

# ACTAR NEWS

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## **N.Y.S.T.A.R.S. New ACTAR Participating Organization - Welcome -**

The New York Statewide Traffic Accident Reconstruction Society has joined the ranks as an ACTAR participating organization. NYSTARS was formed in May of 1996 to promote traffic accident reconstruction throughout the state of New York. NYSTARS has a current membership roster that exceeds 100 individuals. Although most of the membership reside within the state of New York, out of state members are welcome. NYSTARS publishes a newsletter and holds quarterly training conferences throughout the state. NYSTARS regional connections extend to include co-sponsoring the annual east coast conference along with MATAI, NAPARS, NATARI and NJAARS. One goal of NYSTARS is to communicate an understanding of the quality methods involved with investigating, analyzing and reconstructing traffic crashes and to observe how different professionals approach the same problem. NYSTARS representative to the ACTAR Governing Board of Directors is Peter Noonan. Further information on NYSTARS can be obtained by mail or e-mail at: P.O. Box 177 Mohegan Lake, NY 10547 nystars1@aol.com

## **Directory Reprint -Due Early 1998**

The second printing of the ACTAR Directory is scheduled to be completed during the first quarter of this year. A few changes are in store for the second edition. Some enhancements will be made to the font size, spacing and page layout. A listing of individuals by geographical location (City and State/Province and Country) will also be included. It was determined that a geographic listing would enhance the

Directory's viability as an advertising source for accredited persons. Each individual will find their personal data listed on the final page of this newsletter. This data represents the information contained in the ACTAR files. Please review this information and make any corrections. This information will be used for the ACTAR Directory and to update ACTAR files. Feel free to include e-mail and web site addresses. For those of you employed in the public sector, but do private work, please note this. In the event that someone desires not to be listed in the directory, please make any necessary changes to the data and note that you desire to not have your name published. Corrected data should be sent Al Baxter, ACTAR Administration Officer, by facsimile at (813) 869-2147 or e-mail at [atbaxter@akos.net](mailto:atbaxter@akos.net). The

faster the corrections are returned, the faster the reprinting can be processed. All individuals who received accreditation after the 1996 edition was printed will receive a copy of the 1998 edition free of charge. Additionally, gratis copies will be available for distribution to courts, bar associations or other institutions that can promote ACTAR as a whole. Individuals who received a gratis copy of the 1996 edition must purchase the 1998 edition. The price will be established as the Directory goes to press.

Copies of the first printing are still available. Contact the administrative office for additional information. In the future, an electronic version of the Directory is planned for the ACTAR web site at:

*<http://www.safetycenter.cmsu.edu/ACTAR/actar.htm>*

**Board of Directors Meeting - April 5-6, 1997**

The ACTAR Governing Board of Directors will meet in St. Louis, MO, during the weekend of April 3-5, 1998. The agenda is being formulated at this time. The Board encourages anyone with a suggestion, complaint, comment or question to convey their thoughts to the Board for discussion at the meeting. Contact your participating organization representative or express your views via e-mail to the ACTAR administrative officer. Other Information F.Y.I. Renewal of Accreditation - The fall of 1997 ushered in the process of accreditation renewal. As the expiration date of your accreditation approaches, consult with Al Baxter if you are unsure of your CEU status. Al is able to provide you with information regarding CEU status and required fees. Remember, you may (and are encouraged) to renew your accreditation at any time once the necessary 80 CEUs have been obtained. It is in your best interest to consult with the promoter or presenter of any accident investigation/reconstruction training course or conference regarding whether ACTAR CEUs are available. Remind them that the cost of pre-approval is minimal and will save you money at renewal time.

### **ACCREDITATION STATS**

As of February 1998, a total of 579 individuals have attained accreditation. At this time 68 individuals are awaiting testing. ACTAR Exam Dates Below is a listing of accreditation exam dates and locations currently scheduled. Sunday, April 19, 1998 - Jacksonville, FL In conjunction with IPTM Special Problems Registration deadline 03/30/98 Tuesday, May 12, 1998 - Seattle, WA Registration deadline 04/25/98 Sunday, May 17, 1998 - Cincinnati, OH Registration deadline 05/01/98 Sunday, May 17, 1998 - Kansas City, MO Registration deadline 05/01/98 Sunday, June 28, 1998 - Austin, TX Registration deadline 06/06/98 Sunday, July 12, 1998 - Boston, MA Registration deadline 06/19/98 Sunday, August 16, 1998 - Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada Registration deadline 07/27/98 Thursday, August 27, 1998 - Colorado Springs, CO Registration deadline August 5, 1998 Contact the ACTAR administrative office to register or obtain further details regarding a test location.

### **Education - Employment Opportunities**

The following courses have been approved for ACTAR CEU credits. On Friday, May 8, 1998, NATARI (an ACTAR participating organization) will sponsor a one-day training seminar on Forensic Mapping and Use of the Total Station and Laser Technology. The program is to be held at the Holiday Inn, 10th and Packer Streets, Philadelphia, PA. The cost is \$60.00 per person (\$40 for a second and subsequent person from the same organization) and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. The course hours are 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. The registration deadline is Saturday, April 18, 1998. This course is pre-approved for 6 ACTAR CEUs. For information contact: Bill Camlin 1132 Warren Road West Chester, PA 19382 (610) 696-7248 (610) 692-3723 fax <wgpd20@aol.com> e-mail.

The Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine will present a two-day course titled Car Crashes and Occupant Injuries - A Team Approach on Thursday, April 16 and Friday, April 17, 1998 in Tempe, Arizona (exact site to be announced). Speakers will include persons in the fields of emergency medicine, motor vehicle design and crash investigation/reconstruction. Topics of discussion will include, but are not limited to, defining crash modes, injury risks, delta-V, restraint systems, occupant seating position, vehicle performance, reconstruction problems, investigative techniques and new technologies. Hands-on activities will also be presented. This course has been approved for 13 ACTAR CEUs. For additional information contact: AAAM 2340 Des Plaines Avenue, Suite 106 Des Plaines, IL 60018 (847) 390-8927 e-mail at <aaam1@aol.com> or <www.carcrash.org/index.html>.

For those of you working in the San Diego or southern California areas, Ed Phillips is seeking to compile a listing of ACTAR accredited reconstructionists available for hire for civil and criminal matters. Persons interested in being included in the listing contact Ed at: CSD Traffic Engineering 5471 Kearney Villa Rd. 3rd Flr. San Diego CA 92123-1295. He would also like to have a copy of your CV and a fee schedule.

### **Need Info?**

For additional information or to pass along ideas or comments, contact a participating organization's representative or contact the main ACTAR office at: The Accreditation Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction P.O. Box 5436 Hudson, Florida 34674-5436 (800) 809-3818 (Voice mail) Accessible from Anywhere. Internet - [www.safetycenter.cmsu.edu/actar/actar.htm](http://www.safetycenter.cmsu.edu/actar/actar.htm) E-mail - [atbaxter@akos.net](mailto:atbaxter@akos.net) (administrator)