, both financially and in the time involved.

Deb joined with the desire to become a K-9 handler and has jumped into training. Deb will be training K-9 Scout, a handsome German Shepherd puppy. **Welcome!**

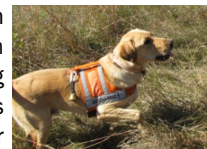
A breeder in Connecticut donated K-9 Jael, a European-bred German Shepherd, to Sharolyn to train for SAR. And Chris is starting a Clumber Spaniel named Stoney as well. That brings our membership to 7 dogs! Here are



Jael, Scout and Stoney getting acquainted at training.

Our old donated laptop finally decided it was time to retire, but thanks to a donation, we were able to purchase a new-to-us laptop from Dell. **Thank you!!**

Each year our members attend not only our weekly unit trainings, but also outside seminars, such as the North American Search Dog Network's Fall Seminar that Chuck helped to coordinate at Camp Ripley this year.



We also attended the annual Urban Search and Rescue training in Wisconsin, learning to safely and effectively search for

persons missing in disaster conditions.



**Our most important news:** K-9 teams that tested for mission-ready status this year are Karla and K-9 Gussie who achieved

their goal of Air Scent through NSSDN, the Northern States Search Dog Network.

Sharolyn and K-9 Gus certified with LETS (Law Enforcement Specialists) for land & water cadaver, and Sharolyn & K-9 Ari maintained their Scent



Specific Air Scent status with NSSDN by passing their bi-annual evaluation. **Congratulations!**

## Deployments and Events

### Deployments:

As of print date, CLSAR has responded to 15 deployments in 2009 in 3 different states. From nearby Staples, MN to as far away as Lac Courte Reilles, WI. We continue to assist on missing person searches that are carry-overs from previous years as well.

### Events:

Our unit members have provided a number of presentations and demos this year. Events like the

Annual Kid's Day in Alexandria,



Bemidji Game Fair & Pet Expo, LutherCrest Family Camp, Little Falls High School Animal Science, and HART Humane Society.

We also provided training for a 2-

day seminar for the MN Professional Law Enforcement Assistants Association.

And just for fun, K-9 Ariel appeared in a new children's book called "Meet the Search and Rescue Dogs" by Christy Judah.

